

BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 5 February 2013

Present:- S Grant - Vice-Chair (SG); T Whyte - Secretary (TW); S Borland - Treasurer (SB); A Jack (AJ); L Scott (LS); K Small (KaS); K Smith (KeS)

Apologies:- M MacAskill - Chairman (MMA); M Chisholm (MC); Cllr A Baxter; Cllr B Gormley

Also Present:- Cllr T MacLennan; Cllr B Murphy; Police; Oban Times

1. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by SB and seconded by KaS.
2. Alternative to New Co-operative Shop & Public Car Park at Village Hall - ACTION - contact Co-op for an update on plans.
3. War Memorial Jubilee Stone - ongoing.
4. Bus Shelter Artwork - ACTION - SB to raise at next Kinlochleven Parent Council meeting.
5. Storage Container - ACTION - KeS to check barbeques are cleaned and in storage container.
6. Poles in Quarry - ACTION SG to follow up.
7. Recycling point - ACTION - Cllr Baxter to come back to us later in the week with an update.
8. Bonfire / Fireworks night - Saturday 10 November 2012 - Very successful night. Thank you to everyone who helped and donated.
9. Finances - The treasurer presented the financial report.
10. Christmas Lights - Still to buy new pea lights for trees in Jubilee Park and new Christmas tree lights. Thank you to MC for putting up and taking down the lights on the lamp posts.
11. Boatsheds - ACTION - KeS to contact Highland Council listed buildings dept.
12. A O C B
 - a) Cycle path maintenance - ACTION - Cllr Murphy to follow up with Transport Scotland.
 - b) Speeding at Albert Road - ACTION - Contact Mark Smith, TEC Services about possibility of putting two Speed Indication Devices (SID) in Albert Road.
 - c) Slate footpath inside wall of Jubilee Park - ACTION - pursue possibility of funding via Disability Access Route & Safer Route to School.
 - d) Litter Pick - KaS to organise. Primary School Eco Group will be doing a litter pick the first week in May.
 - e) Senior Citizens Christmas Party - Cona MacNicol will be organising one this year.
 - f) One-off donation to help with set-up costs of the 4th Lochaber Scouts in Ballachulish Village Hall for 5½ to 14 years olds - ongoing.
 - g) Highland Green Energy - making progress at Glenachulish.

- h) Red Kite Presentation re Nevis & Glencoe - basically suggesting not a national park but perhaps something else. - ACTION - KeS, LS & SG to attend next meeting on 20 February 2013 ACTION - SG to find out when next Association of South Lochaber Community Councils meeting is.
- i) Questionnaire on Highland Council's bulky uplift service to be dealt with by Office Bearers.
- j) Community Council Scheme evaluation to be dealt with by Office Bearers.
- k) Winter Resilience - letters received from Highland Council & Scottish Government were noted.
- l) In response to their request, it was agreed that Lochaber Women's Aid will attend a future meeting to highlight what they do. ACTION - TW to respond.
- m) Ballachulish Arch Project - further discussion to take place around April / May.
- n) Quarry - Highland Council have advised that further geotechnical survey work is required in the quarry and that the geotechnical engineers have advised that there should be no further slate removal from the quarry.
- o) End of project reports to be prepared by Office Bearers for awards from Ward Discretionary Budget in 2012.
- p) Highland Environment Network is hosting "Green Routes to Feeling Good" Conference in Inverness on 2 March 2013.
- q) Sustrans Newsletter to be circulated by email to community councillors.
- r) Launch of Community Challenge Fund was noted.
- s) Road works and closures at Onich from 24 February to 22 March 2013 were noted.
- t) Concerns were raised again about dog fouling around the village. ACTION - Arrange for Dog Warden to carry out patrols in the village. People can report individual incidences of dog fouling that they see to the police.
- u) Cllr Murphy outlined the need for a Caol link road to ease the congestion in Fort William that affects us all. The first step is to get funding for a Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) Report. ACTION Community Council to write to Neil Gillies, Director of TEC Services, supporting the call for a STAG appraisal for the link road into Caol.
- v) A Note of Interest has been submitted to Highland Council by the Community Company for the East and West Quarry. ACTION - SG to ask Ward Manager for an update on the yard at the West Quarry.
- w) Concerns were raised about graffiti on the quarry wall - ACTION - KaS to contact Ward Manager.
- x) Primary School Eco Project - ACTION - KaS to speak to Mrs Milne re plants / bulbs.
- y) Overhaul of the community website was proposed by SB and seconded by SG.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 5 March 2013.