

Balloch Castle Country Park Regeneration Group

Minutes of Trustees Meeting held on Thursday 9/1/25 via Teams

Present: Sally, Audrey, Cat, Cara, Gillian, Matt

Sally welcomed everyone to the meeting.

BCCPRG/CHAS Flags Project

We have not been formally notified that we have been awarded funding by Sustrans for this project however they have asked us if we would like an Artroots Plaque to display within the Park.

Our Artist, Laura, has submitted her proposals and costings which Audrey will forward to Sustrans, awaiting information from CHAS to support the application.

UCL Challenge

We should hear by 13/1/25 if we have been successful.

WDC/BCCPRG Partnership Meeting

No contact from WDC, Gillian to chase up.

EFTEC/Commonweal Fund

Sally has submitted an application to the Commonweal Fund to cover the costs of the Natural Capital Account by EFTEC and also the costs involved with the refurbishment of the Kiosk. Funding award will be decided by 12/3/25, Sally will notify Duncan at EFTEC that we have applied.

Feedback from the meeting with Callander Development Trust and Killin Development Trust.

We need to look at income generation, investment and grant funding to operate. Matt will have a look at some job descriptions for a Development Officer and would be happy to manage the Development Officer once appointed. Matt will also do some research on what is involved in employing someone, eg pensions etc.

Audrey has spoken to HLF, they could fund a Development Officer, the restoration of the North Lodge, community engagement, master planning, feasibility studies and business studies.

Sally suggested we could give a presentation to WDC, Regeneration Committee. She will speak to the Members Secretary and discuss with Councillor McColl.

North Lodge

Still awaiting permission for Grand Bequests to have drone access to the North Lodge.

Sally will contact Rami from Chas to see if they have a use for the NL.

Cameron House is interested in using it for staff accommodation.

Kiosk/Display Area

Matt has produced the risk assessment for the display area which he will forward to Michelle Lynn, WDC.

Sally will contact Catherine at the Strathleven Foundation to find out if the £2000 is still available to refurbish the display area and refurbish the entrance doors.

Matt has measured up the wall space which he will share with the group.

Dr Colin Adams, SCENE, would like to have an area for a display

Fundraising

Consideration to be given to a Just Giving page for general fundraising and also for specific projects. Cara will explore a fundraising option through Facebook.

Matt has identified donation stations which could be sited in the Park.

Cat has set up a Canva account which will be used to design our branding.

Cara is uploading new information to our website and has been granted admin access to Facebook.

Treasurer's Report

Balance £1635.33, included in this amount £104.30 from Xmas trees event and £150.50 from Sally's event.

Cara advised us of two upcoming events at LLTNP Headquarters.

23/1/25 6.45pm to 9.45pm Green Finance Guidance

29/1/25 5.30pm to 8pm Climate Action Hubs, Practical work on the removal of INNS.

Matt has produced a Plan for Action 2025.

Sally invited Cara to become a Trustee, Cara requested a copy of the Constitution before she accepted, Gillian to forward.

DONM Trustees 6/2/25