

LOCHGOIL COMMUNITY TRUST

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL LIBRARY

Wednesday 6th February 2019.

1. **Present:** Tom Murray, Sheron Hambly, Anne Livingstone, Tim King, Elizabeth Bain, Irene Campbell, Roger Brook, Karen Martin.
Apologies: Matt Wynne.
2. **Chairmans opening remarks:** TM welcomed everyone to the meeting.
3. **Approval of minutes of previous meeting:** Proposed by RB, seconded by EB.
4. **Treasurer's report:** main account stands at £2295.20 after transfer of £1083.55 from Hub funds raised for the community garden. Bus account stands at £9522.24.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a) **Action Plan:** update of progress against plan for Community website. SH preparing information.
 - b) **Carrick Castle Projects:** moving forward with plans for the recently purchased land. Dates set for car boot sale (25th May) and Carrick Fayre (13th July).
 - c) **Area Network:** next meeting 20th February at Whistlefield Inn.
 - d) **Forestry land and River Walk:**

Forestry land - the Board agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Pete Clark following announcement of his resignation at the previous meeting. MW and the Men's Shed group are working on a Stage 1 funding application for a potential community asset transfer for the Deer Larder. Due to the risks associated with this purchase, MW has suggested an alternative option of a cabin on the curling rink, however current change of use planning consent explicitly precludes building on the curling rink.

River Walk -Stage 1 - EB has chased Scottish Natural Heritage regarding the funding payment and has been advised that an inspection is likely. The project team will continue to keep the path in good order. The funding report to Paths for All has been submitted.

Stage 2 - Given the positive feedback received for the River Walk and the number of people extending their walk along the old coach road, the team want to maintain momentum by making good a 50m section immediately after the forestry works. This will be achieved with volunteer effort and donations and should enable a route to be established through the wettest section, allowing access to another 1k of path. Timing the works around forestry extraction will be key. The team are continuing to investigate funding sources for Stage 2.
 - e) **Community Bus:** The bus had 3 hires, travelled 253 miles and earned £218 carrying 42 passengers. The bus is currently undergoing repairs but is expected to be back in service shortly.
 - f) **Lochgoil Energy Ltd:** No update.
 - g) **AGM:** no update.
 - h) **Lochgoil Park and Garden:**

The land transfer is in progress and planning consent for change of use has been granted, with certain conditions placed on planting, buildings and ongoing maintenance. The ornamental beds have been prepared and the order for shrubs has been placed for delivery in April. The woodland trees will be planted in March when the foraging hedge plants are also due for delivery. KM is preparing the soil in the vegetable growing area and working on several funding applications.

The National Park have organised volunteer Ranger days week commencing 11th Feb, the project team will be present to supervise activities.

A range of deer proofing measures will be used but some plant loss to wildlife and weather conditions is expected. Nature, history and river information signs are being commissioned through the Paths for All funding. The need for new signage for the park itself and to highlight the path entrance was agreed.

6. **Comms & membership:** The Community Trust Facebook page is getting lots of traffic with over 100 followers. Directors agreed that all posts by Board members will need approval by another Director before publishing.
7. **Letters received:** Community Partnership reminder about Core Path Consultation and free workshop at Balloch.
8. **Any other competent business:** the Park change of use planning consent requires a 5 year maintenance plan which RB will provide. The Board agreed that maintenance plans should be a requirement for all Trust projects so that operating costs can be budgeted for. Maintenance plans to be provided by TK for the River Walk and EB for the play area.
9. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 6th March at 7.30pm.