

BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 6 August 2013

Present:- M MacAskill - Chairman (MMA); T Whyte - Secretary (TW); K Smith - Treasurer (KeS); A Jack (AJ); L Scott (LS); K Small (KaS)

Also Present:- Cllr B Murphy; J Purvis, ISG Project Manager; J Crawford, ISG Contracts Manager; Police; Press

Apologies:- M Chisholm (MC); S Grant - Vice-Chair (SG); Cllr A Baxter; Cllr T MacLennan

1. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by KeS and seconded by AJ.
2. New Co-operative Shop & Public Car Park at Village Hall - The project manager, J Purvis, and the Contracts Manager, J Crawford, of ISG, the company building the new Co-op, confirmed that work on the new shop is indeed underway and the shell of the building will be complete in 10 weeks. The new shop will be open by the end of the year.
3. War Memorial & Jubilee Stone - Cllr BM has contacted Bob Mitchell at Transport Scotland. Transport Scotland's response is that they are happy to see the War Memorial moved but they have no budget to assist. Cllr BM reported that Emma Tayler at Highland Council will look into funding possibilities.
4. Bus Shelter Artwork - To be coordinated with TEC services when schools start after the holidays.
5. Storage Container - Ongoing.
6. Recycling point - Cllr Gormley is leading on this. Surrounding land is going on the open market.
7. Bonfire / Fireworks night - Date set for Saturday 9 November 2013.
8. Police issues - Concerns were expressed about the length of time the A82 was closed following a recent fatal road traffic accident. It is planned to have a road policing team based in Fort William in the near future.

Police left the meeting.

9. Finances - The treasurer (KeS) presented the financial update and list of items committed. Contribution towards Glenachulish playpark proposed by MMA and seconded by AJ.
10. Boatsheds - Cllrs MacLennan & Gormley are taking this forward.
11. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout - monitoring.
12. Speeding - Cameron Kemp from Highland Council reports that speeding surveys do not justify a 20 mph speed limit and is suggesting a Speed Indication Device instead. Concerns were raised that Scottish Citylink are not stopping at the bus stop at Chisholm's Garage. Cllr BM will follow up.
13. Slate footpath inside wall of Jubilee Park - ACTION - TW to ask Primary School to update their School Travel Plan to include the Jubilee Park slate footpath.

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- a) Tree at West Laroch beside the white cottages has been reported to Housing Dept. Cllr BM following up.
- b) Sheep carcasses on the shore have still not been removed by TEC services.
- c) Rat Race Event access issues - Ward Manager is aware of the concerns.
- d) Witch's Slate Path. ACTION -Cllr BM to speak to Housing about the scrub overhanging the path.
- e) West Laroch playpark. Cllr BM raised the issue of litter with the grass cutting contractor. Concerns were also raised about the broken gate being left open and why the gate at the other end has been padlocked.
- f) KaS asked if it would be possible to move the bus stop at the TIC nearer to the quarry gates.
- g) Correspondence from Police Scotland about planned review of the level of public service that occurs at police offices and to determine the most efficient opening times to the public and the services provided.
- h) Information received from TEC services about aid to communities for volunteers to assist in clearing footpaths in the winter.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 3 September 2013.