

**Notes from Ballachulish Community Action Plan meeting,  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016  
Held in Village Hall, 7pm**

Present: Iain Brown (Shinty, Parks Committee), Brian Dickie (BCA), Rob Malpas (BCA, BCC, Scouts, School Parent Council), Sheila McLean (BC Co), Colin Roxburgh (STAR), Kath Small (BCC), Kevin Smith (BCC, BC Co), Jimmy Waugh (BCC, BC Co)  
BCA = Ballachulish Community Association SCIO; BCC = B. Community Council; BC Co = B. Community Company

Apologies: Lynne Brown, Morag Milne, Mike Smith, Jo Watt

## **Residents Survey**

We have now had a total of nearly 180 completed surveys returned, including a somewhat disappointing 20 online. There are an additional 57 from the primary school.

The original target was 170-180 (approx. 50% of households) so we have passed the threshold to provide robust results and themes in the report. The draft residents' survey report is being revised with the latest comments, but this will be continually updated until the final document is produced in April.

Some points of poor community communication raised by survey – some respondents had highlighted that the village had no swimming pool and no fitness classes.

A complete lack of responses from 18-24 year olds was also highlighted.

Colin will prepare and circulate final versions of all reports asap, although revisions may follow the Event in April.

## **Public Event**

### **Themes**

Draft voting themes were circulated. Lots of cross-references. Each visitor will be given 7 stickers for voting, with a max of 2 votes per option and 25 options. There will be the option to make comments too.

Some people have been allocated to stand at the Theme tables and talk to people about the ideas. Need more volunteers to spread load.

### **Stalls**

Confirmed stalls for local groups as follows:

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| • School                   | • Village Hall      | • Mums & Toddlers          |
| • PPG (using Committee Rm) | • Community Company | • Playparks                |
| • Scouts                   | • Bowmen (outside?) | • Car Share Scheme         |
| • Boat Club                | • Step it up group  | • Discover Glencoe (popup) |

Also Timeline from exhibition will be put up, and a small selection of exhibits to be provided, possibly including one of the models currently in the Shinty pavilion.

### **Refreshments**

In hand with Community Association. Home baking, soup and hotdogs planned.

### **Entertainment**

Highland Hustle, Scouts (hopefully) and local musical groups have agreed to do short slots on stage.

### **Activities**

Bouncy Castle and demonstration by Bowmen confirmed. Body Zorbs provisionally booked, to be confirmed.

### **Promotion**

- Sheila has sent press releases to Oban Times, Lochaber News & Press & Journal. Oban Times have responded so far.
- Nevis Radio to be sent details for 'what's on' slot.

- Door-to-door leaflets delivered, reminders to be added to school bags after holiday.
- Posters up, and circulated
- Banner to be sent to All Round Signs to be re-done for event
- Facebook being utilised after Easter to keep the event in people's minds.

## **AOB**

A discussion was had regarding community noticeboard, as raised by poor communication noted earlier. Co-op are still 'in progress' with replacement board at shop.

Iain suggested an electronic Variable Message Sign (VMS) similar to that used by Glen Urquhart Shinty Club at Drumnadrochit. This could be mounted on the gable end of the hall facing the TIC / Car Park. To be further investigated.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the Launch Event on 16<sup>th</sup> April.