

Balloch Community Liaison Group

2nd August 2022 3:30

Minutes

In attendance – Morven Reid, Trish Robertson, Jane Day, Helen Cameron

1. Apologies
John McHardy, Andrew Lilley, Melanie Smith, Ian Williams
2. Actions from previous meeting
 - a. Gateway feature - still to be addressed with Planning
 - b. School site clearance – the clearance has been priced but deferred until September to avoid nesting birds
3. Project update
 - Enabling works
On site – delayed due to identification of a further fibre cable and a nesting bird preventing felling of one tree (this has now been undertaken). There is currently a 2 week delay taking completion to end Oct/Nov. This does not affect the programming of the school extension which is set to commence beyond this date
 - The pedestrian safe route has been changed to run alongside Barnchurch Road. This was deemed more appropriate than wending through the construction site
 - Housing Project
Progressing towards tendering the works during September
4. Woodland

The purchase from the Crown is still to be finalised.

Post meeting note – Melanie has requested a meeting re the woodland which HC will organise

5. School ground
Jane was able to give an update of the status of the area round the school. The residual land available for broader community use can be established once the school requirements are accounted for:

Land required for educational purposes and discussed with the former head teacher/new head as follows:

- 2 pod classroom extension
- synthetic pitch /MUGA
- Additional dining space/games area
- green area
- carparking

The timing of delivery of these elements has yet to be agreed. The capital programme does not currently identify these for expenditure within the current period

There are other pressures on the school as the classroom sizes are below current standards and there is no ASN provision within the school

Action – Jane to seek approval for a plan to be drawn up showing the required area for school improvements. This will then give the community clarity on the land available for broader community initiatives

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