

Meeting of Trustees

Date: Tuesday 6 February 2024

Location: Buchanan Memorial Hall, 7:30pm



Present: Walter McAllister, Margaret McDonald, Maureen Saunders, Arthur Hannan

1. **Apologies** David Fraser, Jennifer Dodd, Louise Doherty, Sandy Fraser
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** (05/02/2024) Proposed MS, Seconded WMcA
3. **Strategic Timber Transport Scheme (STTS)**
Stirling Council replied to the enquiry asking for a bid to be submitted by March 2024 saying an officer will respond to the ELLCT. MMcD has emailed again asking for a progress update.
4. **Local Place Plan (LPP)**
There has been some progress on the draft a further update will be available at the next meeting.
5. **Community Asset Transfer (CAT) car park & business plan**
Stirling Council requested another extension to the decision date - now 31 March 2024. MMcD reported a very positive meeting with Drew Leslie, Assets Manager, a further meeting to take place with SC, ELLCT, LLTNP, COSS.
6. **Affordable Housing Balmaha**
Another meeting with Paul McLennan, Minister for Housing took place in Balmaha Visitor Centre, chaired by LLTNP to discuss the issues which are delaying the build. The minister was in agreement regarding the need for housing and the meeting felt encouraged there was a will from the Scottish Government to be as supportive as possible. The re-tendering process is underway after another cost engineering exercise. New tenders may be available at the beginning of April 2024. The minister to be kept updated.
7. **Willow Maze**
The current condition of the maze is reported as very poor and there are two options:
 - a) *Make the decision that it cannot be saved, cut it down to its base and remove all material off site. This recognises that these willow structures have a finite life span.*
 - b) *Plan a major restoration job 2024/2025, reducing the height and setting the overall height again. The maze will look pretty unkempt this year. Next winter it could be possible to weave in the 2024's growth and begin to restore it to its former glory.*

As the maze is part of the car park, on completion of a successful asset transfer the whole area would be redeveloped and a final decision could be made at that point.
8. **Media**
Regular posting to the various community social media platforms. The website is being constantly monitored and security updates done as required.

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- (i) A concern was raised by a resident of MoB about the speed of vehicles. [MMcD to write to SC and raise it at the next East Loch Lomond Visitor management Group \(ELLVMG\)](#) chaired by the National Park.
- (ii) the road markings in MoB are faded. [MMcD to contact SC](#)
- (iii) B837 Footpath - [MMcD to contact SC to ask when will work restart.](#)
- (iv) the removal was queried - [MMcD will follow up](#)

Next Meeting

Memorial Hall Milton of Buchanan, Monday 11 April 2024, 7:30pm