

# Balloch Village Trust

## Minutes of Board Meeting, 28 August 2014

<b>1 Welcome</b>	
Present: Charles Stephen (chair), Carolyn Gethin (treasurer), Susan Williams (secretary), Ian Thompson, Moira Unwin Apologies: Gary Murphy, Gillian Spalding Minutes proposed by CG, seconded by IT.	
<b>2 Matters arising</b>	
<b>Beech tree</b> CS to coordinate cutting of beech tree and obtain quote from Tree Surgeon with a view to getting the work done in November.	CS
<b>Fundraising events</b> Fundraising Hallowe'en community event deferred to 2015 when most of the Woodland work has been done.	
<b>Dog mess</b> GS to produce poster requesting dog-owners to 'bag it and bin it'. CS to ask if the shop would supply poo bags.	GS, CS
<b>BVT assets</b> Laptop, projector and screen, video camera, external hard drive and display boards all now located and stored with BVT secretary. Photo archive stored on the external hard drive and some photos will be added to the website. Note offering loan of display boards (via SW) to the community to go on BVT and BCC websites.	SW, MU
<b>3 Treasurer's report</b>	
The BVT account balance is £909. Invoices paid to Signpost, Coachman Bat Consultancy and Calico (3 years' web hosting). Accounts have been signed off by the independent examiner, filed at Companies House and will be filed with OSCR.	SW
<b>4 Community woodland</b>	
1. Thinning: Tuesday 9 September, 6-7pm. Bring loppers, gloves etc.	All
2. Bat survey was completed early August. Sitka spruce identified for removal not considered to be positive for bat roosts. Coachman Bat Consultancy have offered to place 'log-cabin' bat boxes on stumps in the woodland for us. SW to arrange.	SW
3. Felling: Davie MacCulloch and Adam Johnston will undertake the work (6 trees/quarter) in exchange for some of the wood. Some stumps should be left for creative carving and siting of the bat boxes. Other timber to be retained for benches. Black spiky bushes (blackthorn?) to be retained. The Forestry School might provide a brasher/chipper to process the smaller wood. Another site visit is required to confirm site of community area and which trees are to be removed.	CG
4. Paths: Kevin Fairclough of Paths for All will come and give us free training in surveying the paths and assessing work required, with a view to preparing a detailed specification prior to asking contractors for quotes. SW to arrange site visit following removal of most of the trees.	SW
5. FCS will be clearfelling area south of community woodland in 2015-19. Map and letter were circulated. Plans are to replant with Sitka spruce, Norway spruce and broadleaf trees.	
<b>5 Woodland paths map</b>	
SW to check take-up and stocks at the shop. Quote to reprint is £160 for 500 copies. Scotmid might give grant to cover reprint - MU To check.	SW, MU

<b>6 AGM</b>	
<p>Wednesday 1 October, Balloch small hall, 7.30. Hall booked 7-9pm, £6/hour. Publicise via email to BVT members, school newsletter, BVT and BCC websites and posters. Powerpoint presentation of woodland plans and report on progress to be prepared by MU. Also use display boards with laminated info and pictures. Print off copies of Management Plan for AGM. It was agreed that CS ask Geoff Robson to stand as a director and that we need to recruit at least two more people to the board.</p>	<p>SW, MU</p> <p>MU, SW</p> <p>CS</p>
<b>5 AOCB</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ian Thomson notified that he would be standing down at the AGM and CS thanked him for his work over the years.</li> <li>2. Carving of the sycamore stump: CS to ask Ian Chalmers to go ahead with the carving; BCC confirmed they will cover the cost (approx £1000).</li> <li>3. Carols in Cherry Park: Thursday 18 December. CS will organise mulled wine and mince pies.</li> </ol>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p>
<b>6 Date of next meeting</b>	
Thursday 20 November 2014, 7.30 pm, 11 Meadow Road.	