

BALLOCH VILLAGE TRUST

Minutes of Meeting of Board 10th March 2008

Present	Liz Green, Gillian Spalding, Ian Williams, Alex Bennett, Hamish Johnston, Graham Dunbar	
Apologies	Fiona MacArthur, Ian Thomson, Graham Dunbar, Donald MacNeill	
1 Directorship	Since the last meeting Mike Crew has resigned as an elected director, he will be replaced by Rosalinda Wallace.	
2 Paths	<p>The draft core paths plan has been issued. The pedestrian crossing over the A96 is marked as aspirational only. It was agreed that BVT will respond, requesting that this should more of a definite plan.</p> <p>A new footpath from the caravan site at Sunnyside to the Keppoch has been agreed.</p> <p>The path to link Balloch from Viewhill to the Keppoch has been agreed in principle by The Highland Council but no monies and not all of the land ownership has been identified.</p> <p>The suggestion of involving the Primary School in the woodland paths mapping was raised, the school will be contacted.</p> <p>Hamish has met Gareth Whyment in the woods regularly and he will get in touch with Ian and Donald to discuss next steps regarding paths marking.</p>	<p>Liz</p> <p>Gillian</p> <p>Hamish</p>
3 Website	A lottery application has been prepared to fund the development of the local history project, including addition to the website. Graham has final details to add after discussion with Liz and it will then be submitted.	Graham/Liz
4 Local History	The social evening linked to local history in December was successful. Hamish has been working at the Highland Council researching archaeological sites around Balloch, including the cairns near the A96. He has collated a lot of information and will compile this into something suitable to be added to the website.	Hamish
5 Car Boot Sale	The Car boot Sale in October was successful, the teas and coffees particularly so. Thanks to Denny for arranging this and having the posters printed. A total of £75 was raised.	
6 Shop, post office, post box	Scotmid are taking over the shop and it is likely to open in April. There is word re post office facilities but Provost Bob Wynd is working with the Post Office to have the large post box resited near the shop.	
7 Wellside Playing Field	Concern was raised that the land at Wellside which is designated for community recreational use is not being utilized for this purpose. There is a fear that the planning status of community recreation may be lost in the next local plan. At present half of the land is designated for housing and if the other half is not utilized for community recreation it may all be zoned for housing in the future. Alex Bennett will contact George Riddell as Chair of the Balloch Social and Bowling Club to discuss any recent developments.	Alex
8 Fete	It is likely that there will be no fete again this year due to lack of enough volunteers.	
9 BVT future directions and priorities	<p>It was agreed that BVT will continue to pursue its' current activities. An AGM was discussed, this will be in May. It was suggested that this might be combined with an open evening by Scotmid, this possibility will be investigated. Hall to be contacted re possible date.</p> <p>Concern was raised that point 32 of the articles is too restrictive. Douglas Graham to be contacted to investigate if this can be altered</p>	<p>Gillian</p> <p>Gillian</p>
Next Meeting	Date to be confirmed.	

