

# Meeting of Trustees

**Date: Tuesday 2 October 2019**

**Location: Passfoot Cottage, Balmaha**



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

Adviser: Joe Twaddle, Communications: Dave Arcari

Guests: Fiona Maguire RSHA; John Forbes, HSCHT

1. **Apologies** - DF, **Welcome** to guests Fiona and John.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** Proposed: AH, Seconded: WMcA.
3. **Affordable Housing**
  1. MMcD had attended RSHA AGM the previous week and met Fiona who is new in post. Subsequently MMcD met with Fiona and the architects in Balmaha.
  2. Fiona informed the group five companies were tendering for the project in the coming six weeks with a view to breaking ground early next year.
  3. SF asked how the sewerage issues had been resolved and where the waste would enter the system. FM replied that there would be an onsite treatment plant linking to the existing system.
  4. Funding of the workers houses - JF told the trustees that an application to Rural Housing Fund will need to be completed and there may also be additional funds available.
  5. Additional block of land - JF said the valuation of this will be impacted by the Woodland Management Plan. JF to send a copy to trustees.
  6. FM said DS McGee, Landscapers had been engaged to clear verges back to the stone wall and would be returning to finish the work.

4. **Matters Arising**

- **Land valuation:** Matt Bridgestock, architect will send document with site details.

- **Blue Walk** - SF to speak to James Fraser.

- **Play Parks** - MM has contacted Stirling Council and Councillor Lambie - MM to follow up.

- **Land transfer** - solicitor is on holiday - MM to follow up.

- **Core paths** - MM to follow up.

- **Overgrown C6** - Graham Lambie contacted - AH to follow up.

5. **Additional trustees** - it was decided to revisit at next meeting with a view to have additional trustees in place at the AGM.

6. **AGM** - date set for Tuesday 10 December, 7:30pm WMcA to check if hall available

7. **Communications Report:**

- Website being maintained/updated.

- e-newsletter was compiled and sent to all members who have supplied an email address and posted to all social media and ELLCT news section updated.

- Photos of renovated Gwen's bench taken and put on FB

- DA asked if trustees could check e-newsletter

- message received via website passed to trustees MM to reply

8. **AOCB**

- There may be wood available from the affordable housing site. MS suggested it be given distributed to those who might need it most.

Trustees to make suggestions to MS will to draw up a list.

- MMcD reported the capacity grant £300 had been awarded.

- M of B cycle paths: still no signage MM to contact TP&E for update.

- Balmaha tea towel - Kirsty Twaddle has offered to create artwork for a Balmaha tea towel with the profits to be used by the community. This was warmly welcomed by the trustees.

- Betty & Dave to compile a list of members for the AGM

- Next meeting - MM to invite Anne Sobey and Graham Lambie

**NEXT MEETING:**

**WEDNESDAY 6 November, Passfoot Cottage 7:30PM**