

Balloch Village Trust

Minutes of Board Meeting, 22 April 2015

1 Welcome	
<p>Present: Charles Stephen (chair), Carolyn Gethin (treasurer), Susan Williams (secretary), James MacKenzie, Geoff Robson, Gillian Spalding, Elspeth Fraser, Rachel Arkell</p> <p>Apologies: Moira Unwin</p> <p>Minutes proposed by CG, seconded by GR.</p>	
2 Matters arising	
<p>Beech tree Crown lifting has been completed in two stages and generated less wood than expected. Dispose of smaller branches when brashing waste from felled timber.</p> <p>Carving of the sycamore stump Awaiting Ian Chalmers. EF to confirm that BCC have £1000 set aside to pay for this.</p> <p>FCS felling plans GR reported that Moray Estates will shortly be removing windblown timber and then replanting.</p> <p>Membership Scotmid have agreed to display a suggestion box and membership forms. Poster on BCC noticeboard.</p>	<p>EF</p> <p>GS, SW</p>
3 Treasurer's report	
<p>The BVT account balance is £314. EF to confirm email for Norman Lindon (possible replacement independent examiner); CG to contact.</p>	<p>EF CG</p>
4 Community woodland	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SW to contact Davie and Adam re start date for next tranche. 2. Hire brasher when next tranche is completed - provisionally June. GS offered to strim area prior to brashing. 3. Continuing problem of garden waste being dumped near path on western side of woodland. Chairs of BVT and BCC to contact neighbours. 4. Paths for All Survey and Design course is on Sunday 17 May. SW to notify all BVT members. CS to forward details to Stewart Easthaugh and mountain bikers. Applications direct to Paths for All. 5. Horse riders have been using the woodland paths but it was agreed that the paths will need to be made suitable for horses rather than request them not to use the woodland. 6. Bridge on western path is again in need of repair. SW to ask Sean Unwin if he could repair using timber from bench near the beech tree. 7. SW reported that the large clump of snowdrops had been split and replanted near compost bins. 	<p>SW</p> <p>SW, GS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>SW, CS</p> <p>SW</p>
5 Noticeboards	
<p>It is not possible to add notices to the current boards at the entrances to the woodlands. CS offered to contact George Hamilton and Roddy Balfour for funding for replacement noticeboards. Magnetic boards with a plastic front cover might be available on the internet - GS to check.</p>	<p>CS GS</p>

6 Succession planning	
To provide continuity (CS and SW are both due to retire from the Board in 2016), CS proposed that he retire as of 2015 AGM for a year and come back in 2016. No one was willing to stand as chair so it was agreed that the Board should run with a 'rotating' chair. In addition to an email approach to all BVT members, all Board members are requested to consider and approach possible candidates for the Board.	All
7 Membership	
SW to invite Tiny Tots Nursery and the Baptist Church to become associate members.	SW
8 Playpark	
Application to Awards for All for funding for a Feasibility Study into the wider needs of the community was submitted in late March. RA and GS to encourage school parents to be involved in BVT.	RA, GS
9 Fundraising	
CS estimated we might need £10,000 for the path work and offered to compile folder of funding sources.	CS
10 Lyme's Disease Project	
CS asked whether BVT would like to be involved in this project as we are in an area of high tick activity. Board agreed to circulate info to the membership.	CS, SW
11 AOCB	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RA noted the primary school would be holding a summer fete (date confirmed 13 June) and agreed to keep Board informed. Board agreed it would be useful to have a stall. 2. Board decided not to participate in Scotmid's Big Clean-up. 3. As part of his research into Community Right to Buy, Rob McMorran of Scotland's Rural College has interviewed CS and two former BVT directors. Although current legislation does not allow BVT to register such an interest, it was suggested that it would be useful to include an appropriate question in the Feasibility Study in item 8 above rather than BVT having to carry out another survey of community interest. 4. SW to contact Hall Convener re available dates for AGM in September. 	<p>RA</p> <p>SW</p>
12 Date of next meeting	
Wednesday 24 June 2015, 7.30 pm, 11 Meadow Road.	