

Minutes of Balloch Castle Country Park Regeneration Group Meeting held on Monday 9/1/23, 7pm, Balloch House Hotel

Present: Sally, Gillian, Audrey, Catherine, Maurice, Karon,

Arthur Donaldson, Loch Lomond Association, Susan Gray, Education Dept, WDC,
Angela Burns, Kilmaronock Old Kirk Trust.

Apologies: Trevor, Mark, Karn, Dr Katherine Gunderson, Grand Bequest,
Willie Roxburgh, Kilmaronock Old Kirk Trust.

We will now apply for Incorporated Charitable Status; this ensures limited liability for trustees.

Trustees agreed as Sally, Catherine, Audrey and Gillian. Catherine will take forward the application.

Riverwood Pioneers are happy to wait for us to go through this process.

Key Messages document adopted and will be forwarded to Sylvia to incorporate into a Communications Strategy.

Susan Gray, Education Dept, WDC gave us an overview of how they use the Park and groups etc. we may be interested in

Forest Schools have 4 sites within the park and have a classroom in the stable block.

WDC has a Learning for Sustainability Strategy which covers 3 to 18 year old's.

WDC, Climate Change Action Group.

Children can campaign/ act as Climate Change Reporters.

Keep Scotland Beautiful is a key partner

Mary Ann Collis, Countryside Ranger who coordinates

Volunteer programmes

Community Payback Teams

Forest Schools

Education Programmes.

Susan is happy to help in any way she can and to get children involved.

Questionnaire could be distributed to schoolchildren to get their views on the park.

Children could help with count of park visitors through Citizen Science.

Avril Nicholson, LLTNP, could possibly help with volunteers for count.

Riverwood Pioneers-

Audrey gave an overview to everyone on Riverwood Pioneers application.

Catherine advised we now have £4000 from R.P in our bank account.

List of meeting dates for the year to be agreed and advertised on website, social media and local press.

Record of members to be drawn up and newsletter to be produced.

Date of next meeting Monday 6/2/23, 7pm, Balloch Hotel