

BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 7th July 2015

Present: - K Smith – Chairman (KeS); S Grant – Vice-Chair (SG); K Small (KaS); D Kitson (DK);
R Malpas (RM); Sgt Carl Stubbs (CS)

Apologies: M Chisholm (MC).A Jack (AJ)

1. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by SG and seconded by RM.
2. National Scenic Area –Working agreement to be put into place. Steering group is to be lead by Community Councils. Concerns regarding wording noted. Needs to be community biased.
3. Police. It was mentioned to CS about the overzealous actions of the Traffic unit especially one officer who is single handedly alienating a lot of the people in the area.
4. Boatsheds –We are awaiting the draft transfer of ownership contract for consultation and to take legal advice if necessary once received. Specialist has visited site to appraise buildings in order to attain costs. New avenues for funding to be investigated. Community association to be consulted. Kerry Hawthorn Has identified a route for funding (Architectural heritage fund). Boatsheds are now on the building at risk register.
5. Co-operative Shop – Entrance & Exit signs to be chased. Notice board ongoing
6. War Memorial –Public meeting to be arranged very soon to confirm details and inform public. MOD are willing to Lease area to Community for a nominal fee. The up keep will be the responsibility of the community.
7. Christmas Lights –Preparation for Xmas 2015 lights started. Existing lights to be repaired if needed. Witches' slate ongoing.
8. Recycling point –Awaiting recycling bins to be re located. (Ongoing)
9. Finances – Finances submitted. Funding ideas discussed and new ideas welcome.
10. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout – Getting redone, Finances in place for work which will start Nov / Dec
11. 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. Shelter is in the queue for funding but it was noted that 30 other sites are also in the queue. Ongoing
12. Play Park Committee – Meeting has taken place and 16 names put forward for committee. Next meeting Aug / sept
13. Ballachulish Company – Stage II advancing rapidly. More info in newsletter...

14. A O C B

- a) Arch - Issues with weeds and trees growing –funding is now in place. Tenders put out Concerns noted regarding clauses in tender document.
- b) D Campbell to be asked to give quote to look at wall and stones round Ballachulish Slate Monument also quote for DR Grants Memorial. Shinty path. Slate wall courses to be looked into.
- c) School Bridge needs repair work carried out, Iain Bruce low to be contacted. SG to chase. Materials on site, awaiting better weather. (Ongoing)
- d) The pathway was washed away again in the floods. Tec services to be asked for a solution. Scottish Water to be contacted. Ongoing
- e) Firework display will celebrate 10 years this year. Ideas for this event welcome. Ballachulish Bridge celebrates its 40th anniversary this year also. Suggestions to tie the 2 events together. Start time to be based on bus arrival times from Kinlochleven & Fort William. Volunteer stewards required. Please contact Council for more information.
- f) Photo albums of old photos of the village have gone missing from doctor's surgery. Anyone with information please contact Council.
- g) Village Road re surfacing has been finished. Many complaints received regarding state of final dressing.
- h) June 20/21 Clean up in quarry suggested. Postponed due to wildlife issues. 19/20 Sept suggested as new date.
- i) Data protection to be done for Council (DK)

Next meeting 4/8/2015

All are welcome