

Balloch Castle Country Park Regeneration Group
Minutes of Trustees Meeting 7/4/26 @ 7pm
Balloch House Hotel

Sally welcomed all to the meeting

Present: Sally, Matt, Caroline, Cara, Gillian

Apologies: Audrey

No matters arising

Previous minutes proposed by Matt, seconded by Sally.

Community Art Project

Matt is working with Laura to agree on the size of banners. Augmented reality displays will sit on a separate AR platform and will be advertised on our social media. Laura has kindly agreed to be available to help should we have any issues in the future.

Foyer Display/New Door/ New windows

The panels for the Foyer Display are now in production and an installation date will be agreed, Laura will oversee the installation.

Quote received for the new external door, this also includes two new internal doors, £18,000.

Sally will submit a Pride in Place funding application to include the doors, the replacement Pergola and external wall in the Walled Garden. Agreement will need to be reached with WDC on maintenance of doors.

New windows should be installed by the end of July and Heras fencing removed.

Meeting with Councillors Rooney and McBride

Sally and Audrey walked around the Park with the Councillors stressing the importance of the Park to the local and wider community.

Lease now needs to be reviewed to support funding applications.

The Councillors had suggested we apply to Pride in Place and ask Douglas McAllister MP for a letter of support.

NLHF

Audrey continues to engage with NLHF.

Strategic Development Group

Invitations have been sent, awaiting some replies. Audrey and Sally are meeting with Peter Hessest, WDC, CEO on 14/4/26 for a discussion prior to the SDG meeting on 30/4/26.

UCL

We have been invited to the UCL Presentation in London on 19/6/26, unfortunately this clashes with our Anniversary Event, Matt will send our apologies.

Website/ Social Media and Priority Messaging

Cara will continue to work on updating the website, she will upload agendas and minutes, once approved, on an ongoing basis.

Caroline stated we have had good engagement from the photos of the children's workshops on our social media.

Donations

Matt has reviewed Givey and is not happy with some aspects of it, all agreed we will use Just Giving. Matt, Cara and Caroline will work on a profile to upload to our website and social media.

Membership Form

Matt is looking at this, and needs to consider a privacy notice and how we store members details and information.

Spring Clean Event

Caroline will advertise again on social media to attract some more volunteers.

Anniversary Event

Sally and Gillian met up with Sandra Anton and MAC, WDC Rangers, to discuss paperwork required to hold this event. As we are holding the event on WDC land there is a lot of paperwork required, the suggestion was made that we could hold the event in Lomond Church Hall, negating the requirement to find/hire a marquee, easier catering etc. Sally will contact Mary Sweetland to find out if we can hire the hall on that date.

Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance £6799.89

£1030 paid to Laura

£4460 Who Lives Here Project

New Balance £1289.89

Dreamhost subscription

£9.05 per annum

£83.35 per annum

All agreed that Matt could put this on Autopay.

Matt will ask Karn for a quote to help us with M365.

Date of next meeting Thursday 7/5/26

Meeting closed.