

**Notes from Ballachulish Community Action Plan meeting,
Tuesday 24th November 2015
Held in Village Hall, 6.30pm**

Present: Iain Brown (Shinty, Parks Committee), Lynn Brown (St Mundas Church), Brian Dickie (BCA), Shirley Grant (BCC, Shinty, Playparks, PPG), Dave Kitson (BCC, BC Co, Boat Club), Rob Malpas (BCA, BCC, Scouts, School Parent Council), Sheila McLean (BC Co), Jenny Newton (Playparks, Mums & Toddlers), Colin Roxburgh (STAR), Kath Small (BCC, Step it up, Car share group), Kevin Smith (BCC, BC Co), Catherine Susans (BCA, Discover Glencoe), Jo Watt (BCA), Robert Watt (BCA, Boat Club), Jimmy Waugh (BCC, BC Co)
BCA = Ballachulish Community Association SCIO; BCC = B. Community Council; BC Co = B. Community Company

Apologies: Morag Milne, Mike Smith, Young People from School & Scouts (clashed with parents evening)

Welcome & Overview

The meeting started with introductions, and thanks to all those who came.

Colin Roxburgh from STAR development group (<http://www.stardevelopmentgroup.org/>) then went through an overview of the plan, largely an abridged version as noted in the previous minutes.

The Survey form

Following on from discussion at previous meeting the following was agreed at this meeting:

- Dave Kitson to supply STAR with logo from amongst runners up for School Competition for Hydro Scheme logo.
- Survey is titled 'Ballachulish' with text making inclusion of Glenachulish and Lettermore explicit. This prevents it all getting too wordy, and reflects the titles of many existing community groups.
- Raffle is opt-in, with name and address space at end of form.
- Survey Monkey option has been set up.

It was also noted that the Highland Council will be carrying out community consultations in the near future, as part of the Lochaber Community Development Plan. We will maintain contact to ensure that there is no duplication of effort.

Delivery

Colin has arranged to meet school again on 12th January with forms for delivery and to discuss process of delivery and collection with kids. He can hopefully meet Scouts and other High School Kids who are helping on the same day. Timeframe for delivery and collection will be confirmed in January, but likely to be 2-3 weeks from the 12th.

The school has already sent out permission slips and had 12 positive replies. It was understood that only P6/7 have been asked so far. Scouts will send out permission slips once school have confirmed which year groups have been asked so as to avoid duplication.

The meeting felt that whilst responsible adults didn't need to (indeed shouldn't) go to the doors with the pupils / scouts, they should keep them in sight at all times. Concern was also raised about delivering / collecting after dark, and the problems of people being at work during daylight hours, but options of weekends for second attempts at collection are available. School were proposing that pupils work in pairs, and do roughly 20 houses (not sure if per pair or per child), Scouts to use same guidelines.

Consultations

List of local groups circulated. A couple of omissions were noted.

Colin will be contacting groups in the community over the coming days and weeks to arrange consultations. A number of meetings were provisionally booked at the end of the meeting.

Colin is to be provided with contacts for the following authorities, charities and agencies that work in the Ballachulish area:

- Abbeyfield
- Forestry Commission Scotland
- Highland Council
- Lochaber Geopark
- Lochaber Housing Association
- National Scenic Area
- National Trust for Scotland
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Voluntary Action Lochaber

A list of local business contacts also to be provided. Catherine to provide list of relevant members of Glencoe Marketing Group. Rob has some of the information on other businesses, which will be circulated and added to by other from the meeting. Any other major local landowners also to be included.

AOCB

Colin confirmed that STAR will look at the Council's Local Plan for the area, and other relevant documents when drawing up the Action Plan. Issues regarding Services, infrastructure and Housing will be included, although they are not matters that the community has a great deal of influence on making happen.

The recent exhibition in the hall was discussed, and the general feeling that the community would like some form of museum or heritage centre for the village.

Public Event

The public event with the final plan will be held in the Village Hall in April, Jo Watt to check when the hall is available, and circulate so that hall can be booked and date put on survey forms. *16th April looks promising.*

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at **6.30pm on 12th January 2016, venue tbc.**

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