**Loch Tay Association Management Committee Meeting**

**The Reading Rooms, Kenmore**

**Wednesday 26th July 2023**

**Present:** Bill Oppenheim (Chair), Wilma Harrison, Sheila Mitchell, Lou Oppenheim, Shirly Shearer, Keith Mitchell, Rob Jamieson, Darren Scott, Douglas McRobbie, Andy Aitken, Anthony Dowling, Ingrid Sheilds, Nick Dixon, Barrie Andrian, Peter Ely, Robert Van den Berge, Dale Hinton, Jeanna Reanna (apologies if this is incorrect), Robert Johnson, Eric Stickland & Tom Collopy

1. **Apologies:** No apologies noted. Nick Grant would be late.
2. **Chairman’s Report:** Bill gave a quick resume as to why we haven’t had a meeting for some time. Our committee diminished since our last meeting and we were unable get a quorate of members on two attempts at an AGM. New committee members are encouraged.
3. **Current Situation:** KCC are the statutory body liaising with DLC regarding the development of the Castle and Estate. All parties are keen to adhere to the Code of Conduct produced by the LTA some years ago, which closely resembles the one produced by Taymouth Marina more recently. Killin also have “rules”. It was agreed that LTA/Taymouth Marina and others would work together to produce a single Code of Conduct that would incorporate all versions. The Marina stated that they are very strict on upholding the C of C with their guests and will continue to exercise it vigorously. It was noted that there are far more paddle boards and kayaks on the Loch. Loch Tay Highland Lodges have some motorised vessels but are mostly low level.

**ES** reported that consent has been given to replace the waste system at the Marina and are awaiting a license from SEPA. Work is due to start in October.

**RJ** observed that the CC were representing the community well and that questions were being answered by letter.

**CC** offered to support LTA on all issues raised.

It was agreed that everyone was concerned about the environmental impact of current developments. The current situation at the Crannog Centre is that there is a delay due to ground conditions and therefore a delay in restoring public access.

**TC** conceded that the information provided by DLC had fallen short and that communication with the community was key. He stated that DLC were keen to enforce the C of C. Several local CC’s will meet with DLC tomorrow (27th July). They do plan to open the shop and other facilities.

**RJ** asked if the had plans to buy/develop the Marina?

**TC** reassured the meeting that he did not have all the answers to concerns about the development as it was liable to evolve as it progressed but no plans to develop the Marina.

**CC** have a list of questions asked by members of the community and the answers to those questions are a matter of record which they will make public for those interested.

**AA** stated that at the moment Killin CC are standing back.

**DH** expressed his concerns for the village as he was also now a resident. He gave a brief update on projects already completed.

**IS** asked for a time scale to which the shop and hotel might open?

**TC** responded saying it might take a couple of years.

**IS** expressed a wish for more inclusive meetings.

**TC** recognised that there had been a big hole left by his predecessor and in the context of communication with the community.

**RJ** requested a map of land acquired by DLC as it was a bit unclear.

**TC** will look at the possibility.

Discussion ensued relating to recent speculation and rhetoric on social media.

**LO** was very concerned that speculation was damaging this community with lies and insults. Local businesses are beginning to feel the effects with potential guests enquiring as to how their stay may be affected by all the negativity.

**RJ** asked for proof that this was the case.

**KM** asked if DLC were aware of the comments on PLT FB page and how damaging it was?

**AA** stated that PLT were causing serious problems and were not representative of Killin and has no connection to Killin CC.

**RJ** asked if the estate would be open to the public?

**TC** responded that DLC are planning occasional open days and fundraising events, to which the community would be welcome.

The organising of a meeting held by John Swinney & Pete Wishart was questioned.

**RJ** responded saying with no open meetings about the development JS & PW organised one and that he did not organise it.

Date of the next meeting will be the AGM and this date would be arranged via e-mail.

Chair thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting closed.