

Meeting of Trustees

Date: Monday 9 June 2025

Location: Memorial Hall, Milton of Buchanan 7pm



Present: Walter McAllister, Margaret McDonald, Maureen Saunders, Arthur Hannan, David Fraser, Sandy Fraser

1. **Apologies** Louise Doherty
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** (13/05/2025) Proposed MS, Seconded AH
3. **ATR Car Park Appeal** The Scottish Government reporter indicated his report would be with Scottish Government ministers by 17 June this has now been pushed back until the end of June.
4. **Affordable Housing - Timescale** for the build is estimated at 60 weeks starting in August 2025 with a completion in October 2026. **Letting Policy**; John Forbes will draft a lettings policy for trustees to discuss. **Funding Application**, an initial application has been submitted to Quaker Housing Trust for an interest free loan. Trustees asked if there were up to date images of the development. [MMcD to ask for plans/ images.](#)
5. **Local Place Plan (LPP)** LLTNP have agreed the funding for the final stage. MMcD has emailed the consultant to organise the next steps.
6. **Community Spaces Improvement Grant (CSIG)** An application has been made for a e-bike hub on the community owned land in Balmaha. The completion of cycleway and the improvements to the path network was also discussed. An email to NPA to pick up this project was responded to positively.
7. **Roads Department** the issues raised include speeding/noisy cars, the completion of the footpath work and the clearing of the existing path. The officer had indicated he will investigate and respond. It was noted repairs to the dangerous gate pillars at the church has started.
8. **Buchanan Hydro Grants** the ELLCT applied for funding to support the ELLCT and on behalf of other groups and these have been successful.
9. **Rowardennan Phone Box** the phone box in Rowardennan has been declared as surplus by BT and the residents in the area are keen to use it. An application to 'adopt' it has been made. The telephone box door is missing. MMcD has asked for it to be replaced.
10. **SEPA** the condition of the Mar Burn under the road in Milton of Buchanan was of concern and a complaint has been raised with SEPA.
11. **AGM** as the membership fees are due to expire this year it was agreed to propose a one off £5 membership fee at the AGM.

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1. MS shared information about the events to celebrate the Memorial Hall's 100th anniversary on Saturday 28 June. It's open to everyone in the community.
2. SF reported on his meeting with Chris Kane MP and Cllr Gerry McGarvey where the difficulties getting NPA and SC to work together to address the issues facing businesses and residents were discussed. Council officials were unaware of the ELLCT Parking Report of 2021. [MMcD to send report to SC officers.](#)
3. No work has been started on the burnt out house in MofB. [MMcD to contact planners for an update.](#)
4. Accountant - Trustees agreed to engage Gillian Caghey to prepare the accounts for OSCR.
5. SC are considering the Non Domestic Rates relief application for the community land in Balmaha.
6. MofB school site - Small Communities Housing Trust and ELLCT are investigating funding for a feasibility study for housing on the site.

Next Meeting is the AGM
Tuesday 17 June 2025 at 7.30pm