

## Meeting of Trustees

**Date: Thursday 28 January 2023**

**Location: Memorial Hall, Milton of Buchanan 7:30pm**



Trustees Present: Walter McAllister, Margaret McDonald, Maureen Saunders, Sandy Fraser  
Communications: Dave Arcari

1. **Welcome/Apologies** Arthur Hannan, Jennifer Dodd, Louise Doherty
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** (12 January 2023) Proposed MS, Seconded SF
3. **Matters Arising** MMcD wrote to Lorna Slater who replied saying as the issue wasn't located her constituency we should contact the appropriate MSP.
4. **Car Park Asset Transfer** - David Henderson, COSS put us in touch with an accountant who could prepare a business plan to support the ELLCT discussions with SC. He advised COSS may be in a position to provide a grant. MMcD applied to the grant. MMcD shared the updated business plan and it was agreed this would be taken to the discussions with SC along with the assumptions prepared by the previous surveyor.
5. **Affordable Housing Balmaha** -
  1. RSHA have advised further discussions with the Scottish Government have not led to any additional funding and a meeting with LLTNP to discuss will take place.
  2. LLTNP provided a place at the Rural Housing Scotland conference and MMcD was able to ask a question of the minister responsible for Rural Housing, Shona Robison, about funding for the project in Balmaha. MMcD emailed the minister with the specifics and a case has been opened.
  3. MS asked about the meaningful date. [MMcD to find out.](#)
6. **Strategic Transport Timber Scheme** - MMcD has emailed Maria Lucey the engineer preparing the bid to ask about progress as yet no reply. [MMcD to follow up.](#)
7. **Paths, Roads, Balmaha Play Park** - DF and MMcD have repeatedly asked SC about the dangerous and, in places, impassible footpaths as well and the reappearing potholes - there is still no satisfactory response. [MMcD to write to ask for onsite meeting.](#)

The new growth on the willow maze in the play park has been cut back and chipped so there will be no weaving this season. MMcD complained to SC and LLTNP. The £500 LLTNP was going to supply for training is no longer required. [MMcD has emailed Gerry McGarvey at his request.](#)
8. **Communications Update** - DA reported ongoing monitoring of social media to flag up issues and share information. DA suggested reducing his monthly payment to £25 - the meeting agreed and expressed thanks.
9. **AOCB**  
**LPP** - the preparations are ongoing.  
**Noticeboards** - The meeting agreed to submit a request to Cashel Hydro Scheme for 5 noticeboards for the area.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

**Buchanan Memorial Hall, Thursday 30 March 2023, 7:30pm**