

**Minute of Beaully Community Council
held on Monday, 28th January, 2013, at 7pm in Phipps Hall**

Present: C.Council: Tony Boyland, Rosie McDonald, Jim Stewart, Seona Fraser, Belle Maxwell
James Campbell, Maratena Coleman
HC Member: Cllr Helen Carmichael
Public: Ivar Campbell
Police: PC Billy McDonald, PC Garry Ross
Apologies: Jane Campbell, Cllr Margaret Davidson

1. **Minute of Previous Meeting**

The previous minute was read and approved. Proposed by Maratena Coleman and seconded by Jim Stewart.

2. **Matters Arising from Previous Minute**

a) **Police Matters**

PC Blair Lowrie is now moving to another area and this position in Beaully is still vacant. Sgt Hay sent a questionnaire asking for the CC's opinion on local policing priorities and the following is the result. See 3(c).

	<u>First Choice</u>	<u>Second Choice</u>	<u>Third Choice</u>
Section 1	Drugs	Road Safety	Antisocial Behaviour
Section 2	Increased Visibility	Prevention	Early Intervention
Section 3	In a non-emergency situation we would use the telephone.		

b) **The Cnoc** - Ongoing.

c) **Braeview Development Sub-committee**

The play park is effectively finished, apart from the zip slide, and all the paperwork has been signed off. Still awaiting sponsor boards and dedicated bench. Action **Jim Stewart**. Ivor Campbell reported that there was a 12" deep mini lake at the top left hand corner which will require 80-100 yards of field drainage. **Jim Stewart** to contact Peter Taylor, Highland Council. The contractors have been asked to return because turf has been dumped over the fence into the Cnoc. **Jim Stewart** to contact Community Payback to see if they would cover this work.

d) **Village Plan**

This is now in the hands of Mike Stephens, Highland Council, who will contact us when he has had an opportunity to study it. Thereafter he will be pleased to discuss it with the local community. See 3(f).

e) **Fairburn Wind Farm** - Ongoing

f) **Funding from Highland Cross** - This has been successful. Item now closed.

g) **Monument Clean-up** - Awaiting report from Andrew Stewart. Action **James Campbell**

- h) House of Beauly - Ongoing
- i) Web Site - Details to be reissued. Action **Tony Boyland**
- j) The Old Priory - Heritage Scotland to fix the gate.
- k) Switching on of Xmas Lights

It was agreed that the lights be switched on every year on the last Thursday in November. The Head Teacher is to be notified (action **Maratena Coleman**) and also Highland Council Lighting Department (action **Seona Fraser**).

- l) Gala Flags

The flags will be put up before the Highland Cross on Saturday, 22nd June. SSE Community Assistance can provide the manpower and the cherry picker, all done under Health & Safety Regulations through Highland Council.

- m) Beauly Station

As of this date, no work has started on increasing the car park and there is only 8 working days until the Kessock Bridge closures. Action **Cllr Helen Carmichael**. However, instead of two carriages on the 5pm and 6pm trains, there are now five.

- n) Allotments - Check corrugated fence. Action **James Campbell**.
- o) Walk to Windhill - In abeyance until the weather improves.
- p) Fountain - This work has been done. Item now closed.
- q) SSE Pylon Work

There are some tidy up issues at the side of the road and junction. SSE have been notified.

3. Correspondence

- a) Scottish Govt – Axis 4 European Fisheries Funding. Highland fishing communities are encouraged to apply for assistance from this fund. Copy to be sent to Ness & Beauly Fisheries. Action **Belle Maxwell**
- b) Inverness Area CC Forum – Tuesday, 19th February, 7pm in Town House. **B.Maxwell** and **J.Stewart** will attend.
- c) Local Policing Priorities - Sgt Hay submitted a questionnaire for completion. See results under 2(a) Police Matters.
- d) Inverness City Forum – Transport issues – Kessock Bridge & Flood Alleviation Works – Monday, 4th February, 4.30pm in Town House. **Cllr Helen Carmichael** will attend.
- e) Forestry Commission Consultation – Tomich Farm. - The volume of timber to be extracted is very small and gives no cause for concern.
- f) Email from Mike Stephens – acknowledges receipt of our village plan re parking issues.
- g) Email from Nikki McKenzie regarding the possibility of the eradication of Himalayan Balsam. Copy to be sent to Dr Keith Williams, Ness & Beauly Fisheries. **B.Maxwell**
- h) ARCH – Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands. To receive help with funding for a community heritage project contact www.archhighland.org.uk.
- i) Community Payback Scheme Details – [Tel:01463 241511](tel:01463241511), email: cs@highland.gov.uk.
- j) SSE Lisa Marchi - Beauly-Denny Line Progress Report. It was agreed to request one

- quarterly. Action **Belle Maxwell**
- k) Highland Council – Community Council Scheme Evaluation 2013 - Beauly CC agreed with all the suggested amendments. **Belle Maxwell** to complete the form and send to HC.
 - l) Highland Council – Environment Litter Campaign for Secondary Schools.
 - m) James S Russell, Croyard House, Copy correspondence to Cllr Drew Hendry regarding Beauly Flood Plain, the contents of which were duly noted.

4. **Any Other Business**

a) White Lights for Trees in Square

Donny McLean has offered to pay for lights for the 9 trees, TEC Services have quoted £525 excl VAT for fitting them. However, they need to be pruned first. Action **Cllr Helen Carmichael**.

b) 2 Litter Bins at Netherdale

The garden at Netherdale is like a magnet for litter being thrown from bridge, as is the Cnoc burn. It is suggested that a bin be sited at the Cnoc footpath and as near Netherdale as the Highland Council will allow. **Tony Boyland** to contact Richard Evans, TEC Services.

c) Beauly & District Care Project

The above had requested a temporary bank account under the umbrella of the CC. However, Cllr Carmichael explained that the Trustees have recently signed the papers and they will soon have a Charity Number, whereupon a bank account can be opened.

d) Flower Tubs for Train Station

Scotrail will pay for the flower tubs and Beauly will maintain them.

e) Smiley Face

Due to the Kessock Bridge closures and the heavy traffic expected through the village, it was agreed to try and get the smiley face back again. Action **Cllr Helen Carmichael**.

f) War Memorial at the Toll

Financial assistance with refurbishment – **Tony Boyland** will investigate on the internet and also discuss with the British Legion. **James Campbell** will report the poor lighting to H.Council.

5. **Planning** - None

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday, 25th February, at 7pm.