



## Meeting of Trustees

**Date: Monday 2 October 2023**

**Location: St Mocha Coffee Shop, 7:30pm**

### Present:

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

1. **Apologies** Sandy Fraser, Jennifer Dodd
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** (31/7/2023) Proposed MS, Seconded WMcA
3. **Rural Stirling Housing Association AGM, Callander 14/09/23**  
MMcD attended the AGM. After his the keynote speech emphasising how essential rural housing was to LLTNP, MMcD asked Gordon Watson CEO, LLTNP to do all possible to bring the rural housing in Balmaha to fruition.
4. **Communities Housing Trust AGM, Inverness 22/09/23**  
MMcD attended the very informative conference prior to the AGM and discussed with Ronnie MacRae CEO, (RMacR) the steps needed to get the homes in Balmaha built. RMacR proposed convening a meeting with RSHA, SC and ELLCT to discuss options. His team will also support ELLCT at the meeting with Housing Minister on 22 November at RSHA offices.  
The ELLCT are very grateful to Betty Twaddle who provided the funds for the trip.
5. **Affordable Housing**  
A meeting has been arranged by Evelyn Tweed MSP, with the Housing Minister, Paul McLennan on 22 November to discuss a way forward for the affordable housing in Balmaha. Ronnie MacRae's team will also support ELLCT at the meeting at RSHA offices.
6. **Car Park Asset Transfer - engagement with Just Enterprise**  
The Business Adviser, Charlotte Lee, has been gathering information and liaising with the ELLCT to respond to SC comments. She will attend the next ELLCT meeting remotely.
7. **Local Place Plan (LPP)**  
The responses from the survey are being analysed and a further round of responses will be sought to encourage more younger people to fill in the survey. Matt Bridgestock, the architect who worked on the affordable housing design in Balmaha offered the ELLCT a day without charge to draw up some ideas for the school area in Milton of Buchanan. These to form part of a community discussion meeting in November. Date to be confirmed.
8. **Milton of Buchanan Church campaign**  
The ELLCT are to write to the Church of Scotland to lodge the community's interest in acquiring the church building which will be no longer required by Church of Scotland by the end of 2024. [MMcD to action.](#)

9. **East Loch Lomond Visitor Management Group**

LLTNP will convene the first meeting of this group this year, to be held on Friday 20 October at the Balmaha Visitor Centre.

10. **Footpath B837**

The dangerous condition of the footpath has been raised numerous times, not only by the ELLCT but many concerned residents who have contacted elected members and Stirling Council directly. The ELLCT has recently had a response from the Roads Officer who will issue cut back notices to farmers and land owners for the hegderows. SC have now undertaken, albeit over several financial years due to the cost, to attend to the footpath surface and have requested community advice as to the most urgent areas for attention. MMcD has sent a map indicating the areas of in order of priority. SC to also send an Area Inspector to assess the works required.

[MMcD to email for an update.](#)

11. **Strategic Timber Transport Scheme**

It was agreed to try again to the STTS to finish the work on the C6.

[MMcD to approach SC to start the process.](#)

12. **Christmas Tree and event**

David Fraser will source a tree and lights and the ELLCT will coordinate with the Hall Committee and Church to decide on the most appropriate day to have the event and the most appropriate location to site the tree. Activities around this to be discussed at next meeting.

13. **Communications**

Dave Arcari (not present) reported newsletters had been issued, website updates completed and social media populated as appropriate. Domain name and hosting has been renewed.

14. **AOCB**

**Makers Market** - only 2 stalls were present on the day however it was felt it would be worth doing the event again.

**Next Meeting:**

**St Mocha Coffee Shop, Monday 16 October 2023, 7:30pm**