

# BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 6th May 2014

Present:- K Smith - Chairman (KeS); S Grant - Vice-Chair (SG); L Scott - Secretary (LS);  
M Chisholm (MC); A Jack (AJ); K Small (KaS); D Kitson (DK); R Malpas (RM);  
Cllr A Baxter.

Apologies: L MacEwan - Treasurer (LME); Police (SB)

Members of Public: Martin Falconer (SNH); Scott McCrombie; Francesca Dillion

Amendment to April Minutes;

***13. Cllr A Baxter was not at meeting about Footpath, just Cllr Gormley.***

1. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by KaS and seconded by AJ.
2. National Scenic Area - Martin Falconer(SNH) gave talk on the next stages of the consultation looking at setting up a local National Scenic Area. Documents are available online to download, also showing information on Dumfries & Galloway who have already set this up in there area. Looking to have a steering group setup by Nov 2014 and have someone employed and funding in place by then. Community Council agreed more information would be needed about the details of the steering group and are open to further discussions taken place.
3. Fire Throwers Francesca Dillion - Bonfire Night, wanted to confirm details about the Fire Throwing Group, who took part last year. And to see if they could put group together for this year. It was explained by KS that the environmental officer had raised issues and that the group would need to get the relevant insurance to cover the event. FD going to deal with this and get back to Community Council.
4. Police Update - 2 Drink Driving, 2 Car Related Offences, 2 Thefts with positive lines of inquires. vandalism noted at underpass, and increased patrol of area and talks to youth to be carried out. As of next week there will be 5 police officers based at Glencoe.
5. Boatsheds - Owner has now sealed of the Boat Sheds as a temp measure. Another meeting has been arranged for 11am on the 27th May with KS, Cllr A Baxter & Lawrence Young (Owner). CC have grave concerns with boatsheds.
6. Co-operative Shop - Barrier is down, but not removed, Co-op & Highland Council are in dispute as to who owns the car park, and these issues will not be resolved until these details have been solved. Tec Services are still using the car park. Notice Board, meeting with CC and Co-op to look at where this is going to be situated.
7. War Memorial - Draft Costings shown at meeting, another meeting with all groups involved will take place to confirm details, and then another public meeting will take place to show everyone the details and to get feedback on design and location of Memorial. **Ongoing** and MMA will update with further news.
8. Bus Shelter Artwork - Artwork to be finished and passed on to production. **Ongoing**
9. Christmas Lights - SG to contact Lighting department about water getting into plugs on lamp posts also about lights at Ballachulish Monument and the stones need redone. SG to look at sourcing new christmas lights. Pee lights in shinty park to be fixed **Ongoing**.

10. Recycling point - Cllr A Baxter - looking to confirm details as Waste Mgt in Inverness have no knowledge of it. Meeting to be arranged with KS & Cllr A Baxter. **Ongoing**
11. Finances - Up-to-date finance report given by KS
12. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout - Bob Mitchell confirmed money is there to fix the problem this year, list of hot spots to be given at ward business meeting to update council .
13. Speeding - Possibilities of having aluminised signage KeS to have a walk around with Pauline Donaldson. Cllr A Baxter is going to come and have a look at junctions into village. KeS will report back after meeting. **Ongoing**
14. Slate footpath & wall around Jubilee Park - Tec & Emma Taylor contacted, Taring foot path not a viable option would be too dangerous in the winter. Wall at a very dangerous state and has become a real safety concern. Cllr A Baxter was told that the high spec was not needed and the lower grading is fine, and would fit within budget. Agreed he would get back to CC asap on the matter.
15. Rotten Tree at West Laroch & Witches Slate Path - Tree Ongoing. MC to have a look and put something together to protect slate. Looks like residents have cleared bushes away from path and fence, AJ to look into clearing path and area around Slate.
16. Citylink Bus Stop - LS to contact Highland Council - to find out about new lay-by and shelter on council land across from quarry entrance, so bus can pull off the road and help with road safety.
17. Play Park Committee - New members have joined with a meeting scheduled to take place, date to be confirmed by SG
18. Duror Travel Site - Cllr A Baxter confirmed that the site will be refurbished and paid for by Scottish Government.
19. Ballachulish Company - Hydro Scheme at viability stage, working through boundary issues and waiting for details and data to come back, with funding in place for all work except for a local consultation which they are now working on. Still looking for more volunteers to join.
20. A O C B
  - a) Patient Participation Project - attended by SG set up to keep everyone informed and a newsletter will be put out around the area.
  - b) School Parent Council Meeting - attended by RM issues with safe walking to school and a lack of foot paths around village. RM presented map showing missing path areas, RM to go back to group and ask them to give main area of concern so we can concentrate on this area. Cllr A Baxter confirmed funding available for safe paths to schools.
  - c) Village Events - CC to contact Village Hall & Shinty Club to try and work as group when large events use facilities within the village ie Rat Race. and ask for donation that will be split to help the whole village. Cllr A Baxter going to contact Highland Councils events department and ask if they can inform us of any events taking place
  - b) Fiddler/composer Mike Vass - Arts Commissioning project where he will be using this May to recreate the sailing route of Scottish writer Neil Gunn, with community concerts. 24th May Duror Hall 8pm.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 3 June 2014.