

# BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014

Present: - K Smith – Chairman (KeS); K Small (KaS); D Kitson (DK)); A Jack (AJ); S Grant – Vice-Chair (SG); R Malpas (RM)

Apologies: M Chisholm (MC); L MacEwan – Treasurer (LME); Cllr Andrew Baxter (AB)

1. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by KS and seconded by AJ.
2. National Scenic Area – Meeting of Community Councils scheduled with Martin Faulkner on 5<sup>th</sup> December at Onich hotel. This is an open meeting
3. Police Update –Drastic reduction in police officer numbers in the area. Letter of concern to be sent to Inspector voicing our concerns
4. Boatsheds –We are awaiting the draft transfer of ownership contract for consultation and to take legal advice if necessary once received.
5. Save Walkway to School – Road safety team to be consulted for options. Ongoing
6. Co-operative Shop – Still No response from Head Office from previous letter sent by SG/KS. Brown Tourist Board signs need to be moved as directing traffic into exit. AB confirmed car park is co-op responsibility as in their lease, KS to get insurance details for notice board, and claim on that for cost of new Community Board. KS has received some response but it is moving slowly. AB has eventually been told from Co-op head office that new point of contact is store manager.
7. War Memorial – Consultant has submitted his fees for work done and all drawing that will show War Memorial Grant application for fees has been granted. Progress is being made. Public meeting to be arranged very soon to confirm details and inform public.
8. Bus Shelter Artwork – Tec Services (HC) will only replace 6 panels and not the whole of the bus stop - CC have to get funding to cover cost of the bottom panels or leave as is, AB going to look at issue with HC not replacing all panels. Artwork with All Round Signs and on hold until this has been looked into. Site to be confirmed for placement of artwork. Ongoing
9. Christmas Lights –SG to arrange check with HC lighting for fixtures and fittings, also Malcolm Grant and MC to look at only light to see if they can be fixed for this year as a matter of urgency .Also MC has materials to get cover for witches' slate. Trying to get in place before the winter sets in.
10. Recycling point – Cllr Andrew Baxter confirmed sale has gone through and a bit of land has been marked off - this was not brought to the attention of Inverness by Tec in Fort William – AB will chase and confirm details ASAP. Chased with Community services and noted the lack of response from Inverness on various issues.
11. Finances – Finances passed at AGM. Crerar Hotel Trust funding ideas asked for and adopt a Basket was suggested, SG going to talk to local hardware store and Garden Centre for their ideas and help with costs. Funding ideas discussed and new ideas welcome.
12. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout – Getting redone, Not done as of yet so will chase up. Bob Mitchel contacted several times to no avail.

13. Speeding – Face book page - a response for locals to give their comments regarding speeding in the village and what limits residents would like to see around the village. Will re post on Fb to gauge comments.
14. Slate footpath & wall around Jubilee Park – Awaiting response from Tec Services .Dot Ferguson to be chased for reply.
15. Rotten Tree at West Laroch – AB to chase to see if local can cut tree down. Landowner will not allow for tree to be felled. Tec Services informed and chased.
16. Citylink Bus Stop - AB to look into, if the preferred site for war memorial is outside the army hall, to see if the bus stop from there can be moved down to the TIC on the quarry side. Ongoing
17. Play Park Committee - Meeting to take place after school holidays, SG going to hold meeting at beavers group to try and encourage more parents to join committee. Meeting planned for new year.
18. Ballachulish Company - Meeting for Community Company held in Shinty pavilion on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Approx 50 out of 700 questionnaires sent back. General consensus at meeting was in favor of progressing Hydro scheme. Application for Funding needed for stage one of project.

#### 19. A O C B

- a) Village Events - Rat Race – have agreed payment with SG - Still waiting payment SG to chase
- b) Grass in Croft – the paths in the croft is overgrown and needing cut. Linda/Brian to cut paths. Ongoing.
- c) Park Rd - Bushes and Brambles need cut back again – AB will chase C Kemp. Volunteers wanted to help with cut. Some volunteers have offered to help.
- d) Arch - Issues with weeds and trees growing – HC in process of auctioning work as funding is now in place.
- e) D Campbell to be asked to give quote to look at wall and stones round Ballachulish Slate Monument also quote for shinty path.
- f) School Bridge needs repair work carried out, Iain Bruce low to be contacted. SG to chase. Waiting til New Year to start work.
- g) Complaints received regarding the underpass and the amount of litter, especially alcohol bottles being dumped and damaged being caused. To be progressed with police.

Next meeting is on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015.

All are welcome