

East Loch Lomond Community Trust

Trustees meeting at Passfoot Cottage, Balmaha

Thursday 7 June 2018



Present: Joe Twaddle, Margaret McDonald (minute taker),
Sandy Fraser, Louise Robertson, Arthur Hannan
Walter McAllister, Dave Arcari (communications)
Karen Quinn (observer)

Apologies: David Fraser, Mike Pattison

1. **APOLOGIES** - Mike Pattison, David Fraser

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 3/5/18** - proposed by Louise Robertson, seconded
Sandy Fraser.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- LR will compile a list of potential funders for trustees to consider.
- MMcD has not yet contacted Stirling Council and LLTNP about the excess rubbish and insufficient bins in Balmaha.

4. **SCOTTISH LAND FUND**

Stage 1 & Stage 2 applications have been submitted. MMcD spoke with Ronnie MacRae (CEO, The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust) whose team have helped with the submission of the applications. Ronnie confirmed that although the applications have been submitted there is no commitment to proceed at this stage. MMcD handed out copies of the business plan submitted with the application for trustees to consider.

5. **ELLCT CONSTITUTION / OSCR**

MMcD updated the meeting about the change required to the ELLCT constitution to meet with the Scottish Land Fund requirements. In consultation with Calum Couston (Scottish Land Fund Adviser, Highlands and Islands Enterprise) Section 15 was deleted and the appropriate form and supporting documents were sent to OSCR. A reply was received from OSCR informing that the change would not be acceptable. MMcD had taken further advice from Calum Couston and will contact OSCR to resolve this.

6. **LAND TRANSFER**

MMcD has contacted Dallas MacMillan, the solicitors acting for the ELLCT, and they have received the revised draft Disposition, Standard Security and Offer from Ewan Grant of Stirling Council and will keep us updated.

7. BCP WIND UP

OSCR have informed us that the wind up has been suspended as the Confirmation Statement is overdue. MMcD will respond to HMRC in writing and investigate what requires to be done to resolve this.

8. COMMUNITY GRANTS / COMMUNITY PRIDE EVENT

WMcA suggested the event take place after the Buchanan Flower Show. Sunday 9 September was agreed. A further meeting specifically to plan the event will be on Tuesday 19 June at Passfoot Cottage, 7.30pm. MMcD asked if trustees could talk with friends and neighbours to raise awareness and solicit potential volunteers and ideas. Initial ideas discussed were; live music, food - pizza & hotdogs, using the field at the back of the Milton of Buchanan Primary School, 5-a-side football match, face painting, poster design & info to Stirling Observer (DA will do this when we have more concrete ideas), homing pigeons competition (JT to speak to a local contact), gyrocopter parachute drop competition.

9. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Dave Arcari submitted an invoice for his services for May 2018 updated as follows:

- 1 new online membership. £1 given to LR, treasurer
- Social media updated throughout May. Trustees are asked to keep an eye on social media and to share/retweet as often as possible.
- Website has been made GDPR compliant and mailing list members messaged throughout May to sign up to the GDPR compliant list - giving their express permission to be contacted by email.
- DA to attend the June meeting of Stirling Broadband Delivery Group at Old Viewforth.

10. AOCB

- WMcA asked if there was any information about charging in the Balmaha car park and also stated there was a need for toilet provision.
- The East Loch Lomond Visitor Management Group was discussed. MMcD to find out when the next meeting is due.
- JT received an email from James Fraser (Friends of Loch Lomond) with letters for SF and JT to sign and send to Stirling Council for a grant. As this had not previously been discussed with ELLCT the offer was declined.
- Jamie (Auchmar) asked if trustees would meet him and a representative of Energy for all at Passfoot on Monday 11 June to discuss a proposed hydro scheme.

NEXT MEETING is Tuesday 19 June at Passfoot Cottage will be to plan the ELLCT launch event in September.