

**Notes from Ballachulish Community Action Plan meeting,
Monday 5th October 2015
Held in Committee Room, Ballachulish Village Hall, 7.30pm**

Present: Brian Dickie, Shirley Grant, Rob Malpas, Sheila McLean, Kath Small, Jimmy Waugh
Apologies: Kevin Smith, Jo Watt

Funding

It was previously agreed (by e-mail) to proceed with Colin Roxburgh and STAR. The Action Plan is going to cost in the region of £13,500 - 15,000, although final costs may change depending on exactly what we want and how much we can do ourselves. There may also be the opportunity to secure extra funding / discount through HIE as a Case Study.

Sheila is in the process of applying for a £5000 grant from the Forestry Commission Scotland.

The remainder will come from community groups and organisations who will see long term benefits, and have sufficient capital at the present moment. The following amounts are being requested:

- Community Company £4-5000 (Approved)
- Community Council £2-2500
- Community Association £1500-2000
- Shinty Club ~£500
- Play Parks Committee ~£500

Jimmy mentioned the SSE Resilience Fund as another possible funding source, which should be coming on stream for applications from the Highlands in the next 12 months, but is already running behind.

Memorandum of Understanding

Sheila circulated a draft copy of an MOU between those community groups / organisations providing funding as above. This was approved by the meeting and so final copy will be circulated for approval and signing by the interested parties. This needs to be done before the end of the month.

The Community Association are taking the nominal lead in the process, primarily because they are the most appropriate organisation to do so.

Sheila to draft a letter confirming with STAR we are going ahead. Rob to transfer to BCA letterhead for printing.

Timescale & Participation

First official meeting with Colin Roxburgh pencilled in for 6.30pm on 3rd November. This is immediately prior to community council meeting, so will be held in Shinty Pavilion. Rob to e-mail all community groups as before with date and time to try and get maximum attendance. Also to invite young people (Scouts, School) to have their say.

The plan will then proceed, hopefully being ready next spring. There are some time limits on the funding, and time constraints with regard the Hydro project that need to be met.

Community Empowerment

Jimmy circulated a document from a recent Community Empowerment Workshop he attended. This relates to the new act passing power back to community bodies covering a wide range of matters. More information can be found online – here for instance: <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0045/00457535.pdf>