

**Notes from Ballachulish Community Action Plan meeting,
Tuesday 12th January 2016
Held in Village Hall, 6.30pm**

Present: Iain Brown (Shinty, Parks Committee), Jan Gosden (Bowmen), Shirley Grant (BCC, Shinty, Playparks, PPG), Dave Kitson (BCC, BC Co, Boat Club), Rob Malpas (BCA, BCC, Scouts, School Parent Council), Morag Pitt (Scouts, GP), Colin Roxburgh (STAR), Kath Small (BCC, Step it up, Car share group), Kevin Smith (BCC, BC Co), Mike Smith (BC Co), David Southcott (Boat Club), Catherine Susans (BCA, Discover Glencoe), Jo Watt (BCA), Robert Watt (BCA, Boat Club)

BCA = Ballachulish Community Association SCIO; BCC = B. Community Council; BC Co = B. Community Company

Apologies: Sophie Malcolm, Sheila McLean, Morag Milne, Jenny Newton, Jimmy Waugh

Residents Survey

The final survey form has now been printed, with approximately 800 copies produced in a folded A3 format. The form will be delivered by the School Children and Scouts to most of the village and Glenachulish 'main street', with outlying areas done by adults from the meeting.

There are 19 school children and 4 scouts (from the high school) currently helping, with further permission slips from the older Scouts being chased. They will be working in pairs, with parents or school staff / Scout leaders supervising from a distance. Mostly they will be delivering to houses near where they live.

The school children have been briefed with 5 things to say when they knock on doors to deliver the forms. These include:

- Engaging with the resident(s)
- Survey on behalf of the Community
- Intended to help develop / improve the village
- Asking how many forms are required
- That they will be back to collect in a couple of days

Delivery and collection will be weather dependent, but aim is to return after a couple of days to collect, and then a couple of days later if no one in. If still no answer on second return, they will leave a 'sorry we missed you' slip, with directions to leave the form at the TiC. Adult helpers may also assist with follow up visits if needed.

The survey is also online on Survey Monkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BalachulishViews>

Facebook pages and Website to be used to support the survey. BCA to provide posters and blackboards to be placed outside the Co-op to encourage responses.

Jan, Kath and Jo volunteered to help with the outlying properties, although additional help may be required.

Stakeholder Consultations

Colin has already met with a large number of community groups, local businesses and other bodies that work in Ballachulish to gain their views. More meetings are planned over the next 3-4 weeks. If anyone would like to meet with Colin on behalf of a group or business and hasn't already had an opportunity, please contact him directly, or speak to a member of the community council or association who will be able to put you in touch.

Lots of things have already been raised from the consultations held so far, encompassing the local environment, history & culture, health, transport, housing and leisure. Options for a new south Lochaber school site have also been raised.

Profile

Collation of background information for the community profile is ongoing, to supplement the information previously provided by Kath and Sheila.

Timeframe

- The first surveys will hopefully be delivered this weekend (weather dependent) with an aim to have them all collected by the end of January / First week in February.
- Colin aims to complete Stakeholder consultations over the next 3-4 weeks.
- All surveys should be back with Colin by mid February, the report will then take approximately 4 weeks to compile.
- First draft of report will be presented to the steering group in mid March
- 16th April – Event, see below

Public Event

The Public Event has been booked for 12-3.30pm on Saturday 16th April 2016 in the village hall. It will include the following:

- Display of results, with people on hand to explain.
- Stalls for local groups to advertise themselves etc
- Food - soup / sandwiches, home baking, teas & coffees.
- Entertainment – short performances on the stage – country dancers and scouts suggested as providing some acts, others welcome!
- Activities – Bouncy Castle, Bowmen?, Segways, Face Painting
- Raffle?

AOCB

VAL are hosting a community planning drop-in session for the South Lochaber area in the village hall from 5-8pm on 4th Feb.

Highland Council Local Plan for Lochaber – responses and comments need to be in by 19th January

Forestry Commission 10 year plan for Brecklet Forest is currently being developed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at **6.00pm on 2nd February 2016, at the Shinty Pavilion.**