

BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 2nd 3rd Feb 2015

Present: - K Smith – Chairman (KeS); K Small (KaS); D Kitson (DK)); A Jack (AJ) R Malpas (RM);
L MacEwan – Treasurer (LME);

Apologies: M Chisholm (MC) Cllr Andrew Baxter (AB) ; S Grant – Vice-Chair (SG);

1. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by AJ and seconded by KS.
2. National Scenic Area – Meeting scheduled In Feb at Kinlochleven in order to set up steering group. Date to be confirmed
3. Police Update –Drastic reduction in police officer numbers in the area. Letter of concern to be sent to Inspector voicing our concerns .AB to be chased to find outcome.
4. Boatsheds –We are awaiting the draft transfer of ownership contract for consultation and to take legal advice if necessary once received. Progress going slowly
5. Save Walkway to School – Road safety team to be consulted for options. Ongoing
6. Co-operative Shop – Surveyors for car park engaged, All costed & approved. Grass & grounds maintenance should start March. Notice board costed out.
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. Consultant has recommended using approved contractors . New point of contact fot Army TBC. Publi meeting TBC to discuss new lactation as we only get one chance at this.
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 Possible bus shelter at TIC.
9. Christmas Lights –Done. Removal of lights asap. witches' slate ongoing.
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. Ongoing

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 – Ongoing. Funds in place
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. Ongoing
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. Ongoing
18. Ballachulish Company - Application for Funding needed for stage one of project. Progressing applications

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. Trying to contact landowner
- d) Arch - Issues with weeds and trees growing –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 Brucelow to be contacted. SG to chase. Waiting til New Year to start work. Materials on site , awaiting better weather.
- 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.
- h) Firework display will celebrate 10 years this year. Ideas for this event welcome.

Next meeting is on Tues 2nd March 2015.

All are welcome