

Minutes of meeting held on 31 May in Burgh Chambers

Present: L.Cameron M.Griffiths H.Gunkel M.Heen S.Holden M.Holloway
L.Isgrove B.McKay A.Mitchell F.Park M.Warnock

A.Docherty S.Winstone

Apologies: D.Moore M.Moore P.Prescott J.Snodin

1. **Minutes of April meeting:** Approved. prop L.Cameron ; sec A Mitchell
2. **Visitor Information Centre:** The first weekends of opening showed that there is a need for extended opening times as soon as volunteers can be trained and more volunteers recruited. Support from Loch K staff is excellent and will be continued into extended opening hours where feasible. Local tourist-related businesses need to be persuaded to provide their publicity information for the centre, and stocks of more locally-relevant leaflets and maps need to be regularly refreshed. An official opening event will be organised for Tuesday 18 June, with Citizen of the Year, Lesley Hawkins, carrying out the ceremony.
3. **Callander Community Woodland group:** A further edit of the application to Forestry and Land Scotland has been made, incorporating comments from the recent community consultation exercise. The meeting at which this application will be considered has now been set at 31 October.
4. **Car parks/ toilets etc:** A meeting with SC is urgently needed to get answers to questions about maps of the areas, ownership and income. DTAS should be asked to provide support.
5. **Landscape Partnership:** The Pathways project is progressing, and both the Archaeology project and Black Grouse project are completed. Oral History project will involve many local people in late summer, as interviewees and interviewers. Many outdoor activities such as weekend woodland work are proving attractive. Further funding is being sought from Visit Scotland and LEADER. The lack of a barrier at junction of Craggs footpath and Ancaster Road is to be questioned.
6. **Summerfest:** The programme is now complete, with a wide range of events suitable for all ages and interests, over the 2 weeks 13-28 July.

Brochures will be available by mid-June, but the complete schedule is now on line and bookings already being taken. Distribution of brochures will be from VIC where they will be stored. Volunteer distributors and volunteer stewards for events are now being recruited. The tireless work of the Town Coordinator in collating the programme and compiling the brochure was highly commended.

7. **Winterfest:** It was noted that organisation of events over the weekend would be undertaken, but the festive lighting must be attended to as soon as possible via SC 's responsibility for street lighting which is still faulty in key sections of Main Street.
8. **Finance:** The general fund stands at 21,250.06 all project-linked.
9. **Town Coordinator:** There was no formal report as most of the TC's work had been underpinning all reports detailed earlier.
10. **Reports:** Received from Greener Callander, Primary School Parents group, McLaren Leisure, Heritage Society, CYP
11. **Any other business:** It was noted that the next combined CCDT/ CCC meeting would be as part of the next Callander Partnership meeting on Friday 21 June at 10am in McLaren High School, when SC appointed consultants would attend to discuss proposals for the future of St Kessog's.

Date of next meeting...Friday 28 June at 10am in Burgh Chambers.

Minutes approved and signed by Frank Park, Chairman, on 28 June 2019