

# BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 7 May 2013

Present:- M MacAskill - Chairman (MMA); T Whyte - Secretary (TW); S Borland - Treasurer (SB); A Jack (AJ); K Small (KaS); K Smith (KeS)

Also Present:- Members of Ballachulish Primary School Eco Group

Apologies:- S Grant - Vice-Chair (SG); M Chisholm (MC); L Scott (LS); Cllr A Baxter; Cllr T MacLennan; Cllr B Murphy

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1. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by SB and seconded by AJ. The meeting due to take place on 2 April 2013 was cancelled.
2. Welcome to Ballachulish Primary School Eco Group  
Various agenda items were discussed with the Eco Group: bus shelter artwork, slate footpath inside wall of Jubilee Park, speeding issues & the boatsheds.  
Every 2 years the primary school applies for its Green Flag - they are currently applying for their third green flag.  
Members of the Eco Group updated the community council on various activities they are involved in:
  - a) Fundraising for charities such as Action Aid, The Children's Hospice and Red Nose Day.
  - b) Using recycled materials to make Henrietta the Highland Cow & knitting squares to make blankets.
  - c) The primary school has a Rag Bag recycling bin in the school playground. Clothing & textiles can be put in recycling bin and each time it gets emptied the school gets paid.
  - d) The tops of milk bottles are being collected to raise funds for charities and can be handed into the kitchen at the Primary School.
  - e) The eco group have organised a village litter pick to be carried out this week.The Eco Group will look after the flower tubs - new plants will be bought by Community Council.  
Thanks to Eco Group for coming to meeting.
3. Alternative to New Co-operative Shop & Public Car Park at Village Hall - Staff at the Co-op have been told new store building will start in June 2013.
4. War Memorial Jubilee Stone - Article on possible funding in this month's Lochaber Life. Sub-group of community council to look into funding.
5. Bus Shelter Artwork - working with Kinlochleven High School art department.
6. Storage Container - It is unsatisfactory that the barbeques were left outdoors. More care needs to be taken as they were expensive.
7. Recycling point - Problems with using Fort William recycling point to be discussed with Highland Councillors.
8. Bonfire / Fireworks night - Date set for Saturday 9 November 2013.
9. Finances - The treasurer presented the financial report & reported that the annual accounts were being audited.
10. Boatsheds - ACTION - KeS to email landowner. There are real concerns that neither the landowner nor SNH are fulfilling their duties with regard to the removal of slates from the boatsheds.

11. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout - Some work has been carried out and the situation is better but it is definitely not fixed. Thanks to Cllrs MacLennan & Murphy for their help with this. Sustrans is to hold a joint community council meeting next week to discuss the current status of the Oban to Fort William cycle path. ACTION - TW & KaS to attend.
12. Speeding - The results of the latest speed survey in Albert Road are available on our website. The cost of a Speed Indicator Device is in the region of £4,000 and we are looking into ways of funding this.
13. Slate footpath inside wall of Jubilee Park - Meeting to be arranged with Primary School, Parks Committee and Community Council.
14. A O C B
  - a) Litter Pick - Primary School Eco Group litter pick is underway with the help of other members of the community. Many thanks to all involved.
  - b) One-off donation to help with set-up costs of the 4<sup>th</sup> Lochaber Scouts in Ballachulish Village Hall for 5½ to 14 years olds - awaiting bank account details from Scouts.
  - c) Red Kite Consultants re Nevis & Glencoe - ACTION - KeS to mointor.
  - d) Concerns were raised about tree at West Laroch beside the white cottages that is dead and has branches falling off. MMA contacted TEC services and they said it's the Housing Dept responsibility. MMA is following up with Cllr MacLennan.
  - e) Questions were asked about whose responsibility it is to remove sheep carcasses. ACTION - MMA to follow up with Cllr MacLennan.
  - f) BID 4 Lochaber - ACTION - TW to invite them to our meeting.
  - g) The Annual General Meeting of the Community Council will take place on Tuesday 4 June 2013.
  - h) The next meeting of the Association of Lochaber Community Councils is 15 June 2013.
  - i) On-line survey seeking views for the creative input into the Cameron Square redevelopment was noted - <http://www.smart-survey.co.uk/s/76765MHTQV>

Next meeting is on Tuesday 4 June 2013.