

## BAILIES OF BENNACHIE BOARD MEETING 10/4/17

The meeting was held at the Bennachie Visitor Centre and was chaired by Jackie Cumberbirch who welcomed all present to the meeting.

Board Members present, Ann Baillie, Brian Cornock (Treasurer), Barry Foster, Angela Groat, Harry Leil, Rosemary Sievewright, Helen Summers, Sue Taylor and Andrew Wainwright.

Also present, Dawn Brown ( Garioch Partnership)

1. APOLOGIES from Jill Mathews, Iain Ralston, Donna Taylor and Neil Taylor.

2. Matters arising from minutes, Bennachie Visitor Centre opened on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017  
ACTION POINT DT to send a copy of corrected minutes to BCT. ( Draft minutes should only go to the board trustees, other interested parties should get the corrected version)

3. UPDATE ON SCIO

When transfer to SCIO is complete the Charity Number linked to the Bailies will change ( an OSCR rule) and will have to be changed on all publications and documents.

The banks and the membership will also have to be informed. A letter will be sent along with the Annual Report.to the membership

ACTION POINT JC will draft a letter to the membership for DB to approve

Final changeover will happen at the 2017 AGM.

In May 2018 changes to the Data Protection Act will mean all members will have to AGREE that the Bailies ( any charity) can contact them using their email address.

4. TREASURER REPORT. BC (reports attached)

The auditor has received the 2015/16 financial report and will check it this week. If all is well it will be ready to be signed off and sent to OSCR by 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Internet banking can now be done on the Bailies Clydesdale current account. It was agreed that a statement would be prepared for each meeting

A spreadsheet will also be prepared for expenditure from both grants for each meeting.

WAPA asked that the Bailies donation to them, be made to Lord Forbes.

5. PUBLICATIONS and PLANNING AB

Payment still outstanding for calendars from Insch PO and Kelly of Cults (changed hands)

Calendar group AB,DT and HL will meet to plan 2018 calendar later this month. Ideas and photos welcome.

The application for planning permission to build two lodges at Blairdaff has been withdrawn.

6. PUBLICITY. ST

BC, DT and ST met to review the need for advertising the Bailies. Possibilities are

a) Welcome pack to be sent to new members, consisting of a letter, receipt, membership card and a car sticker.

b) Business card, compliment slip and name badges.

c) Banners – Long waterproof banner, pull up banners, flag type banners

Cost would be around £1,000. Board happy to support ideas. All items to include the new logo and the new Charity number.

ACTION POINT. The new logo should also be included on official Bailies emails.

Small items, such as bags, mugs, tea towels, fridge magnets and keyrings, advertising Bennachie, are available but board not really interested in stocking these.

Meet the Bailies Days Dates suggested 16<sup>th</sup> April, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> July Two hour sessions with a minimum of 2 people at Bennachie car parks. Volunteers needed.

## 7. CHAIR REPORT JC

- a) Rowantree toilets. Aberdeenshire Council plan to close the toilets after September unless someone else will take over maintenance. Bailies will raise the issue but will not participate.
- b) Thanks to AB for her work and organisation of the Bailies collection move to GHC. She also presented £50 vouchers to Duncan Downie and Myrtle Anderson Smith on behalf of the Bailies for their help. Both responded with thank you letters.
- c) Bailies will pay GHC. £100 (? per year) for housing the Bailies Collection and get a discounted rate of £50 per session, for meetings. Next time CS is at the GHC he will set up the computer. Date needed.
- d) Former clerk to the Bailies, Dr Geoff Gill died on 10th March, AB represented the Bailies at his funeral service. Info /photos needed to put onto the website/annual report/calendar. AB will visit his wife Margaret.
- e) A member of the Landscape Project Group plans to digitally record all videos and other audio material held by the Bailies
- f) Save Bennachie MG not present but she noted that the contracts for engineering the A96 dual carriageway will not now be awarded till June.
- g) FCS NT not present but he would have reported the closure of some informal trails on Millstone Hill for Forestry work and some continuing work at the pond.

## 8. GRANTS REPORT

- A) Peoples Postcode Lottery Grant for wild life studies. JM  
Mammal section well attended, Bird section low on numbers and botanical section not yet started but will need GPS units to note the position of specific plants.  
30<sup>th</sup> April. Course on using wild life camera traps  
ACTION POINT for HL Retrieve GPS units from hill wardens.
- B) Heritage Lottery Fund Grant - Digital Bennachie JC  
APP – gathering info eg map, drone shots and info from BLP group  
Digital Archive. Smart History is building the data base and will give training on using Social Media.  
Kailyard at Shepherd's Lodge. CF has been able to get Oyne Primary School pupils involved in this project, to recreate a kailyard by planting native plants, bushes and trees
- C) Creative Histories.in conjunction with U of A. ( Education Dept) will present a drama in mid. September, based around life in the colony houses.

## 9. AOB

Special Landscape Area status?

BLG have located prehistoric Round Houses on the Turnpike with the help of the Lidar map

BF will carry out a survey and AG will take photos

Ongoing survey of Quarries Bogs and Trackways. BF

Update staff/ management of Pittodrie House re Bailies activity on their property ?Talk

Drystane Dyking CM will be repairing a wall.

## 10. SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

DT to send a corrected copy of the minutes to BCT

JC to draft a letter to membership for DB approval.

ALL New logo should be used on all official emails.

HL GPS units needed for 6<sup>th</sup> May

Next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017