

BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 1 April 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)

Apologies: Cllr A Baxter; R Malpas (RM); Police (SB) Members of Public: Joanne Walters

1. Nominations Clarified - From Feb Minutes as requested by HC. KS proposer and AJ seconder to vote Linda MacEwan as co-opted member of council(Feb Minutes). KaS proposer and MC seconder to vote Linda MacEwan as Treasurer (March Minutes). MC proposer and AJ seconder to vote Rob Malpas & Dave Kitson on as Associate members of the council (Feb Minutes).
2. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by SG and seconded by MC.
3. Stag - Joanne Walters asked for update on Stag, she had contacted the police and was told not a police matter. Joanne stated that "Stag got to go". Said Stag had chased her dog. KaS told us about a dog chasing the stag and the stag running away. Joanne did say that the dog was not on the lead. KeS has tried to contact land owner Charles Chisholm, with no response. SNH have stated that they would not kill stag in croft due to residential property so close by. MC stated that on the 18th March 2014 I received a text at 1843 time. The text was a picture of one of the stags in the play park. I subsequently left work , on the way home at the halfway point between the bus shelter and the Laroch bridge on Albert road was where I met Jo. As stated by me she was distressed and explained what had just happened, I stayed and talked with her for over ten minuets . At that point I scanned the croft and through my binoculars got 3 heat sources all of which were deer and not humans with dogs. LS also stated that she was in the croft at same time as alleged attack with her own two dogs and did not see this happen, and was not chased by stag in the swing park that night. KeS was told by witness that they saw Joannes dog chase after the Stag and was she sure about what she saw happening, Joanne confirmed her dog was chased by Stag. MC to go back to SNH (not as a council member but as a resident of Ballachulish) to lodge papers, which to date have not been done and SG to contact Highland Council for advice.
4. Boatsheds - No response from owner Laurance Young. Received a letter of apology from Kerry Hawthorn form Highland Council about not following this up and is going to get in touch with Historic Scotland to try and move things forward, was made aware of the police report. We have now been dealing with this project for 7 years. Planning in for back pier - this may affect boat sheds, made aware that Glencoe are in for the same funding.
5. New Co-operative Shop - Ongoing issues with Flooding, Car Park lining & safe entry and exit displays all issues that need to be addressed by Co-op. 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 - This should have been added at planning as no funding to do now, SG to meet with Pauline Donldson to look at site.
5. War Memorial - Meeting to took place at proposed site in village, costings are going to be looked at. Ongoing and MMA will update with further news.
6. Bus Shelter Artwork - Ongoing
7. 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. 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. Ongoing

9. Bonfire / Fireworks night - Will be held on Saturday 8th Nov 2014. RM to check hall is booked. Issues with Public Entertainment License - may need to be looked at. Ongoing
10. Finances - Up-to-date finance report given by LME
11. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout - Transerv & Bear admitted problem at roundabout and at Glencoe, KeS to contact Bob Mitchell to chase them up.
12. 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.
13. Slate footpath & wall around Jubilee Park - LS to contacted Emma Taylor regarding the wall - was informed that Cllr Baxter & Gormley met with parks committee. They are looking at handing over the responsibility of the path and wall to Community Council or Parks Committee and that they would release responsibility of maintenance to CC or PC. It was agreed that this is owned by the HC therefore CC would not take ownership or responsibility for maintenance of the HC. Reliability must stay with Highland Council and they need to deal with maintenance of path.
14. Rotten Tree at West Laroch & Witches Slate Path - Cllr A Baxter to chase again as still waiting to hear from housing. Still no response from Housing Department. 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. KeS to contact housing department direct.
15. 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.
16. Play Park Committee - Both Play Park and Shinty Play Park needs updating, funding maybe available through Leader. SG trying to get new members, and will look into funding - will update at next meeting.
17. Duror Travel Site - 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. Ongoing
18. A O C B
 - a) Ballachulish Company - First stage meeting in place with Glenahulish ready to go ahead - Still looking for more volunteers. D Kitson volunteered to join Community Company, KeS to follow up with more details.
 - b) Angus Cres charge for grass cutting, charge is for overall area not just grass cutting and is included in deed agreement when purchasing houses. KaS to contact resident and get them to talk to other residents to fully explain details. KaS also reminded everyone that the Litter Pick will be held in May.
 - c) Martin Faulkner - Ben Nevis & Glen Coe National Scenic Area project would like to be at May meeting.
 - d) Customer Services review - Drew Hendry - Leader, Council to adopt new approach to Customer Services review - Update for Community Councils.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 6 May 2014.