

Draft Minutes



East Loch Lomond Community Trust AGM, Memorial Hall, Milton of Buchanan, Tuesday 17 June 2025, 7:30pm

1. WELCOME - Walter McAllister (Chairperson) welcomed members to the meeting - there were 14 members present and there were apologies from Jeanetta Doherty, Jennifer Dodd and Louise Doherty.
2. MINUTES of previous AGM (11 June 2024) Proposed: David Fraser; Seconded: Maureen Saunders
3. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - Walter McAllister (WMcA) presented his report.
 - i. Affordable housing development in Balmaha - with great pleasure it was announced the build would start in August with a projected build time of 60 weeks. The ELLCT will own four key worker homes. The cost including the land purchase is £972 225 with the Trust funding £127 000. Rural Stirling Housing Association will administer the ELLCT housing letting.
 - ii. Asset Transfer Request (ATR) Balmaha Car Park - in November 2024 Stirling Council refused the ATR. The ELLCT lodged an appeal with the Scottish Government - an outcome is expected by the end of June.
 - iii. B837 Footpath Improvements - work was started between Balmaha and Milton of Buchanan and should be completed this year possibly by the end of June. Discussions are taking place between the Trust, the National Park and Stirling Council about further improvements as well as the maintenance of the existing cycleway.
 - iv. Noticeboards - three noticeboards have been installed for community use.
 - v. Local Place Plan - is at the draft stage and will be finalised in the next few months with funding from the National Park.
 - vi. Buchanan Hydro Scheme - the ELLCT expresses thanks to Buchanan Community Hydro Society for their support. The second Christmas community event was enjoyed by many of us. The summer picnic was postponed last year due to poor weather. This year it is scheduled to take place on Sunday 24 August. Everyone is welcome. Other community groups applied via the Trust for funding.
Thank you Julie for organising and running the well-being sessions that so many in the community have benefitted from also Buchanan Church Heritage Trust also received funding for a feasibility study.
 - vii. The Trust again marked Remembrance Day with the laying of wreaths at the memorial in Rowardennan. Thanks to Arthur Hannan for organising and Debbie Park for piping.
 - viii. We were pleased to work with Stirling Council and see the installation of the new equipment in the Play Park in Buchanan Smithy.
 - ix. The Trust has applied for funding to create an e-bike charging point and bike racks on the community owned land in Balmaha. This is at an early stage with the first task being to install an electricity supply.
 - x. Residents in Rowardennan have opted to adopt the phone box. The ownership will be transferred to the Trust in the coming months.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT - David Fraser presented the report, the meeting agreed the accounts.
5. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES - All trustees at this point stood down and six trustees indicated they are willing to stand they were formally re-elected. At this point Walter McAllister announced he would be standing down as chair and as a trustee. He was presented with a gift in appreciation of his contribution to the ELLCT and the community. Jennifer Dodd (not present) also formally stood down.

There was a discussion about membership fees. It was proposed when the current 5 year fee period ends in 2026 a one-off £5 fee would be put in place. There was a show of hands and the proposal was carried unanimously.

There was a lengthy discussion about the lack of public toilets and it was agreed individuals and the ELLCT would write to elected members asking for a solution.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm