

**Balloch Village Trust**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting, 13 March 2016**  
**Special meeting to discuss Ward Discretionary Grant**

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| <b>1 Welcome</b>   |   |
| <p><b>Present:</b><br/> Carolyn Gethin (treasurer), Susan Williams (secretary), Mary Quemby, Gary Murphy, Geoff Robson, Donald McDonald (BCC rep)<br/> Apologies: Gillian Spalding, Moira Unwin, Rachel Arkell<br/> Chair: Carolyn Gethin</p>  |   |
| <b>2 Choice of contractor</b>  |   |
| <p>Three bids (incl VAT) received: Hitrak £4667, Brandon £9959, GF Job £10328. Hitrak have still not done a site visit and there was concern that their tender was too low. Preferred contractor is Brandon but we need to be able to rule out Hitrak objectively. Unless Hitrak can provide an updated and competitive tender by 25 March, the Board will engage Brandon for the project. Aim is to finish work by end July.</p> <p>1. GM to contact Hitrak to obtain a site visit and bona fide tender.<br/> 2. GM to contact Brandon to confirm the timescale they could work to.</p>   | <p>GM<br/> GM</p>                         |
| <b>3 Funding</b>   |   |
| <p>Funds available so far: £9000 (Ward Discretionary Grant) + £260 (Scotmid), leaving a shortfall of £700 on Brandon's quote.</p> <p>1. Up to £1500 could be available from the Paths for All Community Path Grant - SW to submit Expression of Interest.<br/> 2. Chair BCC will check Davie's availability to fell trees in the area of the new path before work starts. DM to ask BCC whether the £1000 set aside for tree carving could be used to engage a tree feller if Davie isn't able to do this in time. Board members might be able to chainsaw the trees if necessary.<br/> 3. CG will approach FCS and SNH for possible funding.<br/> 4. SW will thank Ward Manager (Jimmy Flint) for grant award and let him know that we will be raising further funds to complete the project.</p> | <p>SW<br/> IW<br/> DM<br/> CG<br/> SW</p> |