

# BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 4 March 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 B Murphy Members of the public: Maggie Wilson

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## **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.**

1. Minutes of last meeting - After above amendment. Proposed by KeS and seconded by AJ. It was then agreed that the Minutes will be typed up and sent to everyone to approve and then sent to HC before the 14 day deadline. Once approved by everyone on council they will then go on website & Facebook page and new notice board.
3. Boatsheds - KeS Owner LY has put out to tender for work to be carried out with no response from local tradesmen. Police also highlighted the danger to local youths who are using the buildings for underage drinking and asks that the buildings have a locked door to keep anyone from entering the property. Kerry Hawthorn from Highland Council to be kept informed and contacted by KeS to try get things moving. KeS also added that the Community Company are redoing the company plan and would like feedback on projects that could be utilised within the plan.
4. New Co-operative Shop - Issues with Flooding, Street Lighting, Car Park lining & safe entry and exit displays all issues that need to be addressed by Co-op. RM reported that the lights are on a timing system and they are looking into fixing the problem. Also the Notice Board, clarification on where and when it will be in place. Also seems Tec Services are using the car park. RM to report back at next meeting. Zebra Crossing - Iain Bruce low to be contacted to see if it is viable. Wild life garden has started - more to be done later in the year.
5. War Memorial - Meeting to took place 12th Feb with Highland Council, MOD, Roads Dept, British Legion. Very promising Transerv own land where Memorial is situated at the moment, Bruce James is going to do research on back ground and history of Memorial, Transerv are going to pay for all traffic management system on A82. With the MOD happy for it to be moved to outside there building in the main square in village. It was confirmed that this is the agreed place to put the war memorial.
6. Bus Shelter Artwork - LS passed round first draft of artwork committee agreed no wording was to be added and to go ahead and Finnish artwork, once artwork complete to inform Highland Council as they will replace bus stop sheeting before new artwork is put in place.
7. Storage Container - Not possible to fix lights, need to get new ones. 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. SG to contact Lighting department about water getting into plugs on lamp posts. Ongoing.
8. Recycling point - Confirmed they are still going to accommodate recycling point KeS was told by Cllr AB. MC still waiting for a reply from HC. KS to chase Cllr AB.
9. Bonfire / Fireworks night - Will be held on Saturday 8th Nov 2014. RM to check hall is booked.

10. Police Report - Break down of fig. for Feb 13 crimes commented in the area, Drugs 1, Road Traffic 1, Fixed Penalty 3, Disqualified Driver 1, Thefts 2, Minor Defects 2
  1. Ebay check done on all stolen items ( asked by Maggie Wilson), but no reg no. so very hard to tell if items are stolen or not before buying.
  2. Drinking Issues at Boatsheds & Underpass Police will be monitoring these areas.
  3. SB confirmed that the Stag was not a police matter, and that he had only downloaded the application forms from SNH and passed them on to MC.
11. Finances - AJ Vince not retiring from the job, so grass cutting bill will be same for 2014 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. KaS let us know that the Over 60's Party now have a new bank account.
12. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout - Ongoing SG/KS to chase Cllr AB and BEAR Scotland. KeS contacted Bob Mitchell - pipe work on Albert Rd caused damage and should now be fixed.
13. Speeding - Highland-wide 20 mph limit, not now going ahead with new law due to funding issues. Possibilities of having aluminised signage KeS to have a walk around with Pauline Donaldson.
14. Slate footpath & wall around Jubilee Park - TEC Services now have £7,000 budget and are putting the job out to tender for path work to be complete. CC Plant, Derek and Co, Ronnie Whyte and Fion all to be contacted and asked to submit tenders. LS to contact Emma Taylor regarding the wall as it is now falling onto the road and path.
15. Rotten Tree at West Laroach - Tree needing to be cut down, branches falling onto road and residents property being damaged. Now also large branches falling into children's play area. ACTION Cllr AB to chase again as still waiting to hear from housing.
16. Witches Slate Path - ACTION MC to have a look and put something together to protect slate. Housing Dept to clean up pathway for residents, to clear overgrown hedges, bushes and trees from path way, they will enforce the cost of this from the residents if they do not do it themselves. Work on path will not start until this has been cleared.
17. Citylink Bus Stop - Chisholm Garage Bus Stop is the official bus stop for Citylink, with the additional option of stopping at TIC too. This will be shown on the new summer timetable and online. To contact HC - 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. LS

## 18. A O C B

- a) KeS Travel site at Duror has been left in a bad way, SG to contact Duror CC and find out what is happening with it.
- b) KeS Through the Ballachulish Company a feasibility study company 'Mott MacDonald' has been selected to carry out survey Cares application grant has been applied for. Community Consultation will take place in conjunction and have their input into the concept and their thoughts on how to allocate any future funding. A village plan could and should be drawn up with all local communities involved in the process.
- c) Maggie Wilson - Looking to start up again the Retail Ass. in the High St. and while attending a Chamber of Commerce meeting - thought there maybe scope for funding of projects that might be already to go, through the Allocated regeneration programme. She will attend meetings and feedback any info.
- d) South Lochaber Ass meetings when will the next one be. KeS to follow up.
- e) AJ Vince not retiring, Angus Cres. are getting charged to cut patch of grass, letter to be sent to residents to see if anyone would like to take this on, and if so letter to be sent to LHA to see if the cost would be deducted of the rent or carry on. KeS to contact LHA
- j) DK asked about old co-op RM stated the co-op will go on the open market in due time. RM to chase co-op up about tidying up the back yard. DK also has set-up an account to get new xmas lighting.
- k) LS Slate Monument - SG to contact lighting department about lighting and to get the stones topped up. MC going to contact Sam Clark & RM to talk to his group about not climbing up onto the Monument, as it is getting damaged.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 1 April 2014.