

# BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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

Also Present:- Police; Cllr A Baxter; Members of the public, Press

Apologies:- A Jack (AJ); Cllr T MacLennan; Cllr B Murphy

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1. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by KaS and seconded by LS.
2. Resignations - Letters of resignation were received from the Chairman and Secretary. As next planned meeting is February 2014, this gives 3 months to re-organise. SG gave a vote of thanks to Chairman and Secretary.
3. Boatsheds - KeS met with landowner & Boat Shed committee. Landowner to do some repairs and is looking for assistance with the costs.
4. New Co-operative Shop & Public Car Park at Village Hall - ongoing.
5. War Memorial & Jubilee Stone - Emma Tayler (Highland Council) is arranging a meeting to progress this. MMA will continue to be involved & report back to Community Council.
6. Bus Shelter Artwork - ongoing.
7. Storage Container - now in MC's yard - BBQ equipment and Christmas lights to go in it.
8. Recycling point - Cllr AB to get confirmation from Highland Council that there will be a recycling point in the area held back from the sale and when.
9. Bonfire / Fireworks night - Saturday 9 November 2013. Funding received from Highland Council Discretionary Budget. Issues to note for next year include fencing off areas as per request from Ann Hackett, Highland Council and the likelihood of needing a public entertainment license. Volunteers are needed on Saturday 9 November at 8am at the Quarry.
10. Finances - Treasurer presented the financial report. Assistance for grass-cutting & village enhancement received from Highland Council Discretionary Budget.
11. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout - There are still concerns about flooding. The area seems to drain & then flood again quickly. Everyone is asked to log dates and times over the next couple of weeks of when the road is flooded as evidence to take to BEAR Scotland. Police to submit form re Roads Unit.
12. Speeding - Highland-wide 20 mph limit should be coming back to Highland Council TEC in January 2014.
13. Slate footpath & wall around Jubilee Park - ISG, contractor on the new Co-op gave some materials for the path. The slates have been lifted and a new base has been put down. The next step is to get the path tarred. Cllr AB to liaise with Iain Brown, Jubilee Park Management Trust, and Emma Tayler, Highland Council. Emma Taylor will then be dealing with the issues with the wall.

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- a) Tree at West Laroch beside the white cottages - ACTION Cllr AB to chase.
- b) Witch's Slate Path. ACTION - MC to get Perspex casing in place. Still awaiting path inspection from Housing Dept - ACTION - Cllr AB to follow up.
- c) Bus Stop - Awaiting response from Cllr BM
- d) Glencoe Police Station - Grave concerns were expressed about the closure to the public of the Glencoe Police Station and the number of officers working out of the Glencoe Police Station being reduced from 5 officers to 3. We were also dismayed our letter to Police Scotland expressing our concerns was responded to by Supt John Chisholm with very dubious wording. Cllr AB to follow up.
- e) MC suggested the Community Council took the retiring Chairman out to dinner in recognition of his long service.
- f) Two new community councillors will be co-opted onto the Community Council at our next meeting.
- g) Concerns were raised at the amount Lochaber Housing Association is proposing to charge residents of Angus Crescent for grass-cutting. ACTION - Cllr AB to look into.
- h) A wooden fish sculpture has disappeared from the Quarry - does anyone have any information on its whereabouts?
- i) A member of the community council has received abusive emails from someone claiming to be 'Lord Glencoe'. Advice from Community Council is to hand emails to police. Everyone is reminded that sending abusive emails is against the law.
- j) Highland Council is running training for Community Councils on 19 November 2013 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Lochaber House, Fort William. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- k) Consultation received from the Post Office about the move to the new premises.
- l) Scottish Water's 'Keep the water cycle running smoothly' & 'Be prepared for winter' campaigns were noted.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 4 February 2014.