

Balloch Castle Country Park Regeneration Group
Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 6/11/25
Balloch House Hotel

Present: Sally, Audrey, Matt, Cara, Gillian, Aileen, Caroline

No Apologies.

Sally welcomed everyone to the meeting.

No Matters rising.

October minutes proposed by Audrey, seconded by Matt.

4. All trustees to read over our updated Constitution and feedback to Audrey ASAP.

5. LHF Project Enquiry to be submitted to WDC next week. Mary Sweetland has kindly offered to review it this weekend.

Matt will contact WDC to request job specs for the Project Manager role.

Ian Bain will be our point of contact for approval of the Project Enquiry.

6. Sally met with Cathrine Hope from the Strathleven Foundation for a walk around the park, their trustees are very interested in our Group. Sally will write to them by 21/11/25 to outline our plans. S.F will meet again on 28/11/25 and we should have a decision by the beginning of December if we have been successful in our bid.

Gillian to contact Filshie Fabrications for a quote for a replacement metal framework for the Wisteria in the Walled Garden. Awaiting response from Sandra Anton, WDC Community Ranger, for details of the contractor who built the frame in Levensgrove Park, Gillian to chase this up next week.

Christmas tree event. Agreed we go ahead and organise another event similar to last year's. Sally will speak to Archie to see if he could supply a member of staff to help us on the day, date agreed 13/12/25, 2pm to 4pm.

Gillian to liaise with MAC/ to organise an inspection of trees available, a tool safety awareness talk and permission to bring in a car and trailer on the day. Suggested we bring in volunteers in the morning to clear some of the trees.

Sally can bring along a gazebo, table and first aid kit.

Matt to check with Sandra Anton what is required if we wish to provide refreshments and will produce a risk assessment for the event.

The event will be advertised on Facebook and Instagram.

8. Phase 2 Flags Project. Audrey has identified another potential funder, Scottish Safe Deposits Fund, up to £6,000 available, Laura has written a draft application. Audrey has submitted an expression of interest to Sustrans and they have invited us to apply. Further information required from WDC before we can submit our application. The project has been costed at £7000.

9. Social Media/Website. Sally thanked Caroline for her help with our social media. Caroline talked us through the proposal she had sent out for our social media presence and has set up an Instagram page for us. Gillian will contact Karn to resolve the issue with the website.

10. Volunteer Day was very successful, a Spring Clean event was proposed for which we would need some tools, Hi Viz vests, Gillian will contact Andy Devine at WDC.

Sally will contact Alan McMullan to ask what is in the containers at the Castle Car Park, could they be relocated?

11. Foyer Display, we have proposals from Fraser and SCENE, Laura will chase up CHAS, LLAIA and BCCPRG outstanding.

12. AOB

Matt attended the OSCR Webinar on 5/11/15, they are producing a document to cover the information gathered on the day, Matt will forward when received and has signed up for the newsletter. We can have another person added to the OSCR website.

Sally has submitted our bid to the UCL Nature Smart Challenge, Matt will do the video and Sally will attend the meeting on 25/11/25.

Sally has been in touch with the Millenium Seed bank and it is hoped that someone will visit the Park.

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