

# BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Present: - K Smith – Chairman (KeS); K Small (KaS); R Malpas (RM); L MacEwan – Treasurer (LME); PC Paige McDonald; D Kitson (DK)

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

1. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by LME and seconded by RM.
2. National Scenic Area - Still awaiting an update, and have concerns over the lack of communication. AB going to look into further and let CC know of any update. Still ongoing
3. Police Update - PC Paige explained that her role is a temporary position, which makes it difficult to attend meetings but will try to get cover if she is unavailable. Concerns raised about speeding on road from Abbyfield to croft road via park rd. Residents to be aware of anything suspicious in the area to let the police know. Paige confirmed that it is a safety issue for school children walking to school. Asked Paige if police can speak to Co-op over lack of concern about safety issues in car park, AB confirmed it is the Co-ops responsibility and is in their lease. Speed checks & talks in local schools ongoing.
4. Boatsheds – LY in process of transfer of ownership to CC Company, CC Company looking into grant funding to pay for legal fees. Grant funding applied for. Ongoing
5. Save Walkway to School – 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, he also has had no response from Head Office and will try again, 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
7. War Memorial – Consultant has submitted his fees for work done and all drawing that will show War Memorial is situ at preferred areas, grant application and ward discretionary budget to be completed to pay for Consultant. 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. Ownership of design to be confirmed. Site to be confirmed for placement of artwork.
9. Christmas Lights –Seven new Xmas lights have been purchased. Generator donated by Claymore Limited. 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. Additional MC to look at getting scaffolding polls for BBQ for Bonfire Night. 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. Ongoing

11. Finances – Being Checked at Accountants. 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.
12. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout – Getting redone, Not done as of yet so will chase up.
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. DK to take over Face book admin.
14. Slate footpath & wall around Jubilee Park – Dot from HC is going to look into further with Tec and ECS.
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. 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. Ongoing.
18. Ballachulish Company - No from big lottery funding, looking for more funding applications, a local survey will be carried out next month.

Ballachulish Company looking for volunteers to help. Please contact KS for more details.

Meeting for Community ~company to be held in Shinty pavilion on 3<sup>rd</sup> November

## 19. A O C B

- a) Village Events - Rat Race – have agreed payment with SG - Still waiting payment SG to chase before next event in 10 days time. Awaiting Confirmation
- b) Grass in Croft – the paths in the croft are 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.
- d) Arch - Issues with weeds and trees growing - HC need to be chased as they are dealing with it. AB will chase. In progress
- e) D Campbell to be asked to give quote to look at wall and stones round Ballachulish Slate Monument also quote for shinty path, also Vince to look at the moss/weeds growing over path way, to tidy up.
- f) School Bridge needs repair work carried out, Iain Bruce low to be contacted. SG to chase. Ongoing

Next meeting is on Tuesday 4th November 2014.

All are welcome