Notes from Ballachulish Community Action Plan meeting, Wednesday 24th February 2016 Held in Village Hall, 7pm

Present: Brian Dickie (BCA), Rob Malpas (BCA, BCC, Scouts, School Parent Council), Sheila McLean (BC Co), Colin Roxburgh (STAR), Kevin Smith (BCC, BC Co), Jo Watt (BCA), Jimmy Waugh (BCC, BC Co) BCA = Ballachulish Community Association SCIO; BCC = B. Community Council; BC Co = B. Community Company

Apologies: None

Residents Survey

We have now had a total of 160 completed surveys returned, including a somewhat disappointing 17 online. There are an additional 57 from the primary school.

The original target was 170-180 (approx. 50% of households) so we are very nearly there with several more forms promised / to collect, and so we should have enough data to proceed. The first draft of the residents' survey report is being prepared, but this will be continually updated until the final document is produced in April.

Lots of varied ideas coming in, and it was reported that the older members of the community are putting forward ideas for the younger people, and vice-versa, which is very encouraging.

Stakeholder Consultations

The Stakeholder consultations are now largely complete. The draft report has been circulated for checking.

Profile

An updated profile report has also been circulated for checking.

Issues raised

There was a discussion regarding a number of issues raised by respondents do far, including:

- Affordable housing
- Land use within the community including a new school site and views on the future use of the Croft
- Historic and environmental sites in the community
- Healthcare provision
- Highland Council local plans inaccuracies and contradictions noted

Public Event

Colin circulated photos from a previous event, and also the charts used to gather further views and opinions at these events.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7.00pm on 22nd March 2016, at the Village Hall.