

**Meeting of Trustees**  
**Date: Tuesday 30 March 2021**  
**Location: Zoom**



Present: Walter McAllister, Margaret McDonald, Maureen Saunders, David Fraser, Louise Doherty, Sandy Fraser, Arthur Hannan

1. Apologies - none
2. Minutes of previous meeting - (2/2/2021) Prop: SF, App MS
3. Vacant Trustee position  
After the AGM two people volunteered for the vacant trustee position. It was unanimously decided to invite Dr Jennifer Dodd to be a trustee. She is a member of the ELLCT, has specialised ecological knowledge which will benefit upcoming projects and lives in an area represented by only one trustee. [MM to contact both regarding the decision](#)
4. Affordable Housing update
  1. Development Agreement - this is needed to be legally drawn up to formalise the construction arrangements among RSHA, the contractor and the ELLCT. [MM to take this forward](#)
  2. Letting Policy - to be agreed between the ELLCT and RSHA  
[MM to contact RSHA to obtain and circulate a standard policy to trustees. ELLCT specific conditions to be discussed at next meeting](#)
5. Balmaha Car Park, asset transfer update  
The Stage 2 application & business plan has been with Stirling Council since 13/10/20 - Pam Campbell is investigating.
6. Scottish Land Fund application - survey/project officer (car park)  
Stage 1 has been submitted to the Scottish Land Fund (quotes for surveys to be forwarded).
7. East Loch Lomond Visitor Management Group  
Notes of the meeting at the end of minute.

8. LLTNP - recovery plan / Stakeholder Briefing  
The NP has been chairing a weekly meeting throughout the winter of the National Park Safe Reopening Action Group - NP, Police Scotland, Transport Scotland, Forestry & Land Scotland and Local Authorities. Measures to be put in place are: an additional NP Police Officer, more rangers, additional forestry employees, car park monitoring, and additional car parking. There is to be a 'deep clean' along East Loch Lomond to clear the area of litter before the season and there will be Land Operation teams patrolling as well as an increased number of volunteers. SF to send MM info re car park numbers along ELL in the past and currently. MM to write to LLTNP regarding reducing car parking capacity along ELL.
9. Cycle way  
The possibility of applying for funding from the Nature Scot Fund was discussed but it was felt it best to deal first with the projects in hand.
10. Nature Scot :: Better Places Fund 2 <https://www.nature.scot/funding-and-projects/better-places-fund/better-places-green-recovery-fund-2-eligibility-and-outcomes>  
This to be considered at the next meeting after trustees have had a chance to look at the information.
11. Timber Extraction Fund  
The Preparatory Grants Application has been submitted by SC.
12. Rural S W Communities Forum  
The meeting of groups and Community Councils in the rural SW area is chaired by Pam Campbell and the guest was from SC roads department. MM reported the SC roads department representative was asked about the lack of signage in Milton of Buchanan for the cycle path, speeding traffic and the condition of the path between Drymen and Balmaha.
13. Rural SW Health and Social Care Partnership Consultation  
The consultation for group was circulated. MM reported that during online meetings and feedback session the issue of remoteness from Larbet and lack of public transport were highlighted.

#### 14. Community Garden - Milton of Buchanan

- Community Pride Application for plants/equipment - approved, MM to apply.

- Purchase of a memorial tree - approved

#### 15. AOCB

1. MM told meeting she had contacted SC to ask for the play park in Balmaha car park to be inspected and maintenance done.

2. MM reported that SC are to place an additional 6 bins around the car park in Balmaha.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 20 April via Zoom

#### Note of meeting

**East Loch Lomond Visitor Management Group  
12<sup>th</sup> March 2021**



#### Attendees

- Alistair MacPherson (National Park Authority - NPA), Alasdair Ekersall (National Trust Scotland - NTS), Andrew Clarke (Forestry & Land Scotland), Andrew Richardson (Drymen Community Council), Andy Bushell (Police Scotland), Dave Robinson (NPA), James Graham (Montrose Estates), Jamie Graham (Montrose Estates), Margaret McDonald (East Loch Lomond Community Trust), Matt Buckland (NPA), Nik Turner (NPA), Paul Saunders (Drymen Community Development Trust), Sam Gallagher (NTS), Sandy Fraser (Oak Tree Inn)

#### Apologies

- Bruce Reekie (Stirling Council - SC), Dan Hartles (SC) Kevin Argue (SC)

The meeting was held remotely to discuss and influence the future and improve the visitor experience from Drymen to Rowardennan whilst ensuring the negative impacts that can be associated with high visitor numbers on people are reduced on those who live and work with the area. Discussion began with the National Park Authority providing a recap of the 2020 season, the work of the National Park Safe Recovery Action Group (NPSRAG) and an update of preparation being taken ahead of the 2021 visitor season.

- The NPSARG continued to meet over winter in preparation of the easing of lockdown restrictions, with focus on three key themes; Information & Engagement, Infrastructure & Services, Regulation & Enforcement
- NPA and Partner organisations are anticipating having a high staff presence on the ground for the Easter weekend, whilst reinforcing the guidance coming from Scottish Government
- Some of the interventions and proposals for 2021 and beyond include;
  - o Pop up visitor information sites (Balmaha & others in the NP)
  - o Temp toilets at Balmaha and Rowardennan will be sited to increase capacity, and longer opening hours will be trialed
  - o NPA weekend admin support role in place to help with website and social media updates, and camping booking line, along with car park capacity monitoring that is undertaken by volunteers
  - o A traffic, car park and pedestrian monitoring trial using Internet of Things technology is being undertaken in Stirlingshire with some of sensors placed within the East Loch Lomond corridor
  - o Variable messaging signage being deployed where appropriate
  - o NPA Environmental Officers are being hired and focusing on the NPA estate managing litter and where capacity allows will assist across the National Park
  - o Stirling Council Enforcement officers will be place on weekends
  - o Continued support from Police Scotland and dedicated National Park Police Officer as well as the setup of a Partnership Against Rural Crime.