



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2022

1	Members present:, L Williams, P Sharp, I Williams, R Arkell, G Spalding, M Stuart In Attendance: Cllr T Robertson, Cllr M Reid, Anne Murray Apologies: None
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting 20 July 22: Proposed: P Sharp Seconded: I Williams
3	Matters Arising: Dealt with under separate headings below
4	Chapelton and Culloden Academy Chapelton: Liaison Group meeting held on the 20 Sept Concern was expressed over the whether the width of access roads and the turning circle was adequate. The junction works should be completed in January with house building to start in February. The woodland is now owned by Highland Council. BVT are to arrange a meeting with the project manager regarding the possibility of community ownership and management of community land. Other interested parties to help with this may be Culloden Forest Partnership and Forest and Land Scotland (previously Forestry Commission) The proposed “Chapelton Gateway” feature was raised again. BCC are very much against this as, far from creating a united community, it would split Balloch into different sections. Minutes of the Balloch Community Liaison Group to be posted on BCC web-site and facebook and linked to the relevant section of the Highland Council web-site. Culloden Academy: Minutes of these meetings are now being produced in a timely manner. The next meeting is on 27 Sept. Full planning application is expected March / April 2023. BCC to keep a close watch on developments as these keep changing.
5	Highland Councillors’ Report: Cllr Morven Reid raised the issue of rising cost of living and the potential for BCC to be involved in support for the community. Funding for activities will be available from Highland Council. Many suggestions were made and it was felt there was a need to assess what was needed (possibly quite difficult as many people are reluctant to admit they need help) and find out what was already on offer / proposed by other bodies as a starting point. One big issue raised was the irregularity of the scheduled bus service – creating particular problems for the elderly. LW and MS to approach the church to see if they had any existing plans
6	Chair’s Report. Wellside Meadow was cut by Highland Council at the beginning of the year and will now have a second cut. It has grown well and there have been no complaints from residents. Trees on the land around Balloch school not yet cut. The new Primary School Head will be invited to the Balloch Community Liaison meetings. It was proposed that Anne Murray and Mr D Johns should be invited to sit on BCC as representatives of BVT. This was agreed unanimously

7	Treasurer's Report. Business Bank Account balance at 9 Aug - £8,910.62 Treasurer's Account balance at 11 Aug - £1,519.54 Highland Council Grant payment of £546.82 received on 2 Aug. Payments: Secretarial fee - £50 Hall Hire - £36 Balloch Woodland Association Insurance - £161.17
8	Secretary's Correspondence. The Kirking of the Council has been cancelled this year. There has been some confusion over invites to this – apparently IW received one for BCC, but in future years if the Chair does not wish to attend another member of the committee may wish to go.
9	Any Other Business: BCC Web-site: progressing View Hill bus stop no longer being trimmed and is getting overgrown. Concern over many scheduled buses not turning up – apparently due to a shortage of drivers. This is an Inverness-wide problem.
10	Date of Next Meeting: 19 October 2022 Meeting Dates: 16 Nov