

BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 4th November 2014

Present: - K Smith – Chairman (KeS); K Small (KaS); L MacEwan – Treasurer (LME); PC Paige McDonald; D Kitson (DK); A Jack (AJ); S Grant – Vice-Chair (SG); Cllr Andrew Baxter (AB)

Apologies: M Chisholm (MC); R Malpas (RM);

1. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by KaS and seconded by LME.
2. National Scenic Area – Meeting of Community Councils to be scheduled with Martin Faulkner.
3. Police Update – Cones to be supplied for Bonfire. Talks at schools still ongoing. Possible reduction in police officers based in area as one may be leaving
4. Boatsheds – LY in process of transfer of ownership to CC Company, we are awaiting the draft transfer of ownership contract for consultation and to take legal advice if necessary once received.
5. Save Walkway to School – Road safety team to be consulted for options.
6. Co-operative Shop – Still No response from Head Office from previous letter sent by SG/KS. Brown Tourist Board signs need to be moved as directing traffic into exit. AB confirmed car park is co-op responsibility as in their lease, KS to get insurance details for notice board, and claim on that for cost of new Community Board. KS has received some response but it is moving slowly. AB has eventually been told from Co-op head office that new point of contact is store manager.
7. War Memorial – Consultant has submitted his fees for work done and all drawing that will show War Memorial Grant application for fees has been submitted. Progress is being made. Public meeting to be arranged very soon to confirm details and inform public.
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
9. Christmas Lights –SG to arrange check with HC lighting for fixtures and fittings, also Malcolm Grant and MC to look at only light to see if they can be fixed for this year. as a matter of urgency .Also MC has materials to get cover for witches' slate. Trying to get in place before the winter sets in.
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. Chased with Community services and noted the lack of response from Inverness on various issues.
11. Finances – Finances passed at AGM. Crerar Hotel Trust funding ideas asked for and adopt a Basket was suggested, SG going to talk to local hardware store and Garden Centre for their ideas and help with costs.
12. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout – Getting redone, Not done as of yet so will chase up.

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 – Awaiting response from Tec Services.
15. Rotten Tree at West Laroch – AB to chase to see if local can cut tree down. Landowner will not allow for tree to be felled. Tec Services informed and chased.
16. 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. Ongoing
17. 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 committee. Ongoing.
18. Ballachulish Company -
Meeting for Community Company held in Shinty pavilion on 3rd November. Approx 50 out of 700 questionnaires sent back. General consensus at meeting was in favor of progressing Hydro scheme.
Any one is welcome to join the Community Company.
19. A O C B
- a) Village Events - Rat Race – have agreed payment with SG - Still waiting payment SG to chase.. Awaiting Confirmation
 - b) Grass in Croft – the paths in the croft is overgrown and needing cut. Linda/Brian to cut paths. Ongoing.
 - c) Park Rd - Bushes and Brambles need cut back again – AB will chase C Kemp. Volunteers wanted to help with cut.
 - d) Arch - Issues with weeds and trees growing - HC need to be chased as they are dealing with it. AB will chase. In progress
 - e) D Campbell to be asked to give quote to look at wall and stones round Ballachulish Slate Monument also quote for shinty path, also Vince to look at the moss/weeds growing over path way, to tidy up.
 - f) School Bridge - needs repair work carried out, Iain Bruce low to be contacted. SG to chase. Ongoing

Next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd December 2014.

All are welcome