

# Meeting of Trustees

**Date: Monday 09 September 2024**

**Location: Memorial Hall, Milton of Buchanan 6pm**



Present: Walter McAllister, Margaret McDonald, Maureen Saunders, Arthur Hannan, David Fraser, Louise Doherty. Guest: Elizabeth Robson, University of Stirling

1. **Apologies** Jennifer Dodd, Sandy Fraser
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** (20/08/2024) Proposed DF, Seconded MS
3. **Elizabeth Robson, Researcher, University of Stirling**  
Liz outlined the research she was doing for National Trust for Scotland (NTS) about Ben Lomond - How NTS connects with communities in areas/properties it owns - there was a general discussion. Liz will contact trustees & other members of the community as the research develops.
4. **ATR - Balmaha Car Park Update**  
There has been no communication from SC. The ELLCT is waiting for information about the process SC will operate to conduct the Review Request and if a hearing will be granted.
5. **Affordable Housing Balmaha**  
Paul McLennan, Minister for Housing responded to the letter from Evelyn Tweed MSP asking why the Key Worker Housing Fund was not available for new build housing. The minister outlined the different funding packages available and encourage the ELLCT to continue working with RSHA, SC and and the priorities of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP).  
There was a discussion about the length of time the community has been waiting for these homes and if there were any other options; it was agreed that the previous decision to move forward to investigate options for the former primary school was a positive course of action and keeping the Memorial Hall group up to date with developments was important and to continue to pressure decision makers regarding the Balmaha site.
6. **Roads, Paths & Balmaha Playpark**
  1. Work has started at the play park in Balmaha, it is vastly improved. Work is to be start on the Buchanan Smithy play park, replacement of swings and a possible additional item. The gate is still missing at the play park in Milton of Buchanan. **MMcD to contact SC to report this.**
  2. There is still no improvement to footpaths. SC and LLTNP have been contacted with explicit concerns to public safety. The ELLCT will continue to raise these concerns.
  3. The condition of the C6 is deteriorating rapidly. **MMcD to follow up with Roads Team.**
7. **Summer Picnic / Hydro Grants**  
There was a discussion about a possible date and it was decided, given the really poor summer, to postpone until next year. **MMcD to contact Buchanan Hydro to request this.**  
The date for the Christmas Event will be 8 December.
8. **Noticeboards**  
The noticeboards delivery is w/b 9 September. MMcD to contact DF when they arrive.
9. **AOCB**
  - 9.1 The Rowardennan Masterplan consultation is complete and the design is being finalised by the consultants, it will then be submitted for planning/funding subject to land owners approvals and fees.
  - 9.2 MMcD attended the DTAS annual Conference and AGM and reported it was a very informative and helpful event.

## **Next Meeting**

**6:30, Tuesday 5 November 2024, Memorial Hall, Milton of Buchanan (subject to change)**