

BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 10th March 2015

Present: - K Smith – Chairman (KeS); K Small (KaS); D Kitson (DK)); A Jack (AJ) L MacEwan – Treasurer (LME); S Grant – Vice-Chair (SG); Chas Stewart

Apologies: M Chisholm (MC) Cllr Andrew Baxter (AB); R Malpas (RM);

1. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by AJ and seconded by LME.
2. National Scenic Area – Meeting at Kinlochleven in order to set up steering group. Members of CC required to attend ongoing meetings as it will affect area. (KS)
3. Police Update –Drastic reduction in police officer numbers in the area. Letter of concern to be sent to Inspector voicing our concerns .AB to be chased to find outcome. Clarification of CC liaison officer to be confirmed.
4. Boatsheds –We are awaiting the draft transfer of ownership contract for consultation and to take legal advice if necessary once received. Awaiting response from Highland Council re standards for buildings. Community association to be consulted. Boat shed association to provide some labour
5. Save Walkway to School – Road safety team to be consulted for options. Ongoing. Awaiting options
6. Co-operative Shop – Contracts signed off for white lining. Architect to draw up designs for notice board. Grass & grounds maintenance should start March. The amount of rubbish around the village hall belonging to Coop was mentioned. Manager to be asked if they have a solution.
7. War Memorial –Progress is being made. Public meeting to be arranged very soon to confirm details and inform public. Consultant has recommended using approved contractors. New point of contact for Army TBC. Public meeting TBC to discuss new location as we only get one chance at this. Awaiting reply from M.O.D
8. Bus Shelter Artwork – Tec Services (HC) will only replace 6 panels and not the whole of the bus stop - CC have to get funding to cover cost of the bottom panels or leave as is, AB going to look at issue with HC not replacing all panels. Artwork with All Round Signs and on hold until this has been looked into. Site to be confirmed for placement of artwork. Ongoing Possible bus shelter at TIC.
9. Christmas Lights –Preparation for Xmas 2015 lights started. Existing lights to be repaired if needed. Stagecoach to be approached regarding damaged light by bridge. Witches' slate ongoing.
10. Recycling point – Cllr Andrew Baxter confirmed sale has gone through and a bit of land has been marked off - this was not brought to the attention of Inverness by Tec in Fort William – AB will chase and confirm details ASAP. No money left this financial year but in line for 2016/ 2016 funding.
11. Finances – Finances submitted. Funding ideas discussed and new ideas welcome.
12. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout – Getting redone, Not done as of yet so will chase up. Bob Mitchel contacted several times to no avail. This should have been done last year but Bear ran out of funds. It is in line for funding

13. Speeding – Face book page - a response for locals to give their comments regarding speeding in the village and what limits residents would like to see around the village. Will re post on Fb to gauge comments.

14. Slate footpath & wall around Jubilee Park – work to start imminently.

15. Citylink Bus Stop - AB to look into, if the preferred site for war memorial is outside the army hall, to see if the bus stop from there can be moved down to the TIC on the quarry side. Shelter is in the queue for funding but it was noted that 30 other sites are also in the queue

16. Play Park Committee - Meeting to take place after school holidays, SG going to hold meeting at beavers group to try and encourage more parents to join and reform committee. Ongoing

17. Ballachulish Company - Application for Funding needed for stage one of project. Progressing applications. Project manager to be appointed soon.

18. A O C B

- a) Village Events - Rat Race – have agreed payment with SG - Still waiting payment SG to chase
- b) Grass in Croft – the paths in the croft is overgrown and needing cut. Linda/Brian to cut paths. Work to start in spring
- c) Park Rd & Village hall - Bushes and Brambles need cut back again – AB will chase C Kemp. Volunteers wanted to help with cut. Some volunteers have offered to help. Park committee to be approached for assistance
- d) Arch - Issues with weeds and trees growing –funding is now in place.
- e) D Campbell to be asked to give quote to look at wall and stones round Ballachulish Slate Monument also quote for shinty path.
- f) School Bridge needs repair work carried out, Iain Bruce low to be contacted. SG to chase. Waiting til New Year to start work. Materials on site, awaiting better weather.
- g) Complaints received regarding the underpass and the amount of litter, especially alcohol bottles being dumped and damaged being caused. To be progressed with police. The pathway was washed away again in the floods. Tec services to be asked for a solution.
- h) Firework display will celebrate 10 years this year. Ideas for this event welcome.
- i) Chas Stewart offered his services as photographer to take pictures of area which highlight any work needing done or promotional photos for local projects.