

**Minute of Beauly Community Council Meeting
held on Monday, 26th November, 2012, in Phipps Hall at 7.30pm**

Present: C.Council: Rosie McDonald, Seona Fraser, Maratena Coleman, Jim Stewart,
James Campbell, Tony Boyland
HC Member: Cllr Helen Carmichael,
Police: Sgt Hay.
Aird 1st Responders: Alan Hogan and Duncan Macintosh

Apologies: Belle Maxwell

Before the meeting commenced, Duncan Macintosh and Alan Hogan, from Aird First Responders, gave a short presentation on the latest techniques for CPR and demonstrated the new defibrillator equipment they are now using. In the last year they have responded to approx. 125 calls. They now have GPS tracking system which should make finding houses in the rural area easier, especially in the dark. They also have direct contact with the ambulance service so can find out how far away the ambulance is in emergency. 1st Responders aim to be at an emergency in less than 8 minutes and this is very important for life survival as the ambulances have to come from Dingwall or Inverness which takes too long. They plan to set up "Heart Start" training sessions for the public as well. This should take 2-3 hours during one evening in the New Year and most CC members have tentatively put their name forward to attend one of the sessions. At present they still have no permanent base and the porta-cabin at the Shinty Club was not ideal for their needs so for now they work from home or whilst sitting in their vehicles. 1st Responders aim to give 80% coverage all of the time based on a current active team of 9 people. The CC thanked Duncan Macintosh and Alan Hogan for coming to the meeting and giving a most informative presentation. After they left the meeting, the CC agreed to give a £200 donation to Aird First Responders to help support their team.

1. Previous Minute

Minute No.50 was read and approved with the proviso of one change to item 2 g) made by Cllr Carmichael to remove 'SSE funding of £1200 for wood' which should read that it will come out of the "Ward Discretionary Budget" and that SSE will pay for the skip.

Proposed by Maratena Coleman and seconded by Seona Fraser.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Minute

a) Police Matters

Sgt Hay supported the idea that the CC should contact HC Trading Standards to see if they could assist in getting the on-street car sales stopped in the village since there was little the Police could do if the cars were taxed and insured. Regarding the use of police cones outside the Church of Scotland, for larger weddings or funerals, the Police cannot permanently leave these with the church for use as and when needed as they are official notices. However if Beauly Church of Scotland or a funeral undertaker does need temporary parking restrictions for a large event, they should contact the local police to see if they can help. It might also be useful to contact HC to see if they would loan cones for the duration of a service. Apart from the above there was nothing new to report at this time except that PC Jim Renwick was being moved to Dingwall (Ross-shire) area. PC Blair Lowrie is moving to Muir of Ord as a replacement for the Beauly area and will be joining the local team in the near future. The CC said they would send a letter of thanks and best wishes to PC Jim Renwick.

b) The Cnoc (trees).

Cllr Carmichael reported that agreement has been made with Lovat Estates and the work on the tree will commence shortly. Item Closed.

c) Braeview Community Development Sub-Committee

The construction is nearly completed and there will be a grand opening early in Spring-time. There are a few arrangements still to be completed like the dedicated bench as part of Mrs Howe's bequest and signage regarding the sponsors and contributors. On-going

d) Village Plan

There have been several variations to the plan for the square over the last few months, but we have at last put together a final version that covers most of the parking issues. Cllr Carmichael and some members were still concerned about some of the ideas but Tony Boyland explained this was just the start of the exercise. The draft plan would be passed to Mike Stephens, Principal Engineer TEC Services, in HC who would look at it and then hopefully generate a reasonable outline plan that could be used as the basis of a public display for local comments and discussion. On-going

e) Benches

Jim Stewart reported that the two benches have been installed on the corners of Station Rd & Beaufort Gdns and Station Rd and Braeview Park. Item closed.

f) Fairburn Wind Farm - On-going.

g) Funding from Highland Cross On-going

h) Monument Clean-up On going

i) House of Beaully - On-going.

j) Web Site - On-going

k) The Old Priory - On-going

l) Switching on of Xmas Lights

The Christmas Light Switch-on will now be performed by the Gala Queen, Lauryn MacKinnon. The Children from Beaully Primary School will be singing carols at the event. 60-70 children are expected. Help will be needed from ~5pm to set up the stage. Arrangements for Santa's arrival to be organised by Jane Campbell & James Campbell.

m) Gala Flags - Ongoing.

n) Beaully Station - On-going

o) Boundary Changes - Closed.

p) Allotments - Ongoing.

q) Walk to Windhill - Tony Boyland will talk to the local farmers about access at Windhill. - On-going

r) Xmas Lunch - Final arrangements made for the Beaully CC Christmas.

3. Correspondence

a) Highland Council – Review of Polling Districts & Places 2012.

b) Highland Council - Draft Supplementary Document about Houses in Multiple Occupation 2012.

c) Scottish Health Campaigns Network Introductory Letter and offer participation in their organisation.

- d) Practical Quality Assurance System for Small Organisations. Offered 1 day training on 27th Nov for £20.
- e) Richard Crawford (Chair of CC Forum) invitation to meeting in Nov & Dec about A9 duelling.
- f) Richard Crawford (Chair of CC Forum) about future forum agenda items and Inverness West Link option 6 proposals.
- g) Charles Stephen (CC Liaison Officer), regarding on-street car sales, suggesting Beauly CC contact Gordon Robb HC Trading Standards Manager.
- h) Scottish Water, letter & leaflet with information and survey/feedback form.

4. **Any Other Business**

- a) Highland Cross - The Highland Cross presentations will be held on the 6th December.

- a) Fountain

James Campbell will ask the Fire Brigade if they can pump out the village fountain before the heavy frosts arrive.

- b) SSE Pylon Work

Work was being carried out up the braes on Sundays from 6:50am disturbing local residents. Action Cllr Carmichael.

- c) Change to Minute Format

As from January 2013 Beauly CC agreed to move the start time of their meetings to 7:00 pm.

- d) 'Thank You' Cards

It was agreed to send a Xmas "Thank You" card & present to Balblair Quarry Aggregates for their very generous donations of many tons of hard core for the Beauly Play Park project, and also to send a Xmas "Thank You" card & present to Ian Whyte HC Community Support Officer for the hard work and many hundreds of hours spent constructing a footpath from the School to the New Play Park for free.

5. **Planning Applications**

12/04082/FUL. Erection of 12 Cottage Apartments at Farlie View, Beauly. It was agreed that whilst we did not object to the plans per se we had concerns over the number of units, the parking layout, increased vehicle movement and the apparent divergence from the original outline plan. Tony Boyland to write to HC Planning Dept. regarding the above.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday, 28th January 2013, at 7.00pm.