



Minutes of the meeting of Trustees of Bailies of Bennachie held in person at Garioch Heritage Centre on 28th February, 2023, at 7pm.

In Attendance, Trustees: David Bale (DB), Ann Baillie (AB), Lorna Bell (LB), Fiona Cormack (FC), Alex Doig (AD), Alan Henderson (AH), Willie Linklater (WL), Kim Morgan (KM), Peter Stock (PS), Donna Taylor (DT).

In Attendance, non-Trustee: Stella Gauld (SG)

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	RESP/ ACTIONER
1 Apologies	Apologies were received from Margaret Garden (MG), Jim Herbert (JH),	
2. Minutes	Previous minutes were noted correct. Minutes were more in note format. Items arising, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No matters arising 	
3	Pre-reads were all previously issued, and no comments on these.	
4	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Added spreadsheet on Teams on position to date, also budget now there. Spending less, likely due to time of year.</p> <p>Interest income from bank, also dividend income received, interest higher than expected due to rates being higher than plan assumptions. Dividends lower due to timing.</p> <p>£4589, surplus to date on trading.</p> <p>Investments value up £47k to date,</p> <p>Some calendar sales, payment not received from specific outlets. Being chased. Additional printed this year, and 100+ through web sales.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement for Paypal on website, could use Just Giving for memberships & donations, but not sales. Difficult to change from GlobalWeb options for banking. Want to use credit card, as well as PayPal. AH and PS to review offline. Still waiting on date for audit, soon. AH will chase. 	AH/PS AH



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Bid for Time	<p>AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGM Date to be 27th April, speaker and online. 7.30pm. Speakers to be the BLPG and Wildlife Group as a joint report. AB to check with the BLPG group and DB to organise the Wildlife/Environmental aspect. What do they do? 15 mins x 2. Suggestion for next year, speaker Roy Dennis. 	DB/AB
	<p>Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concept of A Voice for the Hill, proposal that this is adopted. It has been updated since original shown last month. Engage with 42 Marketing again to start deploying this. Adopt this new logo instead of the existing logo? Some discussion that without the bubbles it's not totally clear, with some strong views to retain existing logo, while some want to move to the new logo. Views requested round the table, and with a majority is carried to start using the new logo. Next meeting with 42 is 22nd March (PMN 22/3) 	PS/FC
	<p>Insurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FLS permit still contains unlimited liability. We are unlikely to get this changed, as it is set very high up in FLS. Proposal to accept the risk due to very low probability of occurrence. Accepted 	
	<p>Inverurie WellBeing, 18th May</p> <p>Does the BoB want a table at this event, week long event? Our own event is the following Saturday, so perhaps dilutes the effort, general no. DT to reply with a no.</p>	DT



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	<p>Open Day, 20th May 12-4pm</p> <p>AB reported on the activities confirmed and on show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadine Ralston will play one of the piano pieces on harp • Peter sourcing student to play piano • Iain Thow will play with the Garioch Fiddlers. (TBC) • Rhona Mitchell has been asked to perform some of the play, but players are occupied so may not happen. • Bennachie film on show, montage of drone footage and photographs. • Each group to showcase their own projects, e.g. Fun & Learning, BLPG, Wildlife Group, and on tables will be on show. • Event management company to set up, provide equipment, cake provision, AB is getting costings on that. • Insurance shouldn't be a problem, own Public Liability. DT reminded that any event with over 100 people, they must be advised. • Mark Stephens to be approached to compete. • Banners to be up on display to ensure the footfall for the hall. QR codes to go on the banners. • Use the Inverurie Business Improvement District and Visit Aberdeenshire to help promote events. • DB commented that an invitation to join in the Open Day as soon as possible should be extended to the various groups. • Wildlife camera footage could be used as a rolling video, and also in the BVC. Douglas Stalker, graduate, could make up a montage, as working on some archive material too. • AB to create a programme to share 	PS/AB (all)
	<p>Bailies Integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aside raised from comment on Open Day, that the Bailies need to be more integrated with the involved groups. BLPG group need to know as example the new owners of the Bennachie sites, as Bede House and the Pittodrie digs are on their land. • BLPG group felt that they should be involved more (PMN PS to attend next BLPG meeting to roll out Voice for the Hill) • Formerly the FC had representation on the BoB meetings. • PMN – PS / DB / LB to meet to develop Wildlife inclusion strategy 	PS



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	<p>Resignations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DT and WL have both resigned. Stella to take up any of the admin slack. The PO Box will be changed, and the info@ will be redirected to admin@ . Stella will take ownership but may sub-contract if required. • Media being subcontracted with respect to web, FB, etc., needs to have the personal touch of the Bailies. • One new Trustees to be in IT, and a role description is being prepared. • Secretary, concern that a new person at this level may be difficult. WL mentioned that Stella took over the admin, and the actual secretary role is not onerous. Job description still to be updated. (PMN – Alan advised some urgency in replacing the secretary as we need back-up signatories for the bank accounts) • Advertise it well before the AGM, as may receive volunteers. • Path Trustee is a potential new position, to get more scope with FLS. In the past Hill Warden Reports went to FLS, and then inaction thereafter. FLS are redesignating paths. Footfall is currently at the high level because of the past investment in the paths and post pandemic. BoB cannot take on the maintenance to current standard as a huge cost, as FLS suggested unofficially BoB to take on above the treeline. Can BoB highlight this to be put into the public domain? Quote the accident level with cost of rescues on Bennachie. With the downgrade of path status, and possible removal of way-markers, FLS will not have to maintain the paths. Aberdeen Trail Association (ATA) are getting funding to get a contractor, under FLS steering, to maintain some of the unofficial bike trails . • All trustees continue to be vigilant for new trustees 	PS
	<p>Colony App Upgrade / QR Codes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart History have given a quote, £1500 of modifications required, 1100 users have downloaded it, a lot of usage on graphics. Further review before going ahead with the upgrade of the app. Alison Sutherland uses it. (Discuss continued support of Colony app at next meeting) • With respect to the QR code report, it would need to be preloaded into an app, as no wifi on hill. • Further quote of £15000 total, to roundme.com issues, digital characters, virtual reality game experience are all possible. Not supported 	PS
	<p>Draft Aberdeenshire Development Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionnaire for the Bailies to complete on this plan, potentially also individuals. (PMN – Complete) 	

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	<p>Mobile Phone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a phone formerly used by Estee, now available. Could be used by Outdoor Support person? Given to Kim Morgan in the meantime. It's Pay As You Go, not on contract. SIM Card to be checked. 	KM
	<p>Budget for NESBREQ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Level Agreement with them, at cost of £5548 over the 3 years. Area defined by River Don, to Chapel of Garioch, Oyne Fork, Auchleven back to the River Don by Keig. Useful for wide variety of data of flora & fauna recorded with locations. Steering Group is Jill Matthews, Jackie Cumberbirch, etc. Annual payment, agreed by Trustees for the 3 years, to be drawn down out of the £20k Habitat budget. Pay one year at a time 	DB/AH
	<p>VIP Visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still not known if this confirmed, potentially late summer, autumn if this is to happen. May be short notice. Agreed to still go ahead with the bid for this visit. Potentially at Pittodrie House as close to the dig, includes a walk and would be easier to manage crowds / visitors / catering 	
	<p>WorkParty, 11th March</p> <p>Volunteers from all areas are welcomed for the tree planting.</p>	KM
	Meeting finished 20:57	
	Next meeting Tuesday 4 th April at Garioch Heritage Centre, 7pm	

Signed – Chair – Peter Stock
Date 4th April, 2023



Signed – Secretary – Willie Linklater
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