



**East Loch Lomond Community Trust
Trustees meeting at Passfoot Cottage, Balmaha
Wednesday, 27 March 2019**

Present: Arthur Hannan, Walter McAllister, Margaret McDonald,
David Fraser, Sandy Fraser, Maureen Saunders,
Joe Twaddle, Dave Arcari, Graham Lambie

1. **WELCOME** - Councillor Graham Lambie was welcomed to the meeting.

2. **APOLOGIES** - Mike Pattison

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Maureen Saunders name had been omitted from the draft minute.

ACTION: MMcD to amend.

Proposed Sandy Fraser, Seconded Maureen Saunders

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

- Gwen's bench. At the AGM a member had suggested Gwen's bench needed some attention. Sandy Fraser and Joe Twaddle recently visited the site and proposed the removal and renovation of the bench; the replacement of the plaque and the reinstatement of the bench to the site. The trustees agreed.

5. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

5.1 Timber Clearance. The first phase of the tree clearance has been completed. More timber to be removed in the next phase prior to groundworks commencing.

5.2 Next Phase. **ACTION:** MMcD to enquire regarding the cost of the additional land.

5.3 Finance. Graham Lambie suggested he could talk to Stuart Oliver at Stirling Council regarding any funds which may be available towards the shortfall in purchase price for the land. The trustees agreed. Graham also suggested the **Your Council: Your Choice** initiative as a possible route for funding the project. The trustees agreed to consider this.

6. HYDRO SCHEME UPDATE (Muirpark)

- David Fraser said there was no further update at the moment.
- The existing Cashel hydro scheme was discussed. DHG Hydro had been approached by ELLCT in August 2018 to contribute towards the affordable housing project but declined, citing:

"The amount that we would be able to give to affordable housing would be so low as to not make any material impact..... The original £5,000 per MW was agreed with local council at a time when we did not pay rates."

SF suggested he could look into the community aspect of the project and find out if there may be a way forward. **ACTION: SF to check information.**

7. BANKING UPDATE

7.1 Signatories have been amended. The signatories are Sandy Fraser, Arthur Hannan and Margaret McDonald.

7.2 Internet banking has been applied for.

8. RUMBLE STRIPS, Milton of Buchanan

- Maureen Saunders told the meeting she had been in touch with Stirling Council and Tom Wallace, Drymen Development Trust about the noise nuisance and disturbance the rumble strips are causing residents in Milton of Buchanan.

- Graham Lambie offered to contact Carlyn Fraser, Roads Department, Stirling Council to help progress this issue. He also suggested a petition of residents affected, with a minimum of 25 signatures and the support of the ELLCT could be submitted to the Environment Committee should there be no progress. GL said the Timber Extraction Fund may be a useful source finance for the group to look at.

9. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

9.1 General Update

- Ongoing social media updates. DA asked trustees to 'Like' and 'Share'
- Website updates/maintenance continuing.
- Composing/sending e-newsletter completed.

9.2 DA has secured £4970 from Stirling Council for a 4G Broadband trial. Eight households are involved from Rowardennan to Buchanan Smithy.

9.3 Your Stirling: You Decide - DA to check out the criteria regarding funds for the affordable housing and email trustees with information.

10. AOCB

10.1 MS asked if the ELLCT has a complaints/comments procedure. DA said the website has a contact form and DA will check the content and update if required.

10.2 SF & JT attended a meeting regarding the next phase of the cycle track to Balmaha. SF shared the printouts of the proposed routes. WMcA pointed out one of the routes would not be popular with farmers in the area.

SF to email the documents to trustees.

SF to clarify if a response is required from the ELLCT.

10.3 AH has spoken with a LLTNP ranger, Michelle, who is keen to develop an accessible route in the area.

AH to invite Michelle to the next meeting.

Next meeting, Wednesday 10 April 2019, 7.30pm at Passfoot Cottage.

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