

Balloch Castle Country Park Regeneration Group
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4/6/24 @ 7pm
Balloch House Hotel

Present: Sally, Audrey, Matt, Gillian and Abbie from Grand Bequests.

Apologies: Cat.

Sally welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Abbie to all trustees.

Previous minutes proposed by Audrey, seconded by Matt.

Follow up required with Ross@LLTNP if he has been in touch with David Adams McGilp from Visit Scotland yet. - Gillian.

Contact to be made with Leigh Hamilton concerning removal of sunken boats. - Sally

Sally has prepared a Draft Partnership Agreement between Grand Bequests and BCCPRG, all trustees happy with contents apart from a small amendment to be made to the number of visits to the Park. Sally will amend this and Katherine from Grand Bequests is happy to sign it

Abbie explained that after the drone survey of the North Lodge is completed they could produce a visualisation which we could present to WDC.

Costs involved for structural surveys, architect drawings could be up to £25000.

Katherine has been meeting with Government organisations responsible for different areas of funding and now has a list of potential funders.

Sally and Audrey will give Ian Bain, WDC a copy of the draft agreement tomorrow at the site visit for his perusal.

Matt has volunteered to contact both Aberfoyle and Callander Development Trusts to get some information about employing a Development Manager.

Matt has prepared a draft Action Plan for our Group, after group discussion he will make amendments proposed and once agreed by all trustees will be sent to WDC

Matt has also prepared a Project Scoping Document which has focused on three initial projects:

1. Healthy Park, Healthy Community, a public art project. Audrey will lead.

2. A Garden for the Sense, contact to be made with the Head Gardener at CHAS to help in the development of a Sensory Garden. Matt and Gillian will lead.

3. Coffee at the Castle. Sally will lead, she will speak to local businesses to see if there is any interest.

Information session to be arranged with Cat to run through Microsoft 365.

Ian Bain has agreed to pay our Public Liability Insurance again this year, Gillian will forward details to Ian.

Sally has had further conversation with EFTEC, they are interested in visiting the Park to assess its Natural Capital Account Value. Duncan would then prepare a document which we could use to apply for funding.

Date of next Trustees meeting 8/8/24 (Online/ in person to be decided).

AGM 5/9/24

Ross,LLTNP has offered to introduce us to Fraser who has developed the Balloch Park App, Audrey and Matt happy to meet up with him.

Meeting closed.