



**East Loch Lomond Community Trust  
Trustees meeting, Passfoot Cottage, Balmaha  
Wednesday 10 April 2019**

**Present:** Margaret McDonald, Arthur Hannan, David Fraser  
Sandy Fraser, Walter McAllister, Maureen Saunders,  
Mike Pattison, Joe Twaddle, Dave Arcari, Tom Wallace  
(Drymen Development Trust)

**1. APOLOGIES - none**

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Proposed: Walter McAllister, Seconded: Arthur Hannan

**3. GWEN'S BENCH**

WMcA offered to transport the bench to Balmaha. SF will organise the refurbishment and replacement of the plaque. MP, AH & DF also offered to help.

**ACTION WMcA & SF to organise over the next couple of weeks**

**4. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

- John Forbes (HSCHT) has advised the ELLCT obtain a valuation of the land being considered.

**ACTION MMcD to request specific details of the land to be valued and instruct Whyte and Barrie when the information is available.**

**5. HYDRO SCHEME (Cashel)**

- SF has contacted Steven Mccluskey (caretaker at Cashel) and is waiting for a response.

- Muirpark hydro scheme: WMcA understands the hydro scheme has been granted planning permission subject to a further fish survey in the summer.

## 6. INTERNET BANKING UPDATE

MMcD has received the paperwork to set up the internet banking.

## 7. CYCLE PATH PROPOSALS

MMcD welcomed Tom Wallace to the meeting. Tom gave an outline/rationale of the cycle path project and answered questions on traffic calming and the documents SF had circulated from TP&E (Transport, Planning and Engineering - [www.cycling.scot](http://www.cycling.scot)). The discussion which followed resulted in the following statements and decisions.

1. Trustees felt the yellow route would be our preferred option - WMcA understands this would not be welcomed by the farmers in that area.
  2. The trustees then agreed that the green route, possibly taking in some of the latter part of the yellow route would be a good option with the possibility of creating a smaller circular route in Balmaha maybe in conjunction with the additional land being considered.
  3. There was unanimous opposition to moving the bus shelter to which could be a darker part of the car park. Also it would cause passengers to have to cross a busy part of the car park to access the village.
  4. It was felt the double yellow lines have helped reduce congestion.
  5. Trustees were not in favour of rumble strips/road narrowing.
  6. Trustees agreed we would be happy to work closely with TP&E.
  7. Trustees agreed to send a letter in support for the cycle path to LLTNP.
- ACTION** - MMcD to send letter of support for cycle track to TLLNP and to email Karlene Doherty, TP&E with feedback

## 8. RUMBLE STRIPS - Milton of Buchanan

It was agreed MMcD would highlight the issue in the feedback to TP&E to solicit support for the removal of the strips.

**ACTION** - MMcD to include issue in email to Karlene Doherty.

## 9. COMMUNICATION UPDATE - Dave Arcari

1. MS photo and info now added to the website.
2. DA revised the contact page.
3. The 4G broadband internet trial was underway. DA reported the households already visited have had mixed results - the trial continues to be monitored.
4. Your Council: Your Choice. DA circulated two proposals to trustees prior to

the meeting for consideration. It was decided to submit both.

5. E-newsletter to be discussed at next meeting.

6. Social media platforms continually monitored and updated.

## 10. PLANNING UPDATE

- Retrospective planning permission granted for Oak Tree Inn biomass plant.
- Installation of an electrical car charging point at Visitor Centre, Balmaha has been granted.

## 11. AOCB

- WMcA informed the meeting that Jamie Graham had financed the maintenance of the defibrillator in Milton of Buchanan (approx £250).

- The Blue Walk was discussed. It has been impassable for a number of years due to the many fallen trees. It was felt this should be brought to the attention of the Forestry Commission (now known as Forestry and Land Scotland)

<https://forestryandland.gov.scot>

ACTION - MMcD to contact Forestry and Land Scotland (John Mair) regarding the Blue Walk and find a contact to discuss possibilities regarding the additional land.

## NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday 14 May 2019, 7.30pm at Passfoot Cottage.**

**\*Please let me know of any agenda items a day or two beforehand.\***