

## Notes & Actions

Balloch Charrette Steering Group Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Present:** Jim McQueen (Balloch & Haldane Community Council), Stuart Mearns (National Park- Head of Rural Development), Derek Manson (NP- Development Planning), Charlie Croft (NP-Tourism), Rebecca Hughes (NP-Communications), Fiona Jackson (NP-Communities), Marnie Ritchie (West Dunbartonshire Council-Economic Development Manager), John Walker (WDC-Roads), Mike Williams (Scottish Enterprise) , Rowena Colpitts (Sustrans), Emily Davie (Sustrans)

### **Scope & Membership**

Business representation. Agreed that rather than having individual businesses attend this meeting, the Community Council would communicate updates and gather comments from the business community.

Agreed that this was not a decision making group, rather a forum for sharing plans and updates, and gathering input from stakeholders.

**ACTION:** JMq to communicate key updates and gather feedback from business community for this group

### **Signage**

As part of the village improvements there will be some signage included in the plans, but not a full signage strategy for Balloch. A National Park signage strategy is in development but requires more work and bringing up to date. Agreed that a cohesive signage strategy for Balloch is needed to ensure consistency throughout the village.

**ACTION:** CC to forward NPA signage strategy when available.

### **Balloch Castle**

WDC reported that there are now 2 x preferred options for Balloch Castle following the feasibility study by ZM architects. These are now being considered by officers and will be made available in an accessible format, possibly as early as mid June.

**ACTION:** WDC to make available results of feasibility study for Balloch Castle

### **West Riverside**

The preferred developer is continuing to investigate constraints on site. PAN to be submitted by 19<sup>th</sup> May. Plans will be published when ready on a temporary website and the developer will seek to engage further with local community and stakeholders ahead of the final planning application being submitted. It was noted that the red line denoting the development site will be updated from the original plans that were published

**ACTION:** MW to provide the group with any significant updates on an ongoing basis.

### **Station and Village Squares**

There is one week left of the consultation period. Following this there will be an exhibition of the final designs with detailed designs being worked up from July onwards. Final designs will be submitted to WDC.

**ACTION:** RC to issue timeline to group.

**ACTION:** MH to share funding package details

**Parking Survey**

The parking survey results were shared, but it was agreed that a full discussion around parking in Balloch requires a separate meeting, and potentially a parking working group.

**ACTION:** RC to collate parking comments and share with the group

**ACTION:** JW will enquire if a parking sub group would be supported by colleagues and if so, seek to convene.

**EVENTS**

Using the opportunities presented by European Championships in 2018, NP is leading on creating an events working group and strategy. Progress will be shared at the next meeting following business engagement.

**ACTION:** CC Share update re events with the group at the next meeting.

**Any Other Business**

JMq raised the issue of existing maintenance gaps in the Balloch area, in particular the walkways along the river Leven on approach to Balloch Park and planting. It was agreed that co-ordination of efforts is key to preventing decline in public areas and that an update from the Greenspace team at WDC would be useful at this time.

**ACTION:** MR will ask the Greenspace team at WDC for an update re planting.

**Next Meeting**

27<sup>th</sup> September

**ACTION SM**