

**Minutes of Balloch Castle Country Park Regeneration Castle Country Park
Regeneration Group Meeting held on Thursday 7/3/24 @7pm (Zoom)**

Present: Sally, Gillian, Matt, Catherine and Audrey.

February minutes proposed by Catherine, seconded Audrey.

3(a) Slipway Cafe not opened yet.

3(b) North Lodge. Sally will write to Michelle Lynn, WDC Assets Officer, to advise her that we will draw up a simple partnership agreement with Grand Bequests. Katherine will be asked to draw up the agreement, Matt offered to attend an accompanied visit to the Lodge with WDC and Grand Bequests.

3(c) Partnership meeting, meeting scheduled for 25/1/24 still to be rearranged, Gillian will contact Ian Bain, WDC Greenspace Manager and Michelle Lynn again and side copy Gail MacFarlane, WDC Infrastructure Manager.

4. Presentation to WDC Councillors, we will progress this once the Partnership Agreement is in place.

5. Sally will contact Dame Jackie Baillie MSP to progress to a meeting date.

6. John Muir Day (Sunday 21/4/24)

Michael has arranged a walk along John Muir Way with the Ramblers Association on the day.

We will have a stall/ wishing well.

Gillian will contact MAC, WDC Park Ranger, to find out what will be happening on the day.

Sally will contact Haldane Youth Services to invite them to help out on the day.

Matt and Audrey will set up refreshments, Matt will check out flasks.

Further survey to be produced.

Audrey and Matt will produce an INNS and tree trail.

Catherine has spoken to Turkey Red Media, we can film on the day on our mobile phones (in landscape) and they can incorporate this into a later film.

7. Catherine updated us on Microsoft 365, free to use, trustees will have their own domain addresses plus the group will have a general enquiry/contact address. There will be a small cost for setting up trustee domain addresses, costs unanimously agreed.

8. Catherine will work on the pop up banner. Sally will speak to James Duncan about using some of his photographs on the banner.

Additional leaflets to be printed.

9. Catherine met with Abbie from Grand Bequests In the Park and gave her an overview of what we would like to achieve.

10. Sally has spoken to Duncan from Natural Capital Accounting, he has agreed to do a paper on the natural capital value of the Park. Sally will arrange a Zoom meeting with him w/c 8/4/24. Thereafter we could look for funding to do an accurate national capital value.

Date of next meeting Thursday 4/4/24 @ 7pm.

Catherine confirmed we had received £450 from Involve (Riverwoods) for the Business Engagement Survey we carried out.

The next Heritage Network Meeting is on 9/4/24 @ 11am, Sally and Gillian to attend.

Our visitor count on 13/2/24 gave us a prediction of 1.2 million visits annually to the Park.

Chief Inspector Kirsten McLatchie is our new Local Area Commander for Argyll and West Dunbartonshire Division of Police Scotland

Meeting closed 8.15pm