

BAILIES OF BENNACHIE BOARD MEETING

Date 3rd September 2018

Attendees: Jackie Cumberbirch (JC) (chair), Ann Baillie (AB), Brian Cornock (BC), Angela Groat (AG), William Linklater (WL), Rosemary Sievwright (RS), Donna Taylor (DT), Sue Taylor (ST)

Guests Neil Taylor (FCS), Lynda Bain (save Bennachie)

Apologises: Margaret Garden and Dave Peters

Item	Comment	Action	Responsible/ target date
1 Welcome	JC welcomed all present to the meeting		
2 Previous minutes	Area affected by fire on Bennachie was not 25 hectares, error noted by WL	Corrected to 2.5 hectares	RS
3 Chair Update (JC)	Demonstration of forestry machines in action on Millstone Hill	Names of those interested directly to JC	All
	Proposed extension to the Gordon Way from Inverurie to Huntly. Who will maintain it?	Forestry Enterprises (FE) will clear paths on FCS land	NT will follow this up.
	Is there a place on a First Aid course for WL or would FCS sponsor him.?	JC to contact Jane Hay	AP for JC
	Write to Pitodrie Estate to thank them for allowing access for the Bede House project. Around 50 members of the public visited the dig.		AP for JC
	BLP want to publish their work. There is a possibility of sponsorship to help with the cost.		
	GHC. Work ongoing on the Mac PC Can the files be backed up?	External memory devise should be at GHC	ST to look fo it
	Bookcases holding Bailies books at GHC still need to be varnished and named	AB has work in hand	
	It was agreed to continue holding winter board meetings at GHC		
	Action plan for 2018/19 was circulated before the meeting and was approved as a working document ST added some proposed budget details, eg £500 for marketing and £10,000 for Outreach / Development Officer post	Approved by all	
	Plan of action for recruitment of the Outreach/Development post was suggested Advertise post in January, Interview in February Appoint in March.	JC and ST would welcome one more person to help.	
	Bailies protocols and privacy statement are in hand BC circulated an example from NEMT which could be modified.		
	All board members who had not already done so, were asked to sign a Trustee Declaration Form	Forms to be held by DT	

4 Treasurers Report BC	Report circulated before meeting. BC presented part 1 and 2 of the report going to OSCR for 13 th March to 31 st December to be approved and signed by JC These will then be sent to David Minnett for him to finalise and add his signature to part 3		
	BC asked if the board would approve of an investment with a stockbroker instead of the CAF account previously mentioned.	Further investigation will be done	BC
5 BCT/BOG Report AB	Next BCT meeting will be Monday 10 th Sept	AB unable to attend.	
	A Bennachie Operations Group (BOG) meeting was held on 24 th August. Bennachie Centre won the Thistle award this year and had 23,400 visitors from April till July		
	Disappointed by the lack of wild life displays promised by the Wild Life Group		
	Pat and Alison produced a tree identification sheet		
	Dog fouling campaign went well but Dog Warden did not attend !!		
	Fire procedures at the centre need to be finalised		
	A defibrillator may be installed at the centre		
	Toilets in the Centre need maintenance. Centre closes on 28 th October for the winter. Volunteers needed to fill bird feeders and leaflet holders Toilets at Rowantree close at end of September.		
	A meeting between BCT and the Bailies would be advantageous before 28 th .		
6 FCS/FE Update NT	FCS had decided against replacing information panels on the Colony Trail because of other sources of the same info, however the Bailies felt strongly that the first Colony House (Cairn Couttie) on the colony trail should be signposted in some way. They would be prepared to fund and maintain such a marker.	NT agreed to try to get FCS to agree to Bailies request.	AP NT
	Internal changes in the organisation are to take place from 1 st October, the implications of which will take some time to show but there is no reduction in staffing levels so all may be well.		
	The Bailies felt that path maintenance had been neglected in some parts. A recent work party had cleared 71 water bars on the path from the Centre to Mithertap. A new path near Shepherds Lodge also needed attention from FE.		
	Better communication between FE warden and Bailies work party leaders as to which jobs need to be done and who should do them.		
7 Save Bennachie Update	Lynda Bain gave an update on this occasion.		
	In October the number of possible routes for the new A96 will be reduced from about 50 to 10. Amey Arup Joint Venture (AA) will accept validated data from the Bailies Wildlife Project.		
	Save Bennachie will be attending a meeting with Michael Matheson, the new Cabinet Sec. for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity on 19 th September. Transport Scotland and supporting MSPs will also be present. It is hoped that it will be as positive as the last meeting.		

	Save Bennachie want to run a press and Social Media campaign in the run up to the decision of the 10 routes to be selected. The public will be asked to submit 10 second videos about why the love Bennachie. "10 Seconds to Save Bennachie"		
	There is now an Instagram account for the "Save Bennachie Alliance"		
8 AOB	Next Year will be the 80 th anniversary of the plane crash on Bennachie	Do the Bailies want to mark the occasion?	
	Could the Bailies produce a publication from the collected wildlife data?	Get info. From the wildlife cameras to go on Facebook.	AP for JC
	Possible event for Breast Cancer, supporters to circle the top of Mithertap		
	Alford KT bike run and Gazebo event.	ST to attend and investigate.	ST
	Autumn /winter meetings 15 th October at BVC, 26 th November at GHC and December ? social event, to be discussed.		
	Next meeting 15 th October.		