

East Loch Lomond Community Trust

AGM, Memorial Hall, Milton of Buchanan



Wednesday 26 April 2023, 7:30pm

1. WELCOME - Walter McAllister welcomed members and guest to the meeting - there were 16 members and 1 non-member present. David Mackie, LLTNP Board Member was invited to outline his work with the National Park.
2. DAVID MACKIE told the meeting about his background in letting and property management and outlined his roles on the Planning Panel and Audit and Risk Panel. As part of his role attending local community meetings he has proposed the NPA create a system to respond to communities' issues.
3. MINUTES of previous AGM (19 May 2022)
Proposed: Jennifer Dodd Seconded: Maureen Saunders
4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - Walter McAllister (WMcA) presented his report.
 - i. Affordable housing development in Balmaha - Rural Stirling Housing Association has pushed back the longstop date for a third time - it is now 31 March 2024. RSHA continue to investigate ways to secure a contractor. A meaningful start has been made securing the planning permission. [There was some discussion around this topic. Members are very disappointed the development is still not underway while understanding the pressures and costs are affecting developments countrywide. Following a recent conversation with Evelyn Tweed MSP, she is to raise a question in Holyrood and will take the issue to the housing minister. A suggestion to involve the media was mooted and could be an approach in the future.](#)
 - ii. C6 - Balmaha/Rowardennan road - For a second year Stirling Council (SC) have not submitted a bid to Strategic Timber Transport Scheme to complete the upgrade. ELLCT will continue to press for the work to be done. [David Mackie reported SC do not have funds for the 30% cost the local authority has to contribute.](#)
 - iii. Community Asset Transfer Balmaha Car Park SC has requested a sixth extension to the decision date - now 31 July 2023. A joint valuation has been agreed and SC have issued tender requests to commercial valuers. [A suggestion was made to seek legal advice regarding the lack of engagement by Stirling Council Officers - it was agreed enquiries could be made.](#)
 - iv. Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Consultants working with LLTNP and local stakeholders have produced a Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development plan. [The lack of toilet facilities and the structure of the new path on Conic Hill were cited as issues. David Mackie will take these points back to the LLTNP board.](#)
 - v. East Loch Lomond Visitor Management Group meetings are chaired by the National Park Authority. Local community organisations, businesses and land owners as well as Police, Forestry and Land and Stirling Council also attend. Local East Loch Lomond issues are discussed but the lack of participation by Stirling Council officers negatively affects progress. [This lack of participation was discussed, it was agreed to invite local councillors to the next meeting.](#)
 - vi. Local Place Plan - A questionnaire will be circulated to members and the wider community.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT - David Fraser presented the report, the meeting agreed the accounts.
6. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES - David Mackie took charge of the meeting as the trustees all stood down and were elected unopposed.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm