

**Minute of Beauly Community Council Meeting
held on Monday, 27th January, 2014 at 7pm in Phipps Hall**

Present: C.Council: Jim Stewart, Seona Fraser, Maratena Coleman, James Campbell,
Belle Maxwell, Rosie McDonald, Tony Boyland
HC Member: Cllrs Helen Carmichael and Drew Hendry
Public: Ivor Campbell
Police: PC MacLean
Guests: Sir John Lister-Kaye, Lyndsey Ward, Denise Davis

Apologies: Jane Campbell

Before the meeting commenced, the Chair, Tony Boyland, welcomed Sir John Lister-Kay and invited him to give his presentation opposing the proposed wind farm at Erchless/Breakachy/Farley. Sir John thanked the Chair for the opportunity and the following is a very brief summary of his presentation.

Planning application for the proposed wind farm will not come in for some time but he felt it was such a serious threat to so many people that he is gathering all the support possible - not to reduce the number of turbines, not to move it further into the Glen, but to stop it all together. He then gave a history of his involvement in various environmental bodies and his commitment to the countryside. He said that the best assets the Highlands has are its scenery and its wildlife. He condemned absent landlords. He mentioned the effect that such a wind farm would have on the bats, kites, ospreys and golden eagles. Finally, Sir John discussed community benefit and asked that Beauly CC do not enter into any negotiations with the developers unless, or until, planning approval is obtained.

The Chair thanked Sir John for a very interesting presentation. However, he felt that the 8 members of the CC could not speak for all the residents of Beauly and suggested that Sir John might like to make his presentation at a public meeting in Beauly some time in the future when more information would be available. Sir John was pleased to accept. On the subject of community benefit, the Chair conferred with the CC members who all agreed that Beauly CC would not enter into any negotiations with any developers until planning approval stage, and made it clear that this would have been their intention anyway.

1. **Minute of Previous Meeting No.61**

The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. Proposed by James Campbell and seconded by Maratena Coleman.

Minute of Special Meeting No.61a (copy attached)

Proposed by Maratena Coleman and seconded by Jim Stewart.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Minute

a) Police

PC MacLean reminded us that his report covered 2 months, as December was a CC holiday. During this period 262 incidents were reported and dealt with. Housebreaking has been on the rise, with Kirkhill suffering three such crimes. A male, who frequents the Kirkhill area, has been apprehended for housebreaking offences in Fort Augustus. The CC has asked PC MacLean if the Police could issue posters in the village, warning the public to be alert and keep their premises secure. The Police Report is attached to this minute.

b) Village monument Clean-up

HC has accepted ownership and given the authority to apply for funding. **Action Tony Boyland**

c) Fountain in the Square

The top half has been removed and all will be ready once the interior is cleaned.

d) Funding RBS and Highland Cross - Ongoing

e) Area around Shinty Club

The Rifle Club is closing at the end of March and will then vacate the premises. Tony Boyland will arrange a meeting of all interested parties. **Action Tony Boyland**

f) Braeview Development Park

The final submission was made to HC in November 2013. We are told they have a significant backlog and will hear in due course. There are still 2 outstanding guarantee claims – one for the zip slide and 1 for a broken bench. **Action Cllr Drew Hendry**

g) Maple Vale Park - Ongoing

h) Switching on of Christmas Lights

This was a total success and letters of thanks have been sent to Corner-on-the-Square, Donnie MacLean, Electrical Contractor, and Highland Council

i) Resignation of Secretary

Posters to be printed, advertising the vacancy.

Action Cllr Helen Carmichael

3. Correspondence

- a) HC Legal Dept – Public Entertainment Licensing Amendment to Licence Activities, including a questionnaire. Closing date 7th February 2014.

- b) HC – Minute of the Inverness West District Partnership on 20th Sept, plus poster of next meeting in Beauly on 20th December.
- c) HC Policy Dept – Information and briefing note on forthcoming Rural Parliament for Scotland (issued on 13th Nov, not received until 12th Dec)
- d) Letter from Mrs L.Ward, requesting to send a representative to next Beauly CC Meeting. Agreed.
- e) HC Policy Dept –Copy of ‘Advice Note for Councillors in advance of Planning Meetings’. Distributed to members on 26th Dec.
- f) Letter from Mrs L.Ward, inviting Beauly CC members to Aigas Field Centre on 12th Jan to discuss opposition to ABO Wind Farms. Distributed to members on 8th Jan.
- g) Highland 3 (Third Sector Interface). Newsletter plus application for membership. Also attached was a copy of ‘Local Fire & Rescue Plan’ for the Highlands 2014-2017.
- h) HC TEC Services – Copy of temporary traffic order to close U1480 Altyre Rd and C1104 Beauly-Torgormack Rd between 17-21st Jan. Distributed to members on 18th Jan.

4. Any Other Business

a) Faulty Drains (3)

Indian Restaurant, Fraser Street, Corner-on-the-Square.

Action Cllr Helen Carmichael

b) Lovat Ground – Church to British Legion

This area is in a dreadful state. It was mentioned that Murphy Contractors were going to fill in the potholes and maybe put a surface on it. It was also suggested getting a salt box installed.

Action Cllr Helen Carmichael

c) Road between Beauly and the Toll

There has been excessive water here causing a hazard.

Action Cllr Helen Carmichael

d) Cycle Path – Lovat Bridge to Kirkhill

Planning is to be submitted for a cycle path from Lovat Bridge to the turn off to Kirkhill. The organisers are hoping to get support from Beauly CC to help improve the path from Lovat Bridge into Beauly. This support was given.

e) River Bank from Riverside to Tomich Burn

Badgers are taking too much material from the river bank and there will soon be a major breach. Contact SEPA to find out who is responsible.

Action Cllr Drew Hendry

f) River Bank from Riverside to the Ferry

Hazard signs are required asap.

Action Cllr Helen Carmichael

g) TEC Services Update (from email dated 24.1.14)

- Culvert replacement at Wellside off Croyard Road is now completed.
- Installation of motorcycle parking o/s Priory Coffee Shop is imminent. (Beauly CC has voted against this).

- h) Cnoc Burn flooding problems. TEC Services attempting to clear obstruction from culvert (flood responsibilities). Ultimately landowner should be carrying out rectification measures.

5, **Planning Applications**

- 13/04196/FUL - Police Station – change of use to private house - No objection.
- 13/04516/FUL – Lucky Ly Chinese Takeaway Restaurant – Part exchange of use from part of shop into residential. No objection.
- 13/04652/FUL - Balblair Quarry – Installation of permanent access to the 400kV substation converter. No objection.
- 13/04653/FUL - Section 42 of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) for the development of land in relation to the extension of the substation without compliance with conditions of Planning Permission P/PPA/270/2035. No objection.
- 13/04655/FUL - Section 42 as above without compliance to P/PPA/270/620.No objection.
- 13/04548/FUL - Simpson’s application for cottage flats and bungalows. Objection (as per the attached letter to HC).

6. **Date of next Meeting**

Monday, 24th February, at 7pm in Phippps Hall.

Proposed by Seconded by

Minute of Beaully Community Council
Special Meeting held on Monday, 6th January, at 7pm in Phipps Hall

Present: C.Council: Jim Stewart, Maratena Coleman, Jane Campbell,
Tony Boyland, James Campbell, Rosie MacDonald
HC Member: None
Apologies: Seona Fraser, Belle Maxwell

A special Beaully CC meeting was held on the above date to discuss the Planning Application 13/0448/FUL for 8 Cottage Flats in Beaully.

Notices were placed in the village 2 weeks prior to the meeting to advise the residents of the impending special public planning meeting. It is noted that no members of the public were present.

Any comments regarding the planning application had to be submitted to Highland Council by Wed 15 Jan at the latest.

The plans were circulated to all the Members of Beaully CC prior to the meeting.

1. The members present examined the plans again and after discussing the matter unanimously decided to object to the application for the following reasons.
 - a) The original application was for mixed housing a business use. The application removes any business use.
 - b) The application exceeds the number of units originally planned for.
 - c) Members felt the application is an “over intensity” of development for this site and in relation to the overall site area, appears too compressed and cluttered.
 - d) There is a lack of amenity space and no provision for a play area or play park for children.
 - e) Inadequate emergency vehicle access.
 - f) Excessive traffic volumes in a small site.
 - g) No consideration of public access & safety and a danger for children short-cutting to the main road through the trees.
 - h) No provision of a wall to stop cars running down the slope from the main road into the complex. It should have at least an attractive stone wall with a gate in it and a footpath to the housing complex.
 - i) Increased risk of flooding because of overdevelopment and no “green” area soak-away.
2. The Chairman of Beaully CC was asked to submit an objection in writing to Highland Council Planning Dept. detailing the above objections.
3. The Meeting closed at 19:45pm.
6. **Date of Next Community Council Meeting** - Monday, 27th January, 2014, at 7pm in Phipps Hall.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORM

Command Area	East Division	Community Group	Beaully
Station	Beaully	Officer Attending	PC 332 Maclean
Date of Meeting	27/01/14	Location	Phipps Hall

Meeting Preparation

Ward and Local Policing Plan Priorities.	Activities conducted over the reporting period to support those priorities.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Road Safety 2. Antisocial Behaviour 3. Alcohol Abuse 4. Theft and Poaching 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A number of Speed and drink driver checks have been carried out over the festive period at Beaully and surrounding area and reassuringly no person(s) were charged in relation to drink driving. A number of accidents have been reported due to weather related phenomena (High winds, flooding and low temperatures). 2. Licensed premises checks have supported ongoing efforts to ensure that antisocial behaviour is kept under the spotlight and incidents reported to Police are minor. 3. No persons were reported for alcohol abuse in the Beaully area since the last meeting. 4. Housebreaking has been on the rise in the surrounding area with Kirkhill suffering from three such crimes. It is believed that one individual is responsible for these acts and enquiries are ongoing. Theft of tools from vehicles also continues to come under the spotlight and members of the public are again reminded to make sure that items of value are held within secure homes and garages and not left in vehicles where possible.

Update on Previously Agreed Actions – See previous OP 55/8 & Relevant Reference on the Area Command Action Tracking Table

N/A

Update on any local community safety issues / trends within the community and any assistance / information requested from the community. Review IMPACT / intelligence etc

Property owners who leave property unoccupied for any length of time are advised to leave lights on, or a radio on a timer and have somebody local who can make period checks if possible. PIR Lighting or an alarm box can be a low cost deterrent.

Any local / Area Command / Divisional / Police Scotland updates / key messages

262 incidents were reported in the Beaulieu area since 10/12/2013

Operations are ongoing into targeting travelling criminals and Road Traffic Offences.

Of note a male who frequents the Kirkhill area was apprehended for three Housebreakings in the Fort Augustus area on 12/1/14 and he appeared in court from custody along with an accomplice on 13/1/14.

Meeting Outcomes

Date Raised	Issue	Agreed / Proposed Actions	Area Command Action Tracking Table Reference	Remarks

Intelligence - SID Log References (If submitted)

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Next Meeting

Date		Time	1930hrs	Location	Bogroy Inn, Inchmore

Area Commander Review

Initial		Date	

Distribution:

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