

BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 6th October 2015

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

Apologies: M Chisholm (MC). L MacEwan – Treasurer (LME); A Jack (AJ):

1. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by KeS and seconded by RM.
2. National Scenic Area –Memorandum ongoing. A82 delays due to land ownership issues.
3. Police. Opportunist crime is being reported in the area. Residents are advised to ensure that sheds etc. are locked when not in use.
4. Boatsheds –We are awaiting the draft transfer of ownership contract for consultation and to take legal advice if necessary once received. 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. Kerry Hawthorn to be chased for a progress report. Funding process to be passed to Boat shed / Community association.
5. Co-operative Shop – Entrance & Exit signs to be chased. Notice board to be chased.
6. War Memorial –Public meeting to be arranged very soon to confirm details and inform public.
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. Need to look into community challenge fund for firework funding.
10. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout – Getting redone, Finances in place for work which will start Nov / Dec. confirm with bob Mitchell. Road closure a possibility.
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. Engineers to draw up plans. This will be a slow process.
12. Play Park Committee – Meeting on 7th October. Discussion with school pupils has taken place.
13. Ballachulish Company – Ballot results are in. Progressibgg next Phase with forestry. Awaiting Goovernment descision on 12 Dec.

Company AGM is on 9th November. New board members wanted.

14. A O C B

- a) Arch - Issues with weeds and trees growing –funding is now in place. Dates tbc
- b) School Bridge needs repair work carried out, Iain Bruce low to be contacted. SG to chase. Materials on site, awaiting better weather. (Ongoing)
- c) The pathway was washed away again in the floods. Tec services to be asked for a solution. Scottish Water to be contacted. Ongoing A land search is to be insisted on as to who owns what. AB to chase
- d) 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.

- e) Village Road re surfacing has been finished. Many complaints received regarding state of final dressing. Ongoing
- f) Next clean up scheduled for Dec / Jan
- g) Bank Closure: Decision was made 18 months ago. Public meeting arranged for 9th October at Village hall
- h) CC Elections. Anyone wishing to be nominated for CC to complete forms asap. Election is in November
- i) Bus services in area are set for a review. An earlier bus service was suggested.
- j) Community Council has expressed interest in local land to be held by village under the Land reform act
- k) Rat Race: Complaints about the state they left changing rooms in.

Next meeting 3rd November 2015

All are welcome