

Balloch Village Trust

Minutes of AGM – 3 September 2013

Present: Charles Stephen (Chair), Susan Williams (Secretary), Carolyn Gethin (Treasurer), Elspeth Fraser, Rebecca Huxtable-Smith, Adam Johnson, Hamish Johnston, Dave MacCulloch, Andrew MacGillivray, Diane MacGillivray, Simon MacGillivray, James MacKenzie, Roddy MacLennan, Gary Murphy, Mary Quemby, Gillian Spalding, Ian Thomson, Judith Thomson, Ian Williams.

Apologies: Sarah Crawshaw, Martyn Crawshaw, Liz Green, Jan McCormack, Ian Stewart, Mairi Stewart, Moira Unwin, Kate Williams-MacKenzie.

Minutes of last year's AGM: Approved by Ian Williams and seconded by James MacKenzie.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report: Available at: www.ballochvillagetrust.com

The Board has been strengthened by the addition of new Directors and has introduced e-banking. Carols at the Christmas Tree was again a successful community event. Some of the materials collected to produce the BVT Village History Book have been published on the BVT website. A monthly rota is in place for board members to monitor condition of trees, paths and litter and remedy where necessary. The Development Strategy 2012–2027 provides direction for the coming years with the immediate priorities to increase membership of Balloch Village Trust (currently approaching 60) and to finalise the Community Woodland Management and Improvement Plan. Initial discussions to involve the Forestry School in producing a Management Plan were not successful. The Board has requested a quote for the production of a Management Plan from a forestry professional who would act as a contractor and possibly as the project manager. IW (Chair, BCC) asked for details and intimated that BCC would consider making a contribution to the cost of the management plan. The BVT subgroup will consult BVT members on the priority issues raised in the Management Plan. BVT will then cost the work and raise funds.

Treasurer's Report: The balance currently stands at £1599.

Amendments to the Articles

The proposal to amend the articles so that the requirement for the accounts of the Company to be 'audited' be replaced with 'examined' was carried unanimously.

Appointment of Examiner

The appointment of Signpost as independent examiner was carried unanimously.

Membership of the Board

1. James MacKenzie was elected as Director.
2. Gary Murphy was co-opted as Director.

Any other Business

The local Nursery confirmed their regular use of the Community Woodland welcomed the new benches, but commented on the nettles and continuing problems with dog mess. BVT members were asked to approach dog owners seen not removing their dog's mess and suggest that they use the bin provided.