

**Minute of Beauly Community Council Meeting
held on Monday, 30th January, 2012, in the Phipps Hall**

Present: C.Council: Rosie McDonald, Seona Fraser, James Campbell, Jane Campbell,
Jim Stewart, Tony Boyland, Belle Maxwell
H.C.Members: Cllr.Helen Carmichael, Cllr.Drew Cllr.Hendry, H.Wood
Police: Sgt Gregor Hay, PC Jim Renwick
Public: Ally Watt, Maratena Coleman
Apologies: Katie Cumming, Cllr.Margaret Davidson

1. **Minute of Previous Meeting**

Minute No.41 was read and there was one amendment as follows: 2(h) 'The original contractors have been fired' should read 'The original subcontractor was dismissed'. The minute was then approved. Proposed by Jim Stewart and seconded by Rosie McDonald.

2. **Matters Arising from Previous Minute**

1. Police Matters

Several instances of bad parking were discussed and Sgt Hay reiterated the point he made previously - do not hesitate to phone at the time. Jane Campbell will pass this information to the School Council, as parking is forever coming up on their agenda. The police said they could do much more if we have parking restrictions. It was agreed to wait until the contractors were finished and re-assess the situation then. Sgt Hay and PC Renwick left the meeting.

2. Cnoc

The situation with the trees has been ongoing and it was agreed to have a meeting with the tree specialists from Highland Council, Robert Patton and Stewart Easthaugh, together with Dietrich Pannwitz from the Forestry Commission. Cllr Drew Hendry will arrange this. The well is in a dreadful state and it was suggested making a cover for it. Seona Fraser will contact Ken McColl for an estimate. The Cnoc needs a good clean-up. See 4(10) Spring clean-up.

3. The Square

There is now a 3-week delay on completion: 10th February is the deadline. Work on the path to Braeview Car Park will commence tomorrow. Many complaints have been received because there were no traffic lights at the pedestrian crossing since before Xmas. Cllr Carmichael will check if a bus shelter is being erected outside the Bank of Scotland.

4. Handyman

Tony Boyland to confirm with Alan Campbell that he now is the village handyman.

5. Balblair Quarry Aggregates Industry

Tony Boyland suggested that the CC get a tour when the nights are lighter and this was agreed. James Campbell will liaise.

6. Braeview Community Development Sub-committee

It was confirmed in late December that the Leader application was successful - £55,483. Now awaiting it in writing. Iain Reid from Highland Council will procure the equipment and award the contract. The main issue is the cost of the wetpour surface, which the Council is insisting is the only acceptable grounding. At £140 per square metre this takes up over £30,000 of the budget. At the next meeting it is hoped to put forward a final design for approval. Once agreed, and the order placed, the estimated time to completion would be 12 weeks. It is hoped to tie-in the official opening with the Queen's Jubilee, around Saturday, 2nd June. Additional funding is being sought from Scotmid, Co-op, TAIC FREUMHAN COIMHEARSNACHD, Lifescan and fund-raising events. Jane Campbell asked for the CC contribution of £5,000 from the General Fund and £2,000 from the Children's Hall Fund be transferred into their working account. James Campbell said that now would be a good time to submit an application to the Highland Cross.

3. Correspondence

- a) Highland Small Communities Housing Trust, re self build plots at Simpsons Drive. 4(4)
- b) Munro & Noble, Solicitors, re bequest from Mrs Joyce Howes. 4(5)
- c) ENTRUST Annual Return - passed to Seona Fraser.
- d) Highland Council - Doorstep Crime - Include an article on this in the next Beaully News - Action Seona Fraser. Pass to Senior Citizens' Assoc for info - Action Belle Maxwell.
- e) Scottish & Southern Energy - re Beaully Mossford 132kV Transmission Line Replacement. Passed to Jim Stewart, Wind farm Sub-committee.
- f) Lovat Estates - Draft lease for Cnoc Na Rath. 4(1)
- g) Forestry Commission - re planting Xmas Trees in old shinty park, Ferry Road. 4(2)

4. Any Other Business

1. Cnoc Path Lease with Lovat Estates

All members received a copy of the draft lease (£1 peppercorn rent per year) and endorsement to the insurance cover. This was discussed in detail and it was agreed that Tony Boyland contact Lovat Estates to inform them that we do want to accept the lease at the moment.

2. Xmas Trees

All members received a copy of the Forestry Commission's letter regarding the proposed planting of Xmas trees on the old shinty pitch in Ferry Road, together with Tony Boyland's reply. The CC have no objection, in principle, but would ask for a few concessions, i.e. remove the Japanese Knotweed, reinstate the broken bunding, improve the public footpath and fix the potholes in the road.

3. Associate Member

Maratena Coleman was put forward to become an Associate Member, proposed by Belle Maxwell and seconded by James Campbell. There were no objections and Maratena was duly elected.

4. Self-build Plots at Simpsons Drive

There are 2 plots still unallocated and Morven Taylor, Development Officer, The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust, would like to come to Beaully to discuss options for selling these. Her colleague Tom Hainey has already visited us some time ago to discuss this matter and it was suggested that Belle Maxwell write to Ms Taylor, to see what options, if any, they were considering.

5. Mrs Joyce Howes Bequest

Mrs Joyce Louisa Howes, at one time a resident in Braeview Park, has left a share of her estate to the Beaulieu Community Council. This should amount to something between £3,000 and £3,500 and will be available to us in 6 months. The executors wish to know how we propose to apply this bequest. After discussion, it was agreed to suggest it be put towards the Braeview Community Development for the purchase of an additional piece of equipment. Belle Maxwell to write to the solicitors with this proposal and also confirm to them that an engraved bench would be erected in Braeview Park to Mrs Howes' memory.

6. Treasurer's Retirement

Eric Moodie has been the Treasurer of Beaulieu Community Council for several decades and it was agreed to mark this occasion by presenting him with a suitable gift. Tony Boyland will contact Janet for some ideas as to what this gift might be.

7. Bus Service

Complaints have been received regarding the poor bus service through Beaulieu. A Ward Forum will take place in Brockies Lodge around the beginning of March to address this matter. Belle Maxwell to inform Ally Watt when confirmation date received.

8. Train Service

At the moment, at peak times, the trains are very busy and often have standing room only. Belle Maxwell to write to Scotrail asking if an extra carriage could be added. At the same time remind them of the Kessock Bridge partial closure next year.

9. Scotia Footbridge

Since Scotia never applied for planning permission for a bridge, this item was cancelled. However, some local residents are unaware of this and think it is still going ahead. Tony Boyland to arrange the delivery of leaflets to all the local residents, explaining the situation.

10. Spring Clean-up

Cllr. Carmichael to arrange, through TEC Services, provision of a skip, gloves, litter pickers, bags, etc. James Campbell to confirm the preferred date and when he has done so we will put posters around the village asking for volunteer helpers. A provisional date was set as Saturday, 3rd March.

5. **Planning Applications**

a) New Applications - None

b) Existing Applications

- Lovat Caravan Park - application for 10 static caravans
- Erection of electrical converter substation at West Balblair

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday, 27th February, 2012, at 7.30pm.