

BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 2 July 2013

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

Also Present:- Cllr B Gormley; Cllr B Murphy: Laurence Young, Lochaber Tourism BID

Apologies:- ; Cllr T MacLennan

1. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by AJ and seconded by KaS.
2. New Community Councillor - TW proposed and AJ seconded KaS be co-opted onto the Community Council. Everybody was in agreement.
3. Lochaber Tourism BID - Laurence Young (LY) from the Steering Group for the Lochaber Tourism BID outlined their aims. The business plan will be done by the end of July. LY encouraged everyone to complete the BID questionnaire to put forward ideas and projects for the business plan. The BID scheme has been set up by Scottish Government and is based on businesses paying a levy based on their rateable value. A vote will take place in November 2013 and will be administered by Highland Council. For the BID to be voted in, 25% of all eligible business must vote and 51% must vote for it. The BID covers the whole of the Lochaber area and although it is a 'tourism' bid, all businesses with a rateable value will pay the levy. More information can be found online at www.livinglochaber.co.uk.
4. Alternative to New Co-operative Shop & Public Car Park at Village Hall - Appears that the new Co-op building is going ahead.
5. War Memorial Jubilee Stone - Feedback from Cllr MacL confirmed that there is some funding available. ACTION- Cllr BG to make enquiries about military funding & Cllr BM to speak to Ward Mananger about 'Military Aid to the Civil Community'.
6. Bus Shelter Artwork - Cllr MacL has been in touch with TEC services about the damaged panels being replaced and LS has contacted the art teacher at Kinlochleven High School.
7. Storage Container - Ongoing.
8. Recycling point - Cllr BG confirmed that ground has been earmarked for the community recycling point at the West Quarry. ACTION - Cllr BG to ask Cameron Kemp, Highland Council to come to Community Council meeting to discuss this item and speeding issues.
9. Bonfire / Fireworks night - Date set for Saturday 9 November 2013.
10. Finances - The treasurer (KeS) presented the financial update and list of items committed.
11. Boatsheds - ACTION - The Highland Councillors will collectively look at this issue and look into involving Highland Council solicitors.
12. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout - monitoring.
13. Speeding - from item 8 above Cllr BG will ask Cameron Kemp from Highland Council to come to Community Council meeting to discuss.

14. Slate footpath inside wall of Jubilee Park - Email received from Cllr MacL outlining actions and site visit. ACTION - Cllr BG to look into what can be done about the wall around the Jubilee Park which is crumbling.

15. A O C B

- a) Brambles in Quarry - In response to request from Community Council to clear brambles from the quarry that hampered access for the litter pick, the Highland Council Rangers have said they cannot do this as they do not have a remit for access, only safety. ACTION - Highland Councillors to raise with Ann Hackett, Inverness.
- b) Tree at West Laroch beside the white cottages has been reported to Housing Dept.
- c) TEC Services are removing the sheep carcasses on shore - it is their responsibility and they rely on members of the public reporting cases to them.
- d) Rat Race Event access issues - MMA has sent email. The feedback for October is that Highland Council gave permission. However it appears that local Highland Councillors were not informed either. ACTION - Cllrs BG & BM to look into matter.
- e) A request for funding has been received to improve the playpark at Glenachulish.
- f) A complaint has been received about the state of the path to the Witch's Slate. ACTION -MC to make cover for slate & Cllr BG to speak to Housing about the path.
- g) A letter of complaint has been received from a child about litter and broken glass in the West Laroch playpark. ACTION - Cllrs BG & BM to look into the matter.
- h) Traps will be put into the quarry again in August to check for crayfish.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 6 August 2013.