

BALLACHULISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 1 October 2013

Present:- M MacAskill - Chairman (MMA); T Whyte - Secretary (TW); L Scott (LS); K Small (KaS); A Jack (AJ)

Also Present:- Police; Kerry Hawthorn, Conservation Officer, Highland Council; Cllr A Baxter

Apologies:- S Grant - Vice-Chair (SG); M Chisholm (MC); K Smith - Treasurer (KeS); Cllr T MacLennan

1. Minutes of last meeting - Proposed by AJ and seconded by MMA.
2. Boatsheds - On-site meeting earlier today with landowner & Kerry Hawthorn, Highland Council's Conservation Officer. Surveyor to be appointed to come up with schedule of work and funding to be sourced. Kerry will keep KeS informed of progress and will come back to our February 2014 meeting. Kerry asking landowner to put temporary roof covers in place in meantime. Kerry Hawthorn left meeting
3. New Co-operative Shop & Public Car Park at Village Hall - Not expected to be open till January 2014.
4. War Memorial & Jubilee Stone - ACTION - MMA/TW to write to Army asking for permission to put War Memorial in square.
5. Bus Shelter Artwork - following lack of interest from Kinlochleven High School, KaS proposed & AJ seconded that LS should do artwork for bus shelter.
6. Storage Container - ongoing.
7. Recycling point - Cllr AB provided copy of sales particulars for former roads depot at the West Quarry and confirmation from Highland Council surveyor that a portion of land had been held back from sale. Clarification still required that recycling point will be set up in this area.
8. Bonfire / Fireworks night - Date set for Saturday 9 November 2013. Meeting to be held on Wednesday 9 October 2013. LS to organise posters etc.
9. Finances - Treasurer not present - will update next month.
10. Cycle Path & Flooding on A82 south of roundabout - Cllr AB has written to BEAR Scotland and as yet has had no response. He will continue to follow up.
11. Speeding - Report from Cllr AB that Highland Council are looking to introduce 20 mph schemes on a Highland-wide basis and he has written to Graham Phillips (TECS Committee Chairman) and Richard Guest (Head of Roads & Community Works) asking for Ballachulish to be included in the initial phase.
12. Slate footpath & wall around Jubilee Park - Report from Cllr AB that Ward Manager, Dot Ferguson, is arranging a meeting with relevant parties to discuss options for the slate path and the replacement of the wall around the park. Primary School issued surveys and is updating its travel plan.
13. A O C B

- a) Report from Cllr TML via Cllr AB that Housing Dept engaged a tree surgeon to undertake the work on the tree at West Laroch beside the white cottages. ACTION - Cllr AB to chase again as there are still issues following recent stormy weather.
- b) Witch's Slate Path. Report from Cllr AB that Housing Dept will arrange an inspection of the path.
- c) Bus Stop - Report from Cllr AB that Cllr Brian Murphy has reported the issue to HiTrans and he will let us know the response.

Cllr AB came into meeting.

- d) Ballachulish Primary School road - winter gritting. Cllr AB raised the issue of schools being gritted too late in the morning and requested that the schedule is changed at TECS committee meeting.
- e) BID Lochaber - Chairman's report from Living Lochaber meeting was that it was not constructive and it appears that the overwhelming majority of businesses are against the BID.
- f) The police have held seminars advising on home security following recent break-ins.
- g) The next Joint Ward Forum meeting is on Monday 7 October 2013 at 7pm in Caol Community Centre and the forum theme is "Consultation for local police & fire & rescue plans". Concerns were expressed over the format of ward forum meetings and the lack of time given to a questions & answers session.
- h) The police plan was noted.
- i) Concerns were raised about local marketing group being selective about membership.
- j) License variation for Co-op was noted.
- k) Overprovision of licensed premises consultation was noted.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 5 November 2013.