

# Balloch Village Trust

## Minutes of Board Meeting, 28 October 2015

<b>1 Welcome</b>	
<p><b>Present:</b>  Carolyn Gethin (treasurer), Susan Williams (secretary), Moira Unwin, Mary Quemby, Gary Murphy, Gillian Spalding, Rachel Arkell  Chair: Carolyn Gethin</p>	
<b>2 Matters arising</b>	
<p><b>Carving of the sycamore stump</b>  Defer decision on which tree to carve till path work is completed.</p> <p><b>Noticeboards</b>  Chair BCC asked BVT for a spec for the noticeboard from Norbord. It was agreed that we would like two free-standing lockable noticeboards approx. 1200x800mm, with clear front panels hinged on the side, if possible one for each entrance but failing that we could fund the second if Norbord would make it.</p>	IW
<b>3 Treasurer's report</b>	
<p>The BVT account balance is £611.35 (incl £261 from Scotmid for path work). CG noted that Stuart Paterson has agreed to act as independent examiner for no fee.</p>	
<b>4 Community woodland</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Davie will take down the next tranche of trees (8) before Christmas. Removal of the trees for new path should be done by Davie if cheaper than the contractor building the new path.</li> <li>2. New planting should wait till the path work is completed.</li> <li>3. MU offered to identify which trees could be carved or have bat boxes and should be left for the time being. NB: Davie can't fell such trees.</li> <li>4. CG to contact Ben Clinch of Moray Estates to take up his offer of piping and timber for the culvert. BVT will obtain remaining materials and do the work.</li> <li>5. SW and GS to source bare root trees e.g. blackthorn, dog rose, crab apple, which will be low maintenance.</li> </ol>	  MU CG SW, GS
<b>5 Playpark</b>	
<p>Following the rejection of the Awards for All application and reviewing the size of the investment, GS and RA propose installing a trimtrail (approx. £12000) and swings (£6-8000). They will approach Ian Reid of Highland Council for prices and advice on who owns the land and which body the new application to Awards for All should be made through.</p>	RA, GS
<b>6 Funding applications</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As the playpark funding application will be to AfA, BVT will apply for Ward Discretionary funding to build the new path at the southern end of the Woodland and repair the path from the northwest entrance. GM offered to obtain three quotes, using specifications from item 16 in the partially completed AfA application but revising the path width to 1.5m. MU offered to complete the form for submission. It was agreed to submit under BVT in the first instance even though BCC owns the land.</li> <li>2. Scotmid noted that they usually provide sweets for the children at the Carols so it was agreed that we should take this up rather than the offer of printing.</li> </ol>	GM, MU

<b>7 Carols at Cherry Park</b>	
Thursday 17 December, 5pm. Already arranged: Dave and Lynn Cadell (kitchen), singers from the Baptist Church. To do: poster (MU), school newsletter (GS), contact Charles Stephen re road closure (SW), mince pies and hot drinks (SW) (mulled wine and fruit punch/ blackcurrant juice). CG to contact CS re obtaining the carol booklets and offered to produce extra copies (100 A5) if necessary.	MU, GS, SW, CG
<b>8 AOCB</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Culloden Forest Partnership: GS to contact Lucy Ford (Forestry Commission recreational ranger) asking her to contact us when they have plans for the woodland and CFP.</li> <li>2. SW asked for someone to help keep website up to date - CG offered.</li> <li>3. SW asked for someone to monitor funding opportunities and report to Board - MQ offered.</li> </ol>	GS CG MQ
<b>9 Date of next meeting</b>	
Wednesday 2 December 2015, 7.30pm, 59 Culloden Road.	

**Deferred items:**

1. **Lowering membership age**
2. **Carving of the sycamore stump:** BCC have £1000 set aside to pay for this.
3. **Garden waste:** Chairs of BVT and BCC contacted neighbouring householders and agreed BVT should erect a post and rail fence to define woodland northwest boundary.