

Balloch Village Trust

Minutes of Board Meeting, 2 December 2015

1 Welcome	
<p>Present: Carolyn Gethin (treasurer), Susan Williams (secretary), Moira Unwin, Mary Quemby, Gary Murphy, Gillian Spalding Apologies: Rachel Arkell Chair: Gary Murphy</p>	
2 Matters arising	
<p>Noticeboards Awaiting progress.</p>	
3 Treasurer's report	
<p>The BVT account balance is £609.</p>	
4 Community woodland	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awaiting next felling tranche. Check with BCC for update on progress. 2. MU identified trees numbered 1 and 2 to be left for the time being for later carving or siting bat boxes. 3. No response from Ben Clinch of Moray Estates but this might be superseded by path works (see item 6). 4. Munro's have bare root blackthorn, dog rose, crab apple and rowan and about 30 could be purchased for about £30-40. BCC have offered to fund. 	<p>SW</p> <p>SW, GS</p>
5 Playpark	
<p>GS, RA and MQ met Ian Reid of Highland Council. He will put a specification for trimtrail, swing set and toddler slide out to tender. Kate Stephen is coordinating land ownership and planning permission issues. Awaiting Highland Council to repair fencing. Further funding might be available from WREN and Tesco.</p>	<p>RA, GS</p>
6 Funding applications	
<p>GM has obtained 1 quote to build the new path at the southern end of the Woodland and repair the path from the northwest entrance, including repairing the culvert. Quoted cost is approx. £5000 incl VAT. Decide on contractor when we receive the two further quotes and arrange another site meeting with preferred contractor to quote for similar work on path on northern boundary and removing the old metal pegs from the eastern path. MU will send first draft of Ward application form to Charles for comment before submitting in late January/early February when we have final costings. It was agreed to submit under BVT in the first instance.</p>	<p>GM, MU</p>
7 Carols at Cherry Park	
<p>Thursday 17 December, 5pm. Road closure arranged; MQ to distribute letter to Cherry Park residents. MU to contact Balloch Hall to borrow a table; failing that GM has one. CG to contact Scotmid re vouchers for sweets; MU will then buy. Charles Stephen has kindly agreed to organise the hot drinks (mulled wine and fruit punch/blackcurrant juice); SW to source. Meet at about 4.45.</p>	<p>MU, SW, CG</p>

8 AOCB	
Kate Stephen is following up Forestry Commission plans for the woodland and Culloden Forest Partnership.	
9 Date of next meeting	
Wednesday 13 January 2016, 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. Decision on which tree to carve deferred till path work is completed.
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.