

BAILIES OF BENNACHIE BOARD MEETING

Date 15th January 2018

Attendees: Jackie Cumberbirch (JC) (chair), Ann Baillie (AB), Brian Cornock (BC), Angela Groat (AG), Harry Leil (HL), Iain Ralston (IR), Rosemary Sievewright (RS), Donna Taylor (DT), Andrew Wainwright (AW), Margaret Garden (MG) (Save Bennachie) and Neil Taylor (NT) (FCS)

Apologies: SUE TAYLOR

Item	Comment	Action	Responsible/ target date
1 Previous minutes	Accepted. JC asked if new format was OK, mostly approved	Continue meantime	RS
2 Matters arising from previous minutes	Barry Foster and Helen Summers have been thanked for their work on the Bailies Board.		
	JC has contacted the BCT about Centre opening times. Car parking fee still to be paid during winter closure but no facilities available.	No action yet	
	Photos of the support for the Orientation Tables at Mither Tap and Oxencraig not yet done due to inclement weather. DT suggested getting in touch with a photographer (John Smith) often on the hill, to do the job.	All agreed	DT
	Replacement of filing cabinet with broken lock will not go ahead due to lack of space for another and the expected decline in use as material is stored on line		
3 Matters arising from Updates	CHAIR REPORT JC suggested co-opting Margaret Garden onto the Board with special responsibilities for Save Bennachie.	All in favour	
	AGM to be on 22 nd March 7.30 – 9.00pm at GHC		
	JC express the Board's appreciation of the work done by BC during the Christmas break to claim a considerable sum of Gift Aid for the Bailies.		
	HLF project has been extended till 27 th April to finish off various items most importantly the AP		
	PPL project has been finished but £6,000 of grant remains		
	Permission needed from FCS for various events on the hill. If they are walk, talk and look, is it needed?	NT will check.	NT
	Arrange a meeting for trustees on their responsibilities.	Contact Dawn Brown GAP	JC
	TREASURERS REPORT BC (circulated)		
	A discussion was held about the money transferred from the now closed Barclays account to the current account, (now near its compensation limit)	Several suggestions offered. Further research needed.	BC
	MEMBERSHIP / WEBSITE REPORT DT (circulated)		
	Website needs updating, it is being neglected because of Facebook.	Check content for updating.	All Board members
	Data protection course taking place in Huntly. Anyone interested	JC and AW as well as DT	DT

	BENNACHIE LANDSCAPE GROUP AG		
	Aberdeenshire Council Archaeologist has agreed to fund further work at Druminnor	JC asked if work was being considered at Pitodrie House	AG
	FCS UPDATE NT		
	Millstone Hill paths are now open again. Wood stacks have been reduced in height		
	A liaison meeting to be arranged with work party members		NT MT HL
	Permission for most future Bailie events, may not be needed, if they are walk, talk and look only. If vehicle access, infrastructure or signage needed, specific permission will be needed.	NT will confirm	NT
	SAVE BENNACHIE UPDATE MG		
	The report launch and meeting with Keith Brown (Cabinet Sec) NE MSPs and Reps from Transport Scotland at Holyrood, went very well. The event got good press, TV and radio coverage, A link to the STV item maybe available. A meeting with Amey Arup, Transport Scotland and the Bailies is strongly recommended. ? a hill walk.	JC to get the STV item link for Facebook JC to contact Transport Scotland and Ame Arup.	JC
	Radio Scotland's Out of Doors programme would like to meet /walk with reps from Save Bennachie and the Bailies on Wednesday 17 th Jan. Anyone free	Two people from Save Bennachie will be there.	Possibly AB also
	Banner space on private land bordering the A96 needed urgently.	Anyone with access	All
4 Projects Update	PPL		
	This project has ended but around £6,000 of funding remains. Options for spending it available but approval of PPL would be needed	Contact PPL re options	JC
	Option 1 Wild life group want to continue with JM as (paid) coordinator		
	Option 2 Disseminate the results of project -Displays, Booklets, ? Aps		
	Option 3 Use contacts already made to befriend the landowners (paid project)		
	HLF		
	This project has been extended to the 27th April to complete the Ap.		
	The Ap will be launched mid. April, with a link from the Bailies website.		
	Tablets will be bought (with the Ap loaded on them) which can be hired by the public from the Bennachie Centre. Strapped waterproof covers also		
	Possibility that U of A want to do another drama around launch time.		

5 EVENTS	For 2018		
	3 rd March Apple tree planting on Bennachie Lunch supplied for volunteers.		
	Mary Mackay and Margaret Gill have been asked to come to see a tree planted to honour their husbands and a couple who gave a sizable donation.		
	Mid April. Launch of the Colony Ap.		
	Date not set. Bailie guided walk to Harthill cave		
	Date not set. Dog/ Dog owner behaviour/ fun day in conjunction with FCS	Any other suggestions	
6 DEVELOPMENT OFFICER POST	JC BC and DT sub group circulated some thoughts for discussion		
	Distance from Bennachie should be more than 10 km – too restrictive		
	Working hours more flexible from 10 hrs per week to 40hrs per month		
	Funding may be available from Glens of Foudland Wind Farm, Garioch Area Partnership, Tesco and the Bailies		
	Get Dawn from GAP to have a look		JC
7 AOB	The insurance premium specifically for the Bailies books is £150 per year	All agree to pay that amount to GHC	JC
	Membership leaflets need to be relabelled with new charity number		AG
	Future meeting dates – 26 th Feb. 7pm Board meeting at GHC		
	22 nd March 7.30 AGM at GHC		
	30 th April 7pm Board Meeting at Bennachie Centre		
	11 th June 7pm Board meeting at BC		
	23 rd July 7pm Board meeting at BC		
	3 rd Sept. 7pm Board meeting at BC		
	15 th Oct. 7pm Board meeting at ?? BC ??GHC		
	26 th Nov 7pm Board meeting at GHC		