

**MINUTES of MEETING of DUCHESS WOOD LOCAL NATURE RESERVE COMMITTEE held
in the LOMOND SCHOOL, HELENSBURGH
on TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2019**

Present: Councillor Lorna Douglas (Chair)

Johanna Urquhart, Principal, Lomond School
Keith Robertson, Estate Manager, Lomond School
Sean McCay, Land Agent, Luss Estates
Stewart Campbell, Friends of Duchess Wood
Martin Grafton, Friends of Duchess Wood
Andy Galloway, Helensburgh Advertiser
Larry Malone, Amenity Supervisor, Argyll & Bute Council
Steven Brookfield, Assistant Team Leader, Argyll & Bute Council
Shona Barton, Committee Manager, Argyll & Bute Council

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.

2. MINUTES

(a) Minute of the Previous Meeting of the Duchess Wood Local Nature Reserve Committee Held on Tuesday, 20 August 2019

The Minute of the previous meeting of Duchess Wood Local Nature Reserve Committee held on Tuesday, 20th August 2019 was approved as a correct record subject to the correction of some typographical errors.

3. DISCUSSION ON CURRENT CLOSURE OF THE WOOD

(a) Duchess Woods Report - Response from Partners

The Committee considered correspondence which had been circulated in relation to the current closure of the wood.

The Chair advised that members of the Committee had met to discuss the report which had been produced by the tree consultants and that the concerns raised by partners were communicated to the Executive Director shortly thereafter. The importance of ensuring that the points raised by partners were taken into account when work begins in the wood was highlighted.

The Committee heard from Mr Brookfield and Mr Malone who advised that they had been tasked by senior management to ensure that the necessary works are carried out which would enable the wood to be reopened at the earliest opportunity. They advised that following an

assessment which was undertaken with a Health and Safety officer, there were a number of trees identified which would require urgent attention prior to the wood being declared safe to open to the public.

