

**BEAULY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES****MINUTE No. 97****MEETING DATE: 4th September (August meeting) 2017****PRESENT**

Rosemary Macdonald, Seona Fraser, Tony Boyland, Jim Stewart, James Campbell, Helen Sproston, Alan Hogan, Jane Campbell and David Taylor.

**COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Helen Carmichael, Councillor Emma Knox and Councillor George Cruickshank.

<b>1.0</b>	Welcome and Apologies	<b>ACTION</b>
	The Chairwomen welcomed attendees in particular Scottish Fire and Rescue representatives and Alan Hogan.	
	Apologies were received from; Councillor Margaret Davidson and Frances MacKenzie.	
<b>2.0</b>	Police Report	
2.1	No report received and no representation. Minute secretary to request reports.	DT
2.2	The Chairwoman raised the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phoning 101 does not yield positive results.</li> <li>- An undesirable gentleman is distressing pedestrians by begging.</li> <li>- £6,000 drugs were left on train at Beauly.</li> </ul>	
<b>3.0</b>	Scottish Fire & Rescue Report	
3.1	Messrs George Eccleson and Ciaran Melens were welcomed to the meeting and gave resume of service in Beauly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 core staff, difficult to provide service at times.</li> <li>- 1No. pump in Beauly requires min. 4 officers.</li> <li>- Control now from Dundee.</li> <li>- Back-up provided from both Dingwall and Inverness but note Dingwall retained service.</li> </ul> <p>Activities from June to October was reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Current Incidents.</b> Fatal RTC at Kitarlity Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Children raising fires in Ferry area. Any noticed incidents should be reported to Police. 60 call-outs in current period.</li> <li>- <b>Community Engagement.</b> Attendance at SGL Fun Day, 2No Gala's, Highland Cross and pumping at War Memorial Fountain. Charitable Giving to local and fire service charities from car wash and tractor pull.</li> <li>- <b>Recruitment.</b> Recruitment difficult, drive on tomorrow, looking to expand to 15 staff. Rewards are broad for 90 hour/week commitment, training extensive.</li> <li>- <b>Prevention.</b> 21No. Home fire safety visits in August, free assessments and follow-up looking at alarms, plugs/sockets, lights, escape plans etc. Also time spent checking hydrants in village.</li> <li>- <b>False Alarms.</b> Unwanted Fire Alarm Policy in place. Letter left if false alarm, if repeated less pumps attend will attend.</li> </ul>	
3.2	The officers were thanked and it was agreed a repeat on a 6 month basis would be beneficial.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Minutes of Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>	
	Approval of Minutes by Seona Fraser and seconded by James Campbell.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Matters from last Meeting.</b>	
5.1	Fountain – works complete, issues with vandalism disappointing but in hand. It	JC

	was agreed to drain fountain and replace steel cover over winter months (after 11/11/17).	
5.2	Another bin for play area in Braeview Park is to be installed by THC.	Cllr Carmichael
5.3	Discussion ensued around possibility of upgrading toilets (toilet seat missing, several pans cracked). It was recognised toilets are used considerably more from tour buses and therefore was funding available from THC, Port of Cromarty or Historic Environment Scotland? Mechanisms such as Tourist Tax were discussed in outline but dismissed at this time. It was agreed however to return to this subject at a later meeting  Cllr Carmichael informed meeting charges were proposed to use toilets with installation of turnstiles (similar to Fort Augustus). The benefits of this was realised by the CC. Upgrading and cleanliness thereafter would be paramount to give the right impression to visitors.	DT
5.4	Housing at Station Yard. Minute Secretary again written to the Planning Officer to confirm R B Farquhar conditions stating the business, weight and vehicle movements are not comparable i.e. working on Sunday at 5.30am. No response from Planner to date.  It was understood damage to carriageway, kerbing and drainage etc. had been repaired.	DT
5.5	Main Notice Board. - Agreed to replace front glass/Perspex, cost of circa. £100 approved.	JS
5.6	Public Access Defibrillators (PAD) at Phipps Hall. Minute Secretary updated meeting on progress during month: - Craig Hodgkinson Trust paid £700 donation for defibrillator (approx. half cost), awaiting delivery of apparatus. - External cabinet costing some £400 purchased. - Highlife Highland, Craig Steedman to add installed Defibrillator to their maintenance list. It was also highly likely installation cost and power supply costs, £750 plus VAT. would be met by Highlife Highland, dialogue to continue. - Finance slow to come in. Notice to be placed in Hall to Users and on Notice Board. Coffee morning to be held in say November.	DT
5.7	Fire & Rescue Service invited to CC meetings say every 6 months. See 3.0 above.	
5.8	Riverside Drive, concerns were raised following erosion to the river bank and flood bund. It was accepted this is an immediate walking hazard and a recommendation to re-erect appropriate signage was accepted.  The long term state of the river bank and flood bund is a bigger issue and requires multi- party discussions. CC met with Lovat Estates Iain Shepheard awaiting follow-up.	JS/DT
5.9	Beauly Sycamore. Tree of the year competition. Nomination proceeding, tree has been photographed. To be monitored.	TB
5.10	Treatment of 'Monk' and sculpture of tree felled in Priory, all to be followed up.	JC
5.11	Co-op grants available, applications on-line, to be followed up.	DT
5.12	Request for new bin or insert for existing bin for Lovat Garden.	Cllr Carmichael
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
6.1	Refer to correspondence register as appended to minutes.	
6.2	Daymark Project, THC Tourism Officer. Individual member had responded to this and the CC decided to make no comment.	.
6.3	Small Housing Trust AGM Inverness 08/11/17 was noted.	
6.4	Quarterly meeting Breedon Aggregates, Beauly Quarry. Minutes not yet available. Limited progress on footpath network, current phase nearing completion, planning granted for next phase will require tree felling and junction improvements.	
<b>6.5</b>	Centenary Fields Programme. Investigation required to see if any assistance	DT

	available to maintaining Lovat Garden	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
7.1	(JC) Christmas Lights. The meeting welcomed Jane Campbell who presented a paper setting out funding requirements for additional 14No.Christmas Lights. In short initial funding was: THC £1500, Gala £750, CC £750. After further research it was discovered to satisfy the preferred option funding of the order of £5000 was required. Two options were presented, Idea 1 at £3289 and Idea 2 at £4897. After discussion it was agreed to proceed with Idea 2 with the additional requirement initially being met equally by the CC and Gala. This would allow purchase of the lights to meet the late November timescale. Contributions thereafter would be sought from the Beauly business community.	JaneC
7.2	(JS) A question was raised as to background and licence requirement for Shinty Club 125 Anniversary Party. CC had received a complaint from adjacent guest house that no notification of event, noise and timing had been given. The point was discussed and parallels drawn to similar complaints following the Gala. It appeared there was no breach of licence stipulations but perhaps a breakdown in courtesy communication on behalf of the Shinty Club. The CC will take this up with Shinty Club representatives and their event organisers.	DT
7.3	(RMacD) A question was raised on THC progress on appointing School Crossing Patrol person. It was reported interview were underway and an appointment was expected imminently.	
7.4	(RMacD) It was reported due to further delays the new Post Office was now not opening till October.	
7.5	(RMacD) The Men's Shed was thanked for painting benches in the Square.	
7.6	(RMacD) It was reported the private CCTV cameras had been removed from in front of Priory Hotel.	
7.7	(TB) Concern was expressed to damage being caused by tour busses parking n pavements. This issue will be addressed by Traffic Group in discussions with THC.	DT
7.8	(DT) Communications Group. Facebook page, group now stands at 200+. To be effective, interactive and have the degree of vibrancy required a post is required at least weekly, members to consider and notify TB. Question raised as to whether all content of draft minute should be posted pre- approval rather than highlights. After discussion it was agreed whole of draft minute to be posted as long as marked DRAFT.	All
7.9	(DT) Beauly News. It was agreed TB will advertise for administrative assistance.	TB
7.10	(DT) Traffic congestion and road maintenance in Beauly. Sub group met on 07/08/17. Paper prepared and findings presented to CC members. Members were asked to review and comment on the notes thereafter a consultation exercise would commence with the intention of forwarding the outcome to THC for consideration. As a priority it was agreed the CC would argue for a 20mph zone through the village.  Prior to any public consultation the views of the Traders and thereafter THC Officers should be sought.	All
7.11	(DT) Beauly in Bloom 2020. Initiative scaled down, first priority is to plan for village flowers in 2018. Meeting to take place on 11/09/17 at 19.00 in Phipps Hall.	All
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Next meeting</b>	
	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	

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**Beauly Community Council - Facebook Register, Council Meeting 04/09/17**

No	Date	From	Subject	Comment	Action	Date Closed
1	20/6/17	Sharon Brindle	Traffic Calming, smiley face etc.	See TB e-mail 22/6/17, action required	TB	
2	20/6/17	Doreen Rait	Speed traffic Croyard Road	See TB facebook response 20/6/17	TB	
3	20/6/17	Jean Davis	Parking square, traffic calming, 20mph zones	See TB facebook response 20/6/17	TB	
4	20/6/17	Fiona Anderson	land at fire station	TB investigating	TB	20/6/17
5	29/8/17	June Coburn	Fountain in Square vandalism	Problem currently resolved	JC	4/9/17

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1	27/06/17	THC e planning	Weekly List	No Action required	
2	5/7/2017	THC e planning	Weekly List	No Action required	
3	12/7/2017	THC e planning	Weekly List	No Action required	
4	18/07/17	THC e planning	Weekly List	No Action required	
5	26/07/17	THC e planning	Weekly List	No Action required	
6	1/8/2017	THC e planning	Weekly List	No Action required	
7	8/8/2017	THC e planning	Weekly List	No Action required	
8	16/8/17	THC e planning	Weekly List	No Action required	
9	22/08/17	THC e planning	Weekly List	No Action required	
10	29/08/17	THC e planning	Weekly List	No Action required	
11	27/06/17	Neil Anderson SSE	Next meeting 20th July, previous Minutes and Agenda	Noted	
12	30/6/2017, 9/8/17, 1/9/17	Woodland Trust	Tree of the year	See minutes	
13	30/6/2017	FutureScot/Digital Society	Conference, reducing poverty & inequality in Scotland through digital innovation.	Noted	
14	6/7/2017	Caris Pittendreigh Film & Tourism Officer THC	Daymark Project/Presentation	See minutes	
15	7,12,24,8,11, 18,21,1/7/20 17	Trudy Houston THSCT	The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust AGM 8th Sept. Inverness	Noted	
16	14/7/17	THC Policy 6	TESCO Bags of Help Fund	Meeting Updated TB	
17	16/7/17	Kris Bremner Breedon	Beaulieu NLG Meeting, 10th August	Meeting Updated DT, see minutes	
18	24/7/17	Steve Lewis via web site	Tour to see beavers	TB responded 26/07/17	
19	25/07/17	Neil Anderson SSE	Notes of meeting 20th July	Noted	

20	14/08/17	THC Policy 6	Survey on the Highland Outcome Improvement Plan	Survey completed
21	16/8/17	Kompan Playgrounds	Match funding competition	Noted
22	18/8/17	Police Scotland Karen Mackenzie	Suspicious Person request for info.	Noted
23	21/08/17	Scottish Health Council	Consultation on role of Scottish Health Council Community Council questionnaire	Secretary to complete
24	22/08/17	Early Years Scotland	Invitation to join	Noted
25	22/08/17	Fields in Trust	Centenary Fields Programme..... Lovat Garden?????	To be investigated by Secretary
26	22/08/17	THC Policy 6	Nominations for THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL QUALITY AWARDS 2017	Noted
27	23/08/17	British Red Cross Scotland	Free First Aid Education	Noted
28	28,29/08/17	THC Policy 6	Scottish Resilient Communities Conference, October 27th, Agenda	Noted
29	28/08/17	THC	Inverness Area Community Council Forum, Minutes	Noted
30	31/08/17	Neil Anderson SSE	Minutes of July meeting	Noted
31	31/08/17	Scottish Health Council	Patients' Rights & Responsibilities, questionnaire	Secretary to complete
32	1/9/2017	THC Benefits & Welfare Manager	Stakeholder Survey	Secretary to complete