

Balloch Castle Country Park Regeneration Group

Trustees Meeting

8/1/26 (via Teams)

Present: Sally, Audrey, Cara, Caroline and Gillian.

Sally welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Matters Arising

Flags Project Phase 2, now to be referred to as the Community Engagement Art Project.

Safe Deposit Scotland Fund has awarded us £4,500 towards this project, an application has been made to Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans) for the further £2,500 required.

Phase 1, we will need to investigate alternative materials for the banners and ways of securing banners to lampposts to overcome the issues with wind damage last year.

3. December minutes proposed by Sally and seconded by Audrey.

4. National Lottery Heritage Fund

Matt has requested details of Job Roles/Pay Bands for Antonine Wall Project from Stephen Burns at WDC.

5. Architectural Heritage Fund

To be discussed at the next meeting.

6. New Funding Sources

Cara, Audrey and Gillian have checked out some new funding sources and Cara will produce a spreadsheet for us to refer back to.

List of new funding sources attached.

[Funding Opportunities January 26](#)

Some examples:

Community Enterprise, Audrey will contact them for an initial chat.

Robertson Trust, could apply in partnership with Haldane Youth Services, art project?

Mushroom Trust, they can help with a Feasibility Study and planning for the Walled garden and Oriental Garden. (up to value of £5,000)

Ernest Cook Trust and Wildlife Trusts.

Strategic Development Group

Peter Hessett, Chief Executive, WDC had agreed to Chair

Lynne Cooper, Visit Scotland and Dame Jackie Baillie, MSP will also attend.

Sally has approached Cameron House to invite their Resort Manager, Colin Matthews, Chief Executive, Loch Lomond Distillery and Stuart Mearns, Director of Place, LLTNP.

Audrey will write to Ross Greer, MSP to advise him we are setting up this Group.

7. Foyer Display

Fisheries Trust and LLAIA still have to submit their presentation, Sally has spoken to them, the deadline for submissions is the end of January. We could draft CHAS ourselves and ask them to approve it.

8. Website

Trustee information now updated on the website, however unable to add minutes/agendas due to error messages appearing.

Matt and Cara will look at Dreamhost guidance.

9. Donations

Matt's paper attached.

[BCCPRG Fundraising Considerations - 08.01.26](#)

10. Feedback from Christmas tree event.

Trees were not as good as last year only receiving £10 in donations.

We could look at a wreath making event this year.

11. Treasurer's Report

Balance £3249 which includes £2000 ringfenced for the Foyer Display.

£4640 coming from the Safe Deposit Fund .

Sally will approach someone she knows to ask them to sign off our accounts.

12. Local Place Plan

Sally, Audrey and Matt walked around Balloch Park with Nick Wright who is preparing the Local Place Plan, a very positive meeting.

13. Anniversary of Park Opening

Mac is happy to meet up with us to discuss ideas to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the opening of the Park in July. Sally suggested we ask WDC Young Musicians to perform, she will make contact.

14. Spring Clean event

We will have an event to tie in with the Keep Scotland Beautiful Campaign, Gillian will coordinate with Andy Devine, WDC, Community Liaison Officer.
Provisionally 21st and 22nd March.

We should consider pursuing a Green Flag for the Park

15. Membership

Matt and Gillian will work on our Membership form.
Could we ask Lynne from Loch Lomond South Community Development Trust to share with her members.

16. AOB

Matt has updated our Action Plan, feedback to be given by the end of next week.

[BCCPRG Action Plan - 31.12.25](#)

Sally suggested we twin with a Park in the USA, she will investigate.

Meeting closed.