



## Meeting of Trustees

**Date: Tuesday 18 January 2022**

**Location: Balmaha Coffee Shop, 7:00pm**

### Trustees Present:

Walter McAllister (Chair), Margaret McDonald (Secretary), David Fraser, Maureen Saunders, Louise Doherty, Sandy Fraser, Arthur Hannan, Jennifer Dodd.

1. **Apologies** - None
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** (Tuesday, 2/11/21) Prop: WMcA, Sec: DF
3. **Date for AGM** - it was agreed the AGM should take place on 10 May 2022 at 7pm in Milton of Buchanan Village Hall. [MMcD to check if the hall is available.](#)
4. **Balmaha Car Park Asset Transfer Update**
  - 4.1. Survey/Valuation, Shepherds Surveyors will carry this out week beginning 24 January 2022.
  - 4.2. The deadline for a decision was 6 December 2021. This was not going to be met by Stirling Council (SC) and the ELLCT trustees agreed to a three month extension.
5. **Affordable Housing Update** - As work has not yet begun due to spiralling costs the legally agreed date for commencement would not be met and the 'Longstop' date had to be changed. Rural Stirling Housing Association (RSHA) agreed to meet the legal cost for this.
6. **WHW signage & C6 Crossing Points** - Arthur Hannan highlighted the lack of/missing signage along the C6 which results in walkers continuing to use the road instead of the WHW path resulting in potentially dangerous situations. Signage warning drivers of pedestrians in the road was also felt would be useful in some places. [MMcD to find out which organisation is responsible for the signage.](#) [AH to identify the locations.](#)
7. **Parking Report** - There has been no official response to the report. [MMcD to request this at the next Loch Lomond Visitor Management Group meeting.](#)
8. **Response to The Buchanan Wheel Community Wellbeing** - The trustees unanimously agreed more information is needed regarding the financial aspects of the Buchanan Wheel Community Wellbeing (BWCW) plans and ascertaining the level of community support is fundamental. [MMcD to draft a letter for trustees approval/ comments.](#)
9. **Community Hydro Scheme** - following on from the public meeting Mike Pattison, a director of the Buchanan Community Hydro Society spoke with MMcD about the community ownership and the benefit fund governance. MMcD brought this discussion to the meeting. Trustees felt there was more information required and DF, also a director of the Hydro Scheme, will bring this to the next meeting.

10. **Community Housing Trust Video**

The Community Housing Trust which has supported the ELLCT during the affordable housing project has commissioned a short video to be made outlining the project.

11. **Strategic Timber Transport Scheme (STTS)** - the work on the C6 is due to start 7/2/22. Due to the deterioration of the road the engineer suggested further applications are required in the coming financial years. [MMcD to ask Elaine Nicol to advise on this.](#)

12. **AOCB**

- 12.1. Public Liability Insurance - has been renewed with a different provider.
- 12.2. Local Place Plans, MMcD made the group aware this is a task requiring action in the coming months.
- 12.3. Louise Doherty spoke to the group about three initiatives which could have positive impacts on our rural community.
- 12.3.1. **Playlist for Life** <https://www.playlistforlife.org.uk> which can enhance the lives of dementia sufferers. [MMcD to add information to social media/ website.](#)
- 12.3.2. The work of the **Samaritans** <https://www.samaritans.org/?nation=scotland> - the trustees asked Louise to give a short talk about this at the AGM.
- 12.3.3. **Calmzone Benches** <https://www.thecalmzone.net/afterlife/> the group were extremely positive about the options for siting benches and discussed various locations.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 22 March 2022, 7pm Coffee shop.