

**Balloch Castle Country Park Regeneration Group**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 7/8/25 (via Teams)**

Present: Audrey, Cara, Matt, Gillian, Lynne Somerville (Chair of Loch Lomond South Community Development Trust).

Apologies: Sally.

Audrey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Audrey pointed out item 14 of previous minutes should read Gordon Watson, not Dr Heather Reid.

Previous minutes proposed by Matt, seconded Cara.

4. Lynne gave us an overview of LLSCDT's aims and objectives, an alternative vision for Balloch in consultation with the local population and visitors. They are currently pursuing a Community Asset Transfer for the old Tourist Information Office and have expressed an interest in the West Riverside and Drumkinnon Woods. They are currently working on a Business Plan, they have 1100 members, and 20 businesses signed up.

Audrey gave an overview of our progress. Lynne offered the support of Balloch and Haldane Community Council and LLSCDT. Audrey invited Lynne and LLSCDT members to join us for a walk around the Park to be informed about our work.

5. Partnership Meeting with WDC on 28/8/25, our group will meet prior to discuss our HLF application, this will be the main topic of discussion at WDC meeting. Gillian to circulate possible dates.

6. Sally and Audrey had a pre-meeting with Peter Hessest, WDC CEO, and suggested the following for discussion when he meets Gordon Watson, LLTNP, what is LLTNP's and WDC vision for the Park?

Strategic Development Partnership, Peter has asked us to write a remit for his consideration.

Sally has requested a further meeting once he has met up with Gordon Watson.

8. Matt, Sally and Laura have met up, Laura will send out her suggested outlines for our perusal. Laura is aware of our £2000 budget.

9. Flags Project, Phase 2. Ongoing. Phase 1 banners are to be removed in Autumn and rehung in the Spring.

10. Ongoing, Matt hopes to have information for our next meeting. Target date to have donations facility will be the Spring when the banners are rehung.

11. Audrey and Cara to meet up to go through the website to identify updates required.

Cara will update the website with outstanding minutes, and we will all write a new blog about ourselves, why people should trust us, skills, interests and what we love about the Park.

Sally has written a blog on signing the Memorandum of Understanding and has forwarded the History of the Park article to Cara for inclusion on the website.

12. Audrey has noted a few changes required to our Constitution, to be discussed and approved at our AGM.

13. Cara suggested we format the membership form on MS Forms, have a look at LLSCDT's for ideas.

14. OSCR updated with Trustee details.

15. Co-op Community Causes, Cara has submitted an application for the wood to replace the support for the Wisteria in the Walled Garden, will hear in October if we have been successful.

16. The Conservation Volunteers Chestnut Fund, Support Grant of £500, which can be used for tools, equipment and training. Suggestions, a laptop for the Group or SCVO IT Support.

17. Treasurer's Report, balance £3434.28, of which £2000 earmarked for display boards.

18. AGM 4/9/25. Members are to be invited and advertised in the local press.

19. A.O.B.

We will persevere with M365. Cara to contact Cat to find out when the remaining email address can be transferred over to her.

Look at giving Cara access to Google Drive- Gillian.

Meeting closed.

AGM 4/9/25

