

Balloch Community Liaison Group

Meeting 28th February 2023

In Attendance – Ian Williams , Catherine Bunn, Anna Myeshkova , Trish Robertson , Helen Cameron , John McHardy , Paula Grant

Apologies – Morven Reid , Andrew Lilley

Minutes

1. Actions from Previous Meeting

- Community event - Ian confirmed that over 100 people attended. Options are still being analysed and results will be announced on 11th March at the next meeting. Need to ensure woodland around the new housing site is sustainable.
- School grounds – On 3rd February there was a meeting with Robert Campbell regarding the school field. Funding still to be sorted. Anna confirmed that the Ward manager is Mark Mackay. Catherine mentioned Woodlands in and around towns funding for clearing, bridges etc. The fund is run through Scottish forestry.
- Housing energy efficiency measures – Architect to be invited to a future meeting.
- Biodiversity of landscaping – Landscape Architect to be invited to a future meeting.

2. Housing Project Update

- Enabling Works – Due to complete by 23rd March 2023.
- Housing Project – IBI Contractors have access to the site for archaeological investigations. Phase one area will be Heras fenced. The rest of the area will be left open for pedestrians. It has a 72 week programme, with works due to complete in Autumn 2024. Over the coming months activity will build up on site with the kits expected to be erected in late summer this year. Catherine and Trish asked that bike storage is considered carefully when it comes to developing the flats on the site. An example of positive bike storage was mentioned in Ardersier. Paula to explore this.

3. Knotweed

- Japanese knotweed in private ownership land. Helen was previously in touch with owner who confirmed there was a spraying regime. Helen to get an update from owner

4. Woodland Update

- Village trust looking at the woodland. Helen to catch up with ward manager prior to next meeting to see what he can do to support.

5. AOCB

- Anna mentioned that Highland detectorists sought permission to go on site on 12th march. Helen confirmed that they won't be able to interfere with the area the contractor is working on.
- The community Benefit element that the housing site is providing is to be confirmed.