

# Balloch Village Trust

## Minutes of Board Meeting, 20 March 2014

<b>1 Welcome</b>	
<p>Present:            Site visit: Charles Stephen, Susan Williams, James MacKenzie, Moira Unwin, Gary Murphy, Ian Thomson, Geoff Robson            Meeting: Charles Stephen (chair), Carolyn Gethin (treasurer), Susan Williams (secretary), James MacKenzie (elected), Moira Unwin (Community Council), Gary Murphy (coopted), Ian Thomson, Geoff Robson (invited)            Apologies: Elspeth Fraser, Gillian Spalding</p> <p>Minutes of 16 January 2014 proposed by JM, seconded by GM.</p>	
<b>2 Matters arising</b>	
<p><b>Archives</b>            Selection of photos and captions is ongoing.</p> <p><b>Community woodland</b>            CS will arrange site visit with Robert Patton regarding removal of branches on beech tree at SW corner of woodland.            CS offered to speak to Ian Chalmers re carving of tree stump. BCC have agreed to fund this.</p> <p><b>Woodland map</b>            Sales and demand at Scotmid are tailing off but being monitored.</p> <p><b>Play park</b>            Highland Council own the land and are happy for a small park to be added. Consultation with residents and schoolchildren will identify what people want. Ian Reid of HC can identify what is available together with costs.</p> <p><b>Fundraising events</b>            A fundraising Hallowe'en community event was suggested to coincide with publicising progress with the Management Plan.</p> <p><b>Members</b>            Moira offered to design a simple poster using a QR code for interested residents to email <a href="mailto:b.v.t@btinternet.com">b.v.t@btinternet.com</a>, and to post minutes on the BCC notice board.</p>	<p>MU, GS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>BCC</p> <p>MU</p>
<b>3 Treasurer's report</b>	
<p>The BVT account balance is £924. Second payment (£150) has been made to Ben Davies for the Woodland Plan. 50% of the total cost (£300) will be invoiced to BCC.</p>	CG
<b>4 Community woodland</b>	
<p>Site visit pre-meeting was useful in envisaging location of sitting area and paths on the ground. Suggestions: relocate sitting area to between eastern path and woodland boundary; simplify complicated design of additional paths in supplementary plan to give either a NW-SE path or one E-W path; realign southern part of paths to avoid steep gradient and make them DDA compatible; move the western path away from adjoining residents' boundary; install fence at north-west boundary of woodland and plant apple trees; include path along northern boundary in paths to be surfaced; ensure that ongoing maintenance keeps sides of paths clear of nettles, brambles etc.</p> <p>Board agreed to forward Parts 1 and 2 of Management Plan to BCC for consideration at meeting on 26 March, with note that map is indicative at this stage. CS to attend.</p> <p>CS confirmed that BD would provide clarification of minor details within the existing</p>	<p>SW, CS</p>

<p>payment. Discussion included: consultation with adjoining residents (CS) following acceptance of plan by BCC; inviting HC rangers to comment on location and proposed use of sitting area and related paths (GR); revising the map following advice from rangers; publicising the revised map and brief details of work and timescale on website and noticeboard (SW, MU). GR suggested that commissioning a professional to help submit funding applications might improve success, and that some work could be done in stages depending on funding.</p>	<p>CS GR SW, MU</p>
<p><b>5 AOCB</b></p>	
<p>GM suggested the purchase of biodegradable fluorescent paint to spray on dog mess in the woods - so that walkers can avoid it and to show owners that community is aware that mess is not being picked up. Unanimously approved.</p>	<p>GM</p>
<p>CG suggested that we need a logo for use on correspondence, and agreed to design one.</p>	<p>CG</p>
<p><b>6 Date of next meeting</b></p>	
<p>Thursday 22 May 2014, 7.30pm, 11 Meadow Road. Changed to 15 May</p>	