## BAILIES OF BENNACHIE BOARD MEETING.

## Date 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Attendees: Jackie Cumberbirch (JC) (chair), Ann Baillie (AB), Fiona Cormack (FC), Brian Cornock (BC), Margaret Garden (MG)), Angela Groat (AG), Harry Leil (HL), William Linklater (WL) Dave Peter (DP), Rosemary Sievewright (RS), Donna Taylor (DT), Andrew Wainwright (AW)

## Apologises: ST

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1 Welcome.	JC welcomed all present to the meeting at Tesco's Community Room and thanked AB for chairing the previous meeting.		
2 Previous minutes.	Accepted without comment.		
3 Maters arising from minutes.	Grant applications, Work ongoing.		DP FC
	Air Crash Memorial Event. 27people attended the walk to the cairn along with AB,FC,HL,ST and John Nicol and Alison Sutherland. James McKay's daughter Fiona laid a cross at the site.	It was well organised and enjoyed by all present.	
	Exhibition of photos/paintings at the BVC raised almost £1,000 and with Gift Aid added the RAF Benevolent Fund will get £1,250.		
	Bennachie Landscapes Book Series 4. It was decided at the last meeting of the BLG to get 300 books printed. It will be launched on 21 <sup>st</sup> November at the GHC.	AP Check with CM that all is in hand.	FC
	A- Frame Colony House repairs. Mike Taitt agreed that repair work was needed. It was suggested that all the Colony Houses should be surveyed, to decide which should be actively preserved.	Regional archaeologist Bruce Mann should be consulted.	
4 Treasures Report. BC	Previously circulated BC highlighted a few items.		
	No bill yet from Global Web.	Leave this issue to the web gp	
	Money ready for Bede House dig expenses, Book 4 in the BLG series and Alex Thomson for the film of Bennachie.		
	Should we have a budget set up for the WildLife group? Bailies accounts-	Feedback needed from this gp	JC will contact JM
	Shawbrook account interest, going up from 0.8% to 0.9% on 9 <sup>th</sup> October.		
	Clydesdale now have a current account with an interest rate of 0.5% on full balance, BC will get present current account converted to this new one.		
	BC plans to open a Stockbrokers Account with Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), which will be needed if /when, we are ready to invest money in a tracker fund or stocks/bonds.	No amount of money or a time frame has yet been decided.	

Publicity done for the Bede house dig, the aircrash 80 <sup>th</sup> anniversary memorial	
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afternoon tea for two at Pittodrie House Hotel.	
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In her absence JC reported. Emails had been circulated.	
CM and ST weeding out duplicate books to be offered to GHC.	
Bailie volunteers probably not needed on Wednesdays, no takers up till now.	
Suggest an appointment system be set up if needed.	
Old receipt books for annual subscriptions. ? could be destroyed if info is online.	They contain personal data.
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	<ul> <li>event and the series 4 BLG book launch.</li> <li>The Woodland Stories event sponsored by the Bailies and Aberdeenshire Council has been advertised and proving popular.</li> <li>Website updating is proving difficult.</li> <li>Working with Pittodrie Estate re plans for their land and they seem keen to be seen to be cooperating with the Bailies. FC hopes to meet the owner Mr McDonald, next time he's around.</li> <li>FC has met with Lord Forbes, who assured her he is an honorary Bailie and is happy to work with the Bailies on his land and is interested to receive the annual report but not the meeting minutes.</li> <li>She is also liaising with the Bennachie Centre staff and the Garioch heritage staff</li> <li>She has been in contact with the Glens of Foudland Windfarm Trust with the hope of getting a grant to support the film of Bennachie being prepared by Alex Thomson.</li> <li>Garioch Charity Shop application for a scanner due in this week.</li> <li>Many other local organisations have money available to give as grants eg the Airport and the Harbour Trust for appropriate projects.</li> <li>There will be a Bailies stand at the Hill race on 29<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>October will be Membership month, encouraging people to join or give membership as a present. There will be a press release at the beginning of the month and a social media campaign One lucky new member will win a prize of afternoon tea for two at Pittodrie House Hotel.</li> <li>Calendars selling well. (Suggestion for next year, Photos of paintings of Bennachie)</li> <li>Cheque received from Kitty Fiefield (Kate Campbells cousin) for £500 for calendars but £380 was a donation.</li> <li>Possibility of getting greeting cards (general) produced for sale at the centre, at events or online. Cost 70p suggest selling for £2. Other merchandise could be mugs, water bottles and tea towels.</li> <li>2274 An increase of 11 since last time.</li> <li>2274 An increase of 11 since last time.</li></ul>

10 Work party Update. WL	In conjunction with the University Woodlands Society, the next work party will		
	remove exotics from the tops and from Oxencraig down to the Gordon Way		
11 AOB.	WL suggest that the appropriate email addresses be used for Bailies business.		
	Could FLS use their bush cutters to keep the Gordon way passable.		
	Lots of informal paths have been made by runners and mountain bikers. One	Bailies should know about	
	such used by runners between Oxencraig and the Gordon Way is boulder strewn	these paths but NOT maintain	
	could the Bailies help to improve it?	them.	
	Signage on Bennachie has been altered by vandals, could FLS ensure that new	JC to see NT about this.	JC
	signs are tamperproof.		
	Signage for the Colony Houses still needed.	Get advice from Bruce Mann.	
	AB is now a Trustee with the Bennachie Centre Trust, not just the Bailies Rep.		
	Next year is 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of BCT. ? Bailie assistance at events.	FC will liaise with BCT.	FC
	Gordon Noble to be approached about giving a talk at next AGM.		JC
	Next meeting 28 <sup>th</sup> October.		