

# BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 3 September 2013

Present:- M MacAskill - Chairman (MMA); S Grant - Vice-Chair (SG); T Whyte - Secretary (TW);  
K Smith - Treasurer (KeS); M Chisholm (MC); A Jack (AJ);

Also Present:- Cllr A Baxter

Apologies:- L Scott (LS); K Small (KaS); Cllr T MacLennan; Cllr B Gormley; Police

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1. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by KeS and seconded by AJ.
2. New Co-operative Shop & Public Car Park at Village Hall - Ongoing.
3. War Memorial & Jubilee Stone - It was noted that the fence has been painted. Awaiting information from Emma Tayler on funding possibilities.
4. Bus Shelter Artwork - Ongoing.
5. Storage Container - ACTION - MC to get container moved.
6. Recycling point - ACTION - Cllr AB to confirm with Highland Council solicitor that the area of land required for the recycling point is not included in the sales particulars for the Council yard in the West Quarry. A letter of support from the Community Council is to be given for an individual who is interested in buying the yard because his plans for the land concur with the wishes of the Community Council.
7. Bonfire / Fireworks night - Date set for Saturday 9 November 2013. Meeting to be organised for the end of this month.
8. Finances - The treasurer (KeS) presented the financial update and list of items committed. Contribution towards Ballachulish Shinty Club ball was proposed by SG and seconded by TW. Payment of Data Protection fee approved. KeS is pursuing various funding opportunities with businesses & other organisations.
9. Boatsheds - Kerry Hawthorne, Preservation Officer at Highland Council will carry out a site visit on Tuesday 1 October 2013 and then come to Community Council meeting in the evening.
10. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout - There has been flooding at Craigrannoch again. ACTION - Cllr AB to raise with Director of Transport Scotland.
11. Speeding - ACTION - MC to follow up on Speed Indication Device (SID) with a contact in the industry. ACTION - Cllr AB to raise possibility of 20mph limit for whole village with Transport Committee.
12. Slate footpath & wall around Jubilee Park - Primary School are sending out surveys to pupils to update the school travel plan. Concerns were expressed about the poor condition of the wall surrounding the Jubilee Park. ACTION - Cllr AB to arrange a meeting with all relevant Highland Council departments, Highland Councillors and the Jubilee Parks Management Committee.
13. A O C B
  - a) Issues with tree at West Laroch beside the white cottages are still not resolved. ACTION - Cllr AB to follow up with Cllr TMacL.

- b) Witch's Slate Path. ACTION -Cllr AB to follow up on the scrub overhanging the path.
- c) Bus Stop - ACTION - Cllr AB to follow up with Cllr BM.
- d) SG to be contact for TEC services for volunteers to assist in clearing footpaths in the winter. MC raised concerns about the timing of clearing the school brae in the winter - this needs to be done before the early in the morning before school starts
- e) BID Lochaber - Concerns were raised about the undemocratic process and the real possibility of local businesses leaving the village if it is successful. The Chairman declared a vote of community councillors and there was unanimous support for 'No to BID Lochaber'. The Community Council is encouraging eligible businesses that they must use their vote and vote 'No'.
- f) Concerns were raised about recent break-ins in the local community and questions were asked about the possibility of setting up neighbourhood watch schemes. This can be done by contacting your local police.
- g) The next Ward Forum meeting is on Monday 9 September 2013 at 6.30pm at The Sunart Centre, Strontian and the main agenda item is Corran ferry fares.
- h) The Community Council Scheme Evaluation 2013 was noted.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 1 October 2013.