

Meeting of Trustees

Date: Tuesday 20.11.18

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Passfoot Cottage, Balmaha



Agenda

1. Apologies - Lousie Robertson, Arthur Hannan
Present - Joe Twaddle, David Fraser, Sandy Fraser, Walter McAlister
Mike Pattison, Margaret McDonald, Dave Arcari (communications)
2. Minutes of previous meeting - proposed DF, seconded WMcA
3. Matters Arising
 - JT suggested the trustees should ask members at the AGM for suggestions for future projects. The meeting agreed.
 - The Community Pride Fund evaluation has been returned.
4. Capacity Grant - The LLTNP has deposited £300 into the ELLCT account and this has been acknowledged by email.
5. Affordable Housing - MMcD spoke to Joe Gribben, Highland Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT) about progress at the affordable housing site and he reported that:
 - the sewerage issues are proving more difficult than anticipated
 - tree clearance should start in January
 - building works anticipated to start in May
 - finalising the designs of the houses
6. Additional Land at Plantation Site - Joe Gribbens, HSCHT asked the ELLCT trustees to consider the addition plot of land at the Affordable Housing site. The trustees agreed to indicate an interest with a view to finding more information. MMcD to convey this to Joe Gribbens.

7. Cycle Path - The trustees agreed the footpath required upgrading but were concerned about its suitability as a cycle path preferring the track should not be so close to such a busy road. JT and SF to attend the meeting at LLTNP HQ regarding the proposed extension of the cycle path.

8. Hydro Scheme - The proposed hydro scheme appears not to be proceeding at this time.

9. Car Parking - car parking in Balmaha (and increasingly in Milton of Buchanan) remains an issue. If the ELLCT was to be successful in obtaining the additional land at the Plantation Site to create a carpark, this could alleviate the problem and also produce a steady income for the Trust.

10. Communication Report

- website updates were completed
- AGM notifications on website and all social media
- an eBulletin to mailing list
- AGM notices printed and posted on noticeboards

11. AGM

- notices have been posted
- Trustees to meet at 7pm at the Hall prior to the 7.30pm meeting start.

12. AOCB - nil

13. Date of next Trustees meeting - Tuesday 15 January 2019.