

Meeting of Trustees

Date: Tuesday 9 July 2019

Location: Passfoot Cottage, Balmaha



Trustees Present: Arthur Hannan, Sandy Fraser, Walter McAllister, Margaret McDonald

Adviser: Joe Twaddle, Communications: Dave Arcari

1. **Apologies** - David Fraser, Maureen Saunders
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Proposed: Walter McAllister, Seconded: Arthur Hannan.
3. **Matters Arising**
MMcD informed the meeting Mike Pattison had resigned as a trustee.
4. **Blue Walk**
It was agreed this project could be considered for later in the year/early next year.
David Fraser to update the trustees about his discussion with Sue Morris (Land & Forestry) at our next meeting.
5. **Gwen's Bench**
This is almost finished and returned to its location.
6. **Community Support Document**
This will be discussed at the next meeting. Unfortunately MS was unable to attend the meeting as MMcD had failed to advise of the change day.
7. **Affordable Housing / Land Valuation**
 - *Affordable Housing:* MMcD updated the meeting. John Forbes (HSCHT) reports they are working toward a tender package for the houses to establish factual costs and these should be issued at the end of July with a clearer idea of costs by September. Also, TD Trees have been looking on a woodland management plan.
 - *Land Valuation:* SF has instructed a surveyor on the Trust's behalf.
 - The trustees agreed to invite John Forbes to the next meeting. MMcD to email JF.
 - WMcA suggested we consider major businesses in the area who might be interested in helping to fund our community projects. It was discussed that Anne Sobey might be able to advise regarding this and other options for funding. MMcD to contact Anne Sobey to ask advice regarding areas of funding for future projects.

8. **Play Parks - Milton of Buchanan & Buchanan Smithy**

It was noted that the Buchanan Smithy play park had been unsuccessful in securing funding via Your Stirling:You Decide. The trustees agreed to look into possible funding options. **MMcD to investigate.**

WMcA reported the council has done some basic maintenance at the Buchanan Smithy park. **WMcA will take a look at the Milton of Buchanan play park and update at the next meeting.**

9. **Communications Report**

DA has continues to keep the website updated, monitor and populate the social media sites. It was decided to hold back the newsletter until more information about the affordable housing site was available.

10. **AOCB**

- **OSCR**: The annual return to be with OSCR before the end of this month. **MMcD to pass on the bank file to DF.**

- **Land Transfer**: we are waiting for the updated documents from Dallas MacMillan. These will require signatures of two trustees.

- **Overgrown C6**: **MMcD to email Graham Lambie to report this.**

Ana Houston has handed in a document which the ELLCT should consider. **MS offered to look at it and offer feedback at the next meeting.**

- **Sheepdog Trials**: SF asked that the success of the recent Sheepdog Trials be noted and thanked WMcA for all the effort put in by the organisers.

- **Litter**: SF & JT met with Nik Turner, Litter Prevention Manager, LLTNP at Balmaha Visitor Centre. SF has suggested East Loch Lomond be the location of a trial reduce the amount of litter with the possibility of 'smart bins' being installed.

Date of Next Meeting - 3 September 2019 at Passfoot Cottage, 7.30pm