

Minutes of meeting held on 28 June 2019

Present: M. Griffiths H.Gunkel M.Holloway L.Isgrove B.McKay A.Mitchell
M.Moore D.Moore F.Park P.Prescott

A.Docherty S.Winstone

Apologies: L.Cameron M.Heen S.Holden M.Warnock

Minutes of May meeting: Approved. prop P.Prescott ; sec A Mitchell

Visitor Information Centre: The official opening on 18TH June by Lesley Hawkins was well attended. Loch K staff are scheduled to be on duty each day when daily opening commences for July and August. Volunteer rotas are now managed by L.Luti ; more volunteers still required to give adequate cover. There is a need for a large notice stating that this is a community project run by volunteers in conjunction with Loch K. Staff, and that donations are welcome to ensure its continuity. Footfall after first weeks of limited opening already past 2000.

Asset Transfer Community Woodland group: A full report was provided by the group, noting that further refinement was being made to the FLS application. A new requirement is that a fresh valuation of the land has to be made , no earlier than August, and funding will be required for this task.

Asset transfer car parks group: A meeting with a representative of SC Estates Dept to discuss the various ownerships of the land was welcomed, and there should be a report back within a few weeks.

Callander Landscape Partnership: Conditions for landowner agreement about access to/ use of land need to be clarified. Work on Leny Falls bridge and paths needs staff with engineering expertise...this matter has to be resolved as soon as possible to keep to time schedule. Path parallel to Bracklinn Road...work is due to start in August, after repairs are completed to path down from Craggs to Ancaster Road.

Heritage project within CLP: A reprint of the 'Stories in the Stones' leaflet requires funding; several sources suggested.

Summerfest: Brochures now printed and delivered by volunteers. There will be a woodlands leaflet for the trail to identify animals (hand-made) in Coilhallan Wood, and photographs of outstanding viewpoints in the wider area will be staged at intervals around the Meadows.

Town Coordinator's report: This covers May and June activity

Financial report: The General account stands at 24370.00 all project related.

It was again noted that donations to CCDT general funds are very few; projects rely on grants from external funders. Members of individual groups are also members of CCDT and group leaders should clarify this so as to revive CCDT membership awareness and encourage increased financial contribution from individuals in lieu of re instating a membership subscription.

It is planned to hold the AGM before the CCDT Board meeting on 26 July, when the 2018/19 accounts should have been examined by SVE.

Noted that for the year 2019/20 there will be no Appointed Director from CYP nor from Callander's Countryside. John Snodin had resigned from being rep for Callander's Countryside...his dedication to that project and others, including the building of the new Bracklinn Bridge, was commended by all.

Reports: were received from Callander Enterprise, McLaren Leisure Centre, Heritage Society, Asset Transfer group/s.

CCC/CCDT joint meetings: After much discussion it was agreed that quarterly meetings would be most practicable because of so many other individual commitments. Next meeting...Monday 19 August.

Any other Business: The Board agreed that CCDT would provide the banking service for Callander Meander, as they are an informal group without a constitution and bank account

Minutes approved and signed by Frank Park, Chairman, on 26 July 2019