

BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 4 Feb 2014

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

Also Present:- Police (SB); Apologies:- Cllr T MacLennan

Amendment made on 4th March 2014 by Chairman KeS

(objection made by L Scott Secretary, objection noted by Chairman).

Amendment on point 10:3 - to read that it was discussed at the meeting that SNH and other relevant authorities were to be approached to deal with the Stag and to see what could be done about it.

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1. Nominations for new Chairman & Secretary taken, with KeS proposed and seconded by MC/KaS as Chairman, and LS proposed and seconded by SG/MC as Secretary.
 2. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by MC and seconded by KS.
 3. Boatsheds - KeS met with landowner & Boat Shed committee. Landowner not yet improved boat shed roofs, nor are the sheds water tight. Kerry Hawthorn form Highland Council to be kept informed and contacted by KeS to try get things moving.
 4. New Co-operative Shop - To be opened 10am Thursday 13th Feb. (cash machine will not be in use when the shop is closed).
 5. War Memorial - Meeting to take place with Highland Council, MOD, Roads Dept, British Legion on the 12th Feb at the Jubilee Pavilion at 2pm anyone wishing to attend please contact MMA.
 6. Bus Shelter Artwork - LS to put collage artwork together, to submit to CC, once artwork complete to inform Highland Council as they will replace bus stop sheeting before new artwork is put in place.
 7. Storage Container - BBQ & Christmas lights are in container, Malcolm Grant going to look at fixing any broken lights for next year. MC to make free standing structure for west end of village, money from fireworks to be used to buy new lights for 2014. KeS to look at getting spare lights for Xmas tree.
 8. Recycling point - Awaiting to hear from Cllr AB to get confirmation form HC that there will be a recycling point in the area held back from the sale and when. MC also put a note of interest - and got no notification from HC waiting reply. KS to contact Cllr AB re recycling point.
 9. Bonfire / Fireworks night - Very successful year, will be held on Saturday 8th Nov 2014.
 10. Police Report - Break down of fig. for Jan 8 crimes commented in the area, House Break-in, Drink Driving, Fixed Penalty, Crash and Theft.
 1. Police have reported the flooding/Pot hole issues which Bob Mitchell is looking into (work already started on the potholes)
 2. It was also reported that the staffing level had increased by one officer from FW now posted to Glencoe, with 4.5 officers + new trunk road police in area.
 3. Complaint made about the Stag in the croft, was agreed by cc for the place to take this forward and contact the land owner for permission to kill the Stag.

11. Finances - Treasurer presented the financial report. AJ to check with Vince if he is to retire from the job. If so AJ will look onto taking this over. Ballachulish Primary School to be given a donation towards children's play area. Rat Race details to be checked for future donations for use of village in future events.
12. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout - Ongoing SG/KS to chase Cllr AB and BEAR Scotland.
13. Speeding - Highland-wide 20 mph limit, Ballachulish to be named as one of the areas for the pre trial, Cllr AB/KS to chase.
14. Slate footpath & wall around Jubilee Park - Work paid by BCC & Shinty Club - Emma Taylor aware that the path has been completed, but that the wall still needing attention. KS to chase Emma at HC.
15. Rotten Tree at West Laroch - Tree needing to be cut down, branches falling onto road and residents property being damaged. ACTION Cllr AB to chase.
16. Witches Slate Path - ACTION MC to have a look and put something together to protect slate. Still waiting for Housing Dept to clean up pathway and for residents to clear overgrown hedges, bushes and trees form path way Cllr AB to chase.
17. Citylink Bus Stop - Awaiting response from Cllr BM, also KaS to contact city link company to get correct information on website/timetable, to make sure that the Chisholm Garage Bus Stop is the official bus stop for Citylink, with the additional option of stopping at TIC too.
18. A O C B
 - a) KaS Litter Pick 4th May with School, looking for volunteers. RM offered the co-ops help.
 - b) Over 60's Party - 13th Dec 2014 in the evening a committee had been put together Kath Small, Cona McNicol, Diana MacAskill, Sheila McLean & Kathleen Taylor. The BCC have donated a sum of monies to the event. KaS
 - c) Village Hall are having a WW1 event on the 1st - 4th Aug and are looking for memorabilia from anyone in the area RM
 - d) There is going to be a wild life garden put on spare land beside the new co-op and the co-op are looking for volunteers to help. RM
 - e) KeS would like to contact the owner of the ground on the other side of the croft between the River Laroch and Park Road and ask permission to cut the bushes and trees down.
 - j) Highland Council is running training for Community Councils on 19 November 2013 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Lochaber House, Fort William. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 4 March 2014.