



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON 16 NOVEMBER 2022

1	Members present: L Williams, P Sharp, I Williams, R Arkell, M Stuart, G Spalding In Attendance: D Johns Apologies: A Murray, Cllr T Robertson, Cllr M Reid
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting : Proposed: R Arkell Seconded: M Stuart
3	Matters Arising: Community Land Ownership: Some discussions have been held between BVT and Highland Council – matter ongoing. BVT community event: This will now be held on the first Sat in Feb 2023. Web-site: The website is live. The BVT section is still to be included. The Balloch Book, written some time ago, detailing the story of Balloch was too big to include all of it on the web-site, but some extracts may be appropriate. There was discussion on the possibility of updating the book and reprinting it for sale as a hard copy. Christmas Tree: This has been ordered from Highland Council at a cost of circa £400 including lights. New Years Eve event: PS had raised the possibility of her daughter helping to organise this to raise funds for her international Guide trip. As the Community Hall meeting at which this was to be raised was not held, PS is to follow this up with them. Erata: The Oct minutes stated that Neil Young would be taking over as Highland Council Ward Manager for our area. This is incorrect and it is not yet known who will fill this post.
4	Chapelton and Culloden Academy Chapelton: A query was raised as to why there was a gap cut into the hedge on the corner of Barn Church Road and Cherry Park. IW to ask the Project . The field behind the school and village hall has only partially been cleared of trees and the rest (area behind the hall) will also be cleared. The plan for future use of this land is still outstanding. Culloden Academy: The proposed outcome of phase one of development looks good but there is still considerable discontent with the way the process has been carried out. This has been a saga of very short notice of meetings, minutes circulated just before the next meeting and are not always an accurate record and very poor communication with stakeholders. There is also concern over the uncertainty of funding, exacerbated by delays and rising costs. HC are carrying out a review of their Capital Budget which may impact on this development. There will be presentations of the plans on 17 Nov at 16:30 and 18:00 at Culloden Academy. (These were very poorly attended with 4 people at the earlier presentation and 5 at the later one – possibly because the event was not well publicised)
5	Highland Councillors' Report: None
6	Chair's Report. None
7	Treasurer's Report. Business Bank Account balance at 10 Oct - £8,911.38 Treasurer's Account balance at 11 Oct - £1,433.54 Expenses still to be deducted: Hall Hire - £24 Christmas Tree approximately £400 It was agreed at the June meeting that BCC would pay this year's insurance for BVT. As BVT have

	paid this in the meantime, BCC will refund the full amount to BVT.
8	Secretary's Correspondence. The following consultations and initiatives have been received and circulated: Boundary Commission Consultation: looking at changes of boundaries. Deadline 5 Dec Walking and Cycling Index: Deadline 3 Dec. LW to look at Community Planning Consultation: Deadline 30 Dec. LW to look at National Park Consultation: Deadline 30 Nov. Looking at possible creation of new National Parks. Considered of limited relevance to BCC area. Individuals to reply if they wish NHS Scotland "Share" initiative – individuals to sign up for monitoring and assessing health issues and needs in Scotland. Environmental Rights: raising awareness of environmental rights and legal issues. May be of interest to BVT
9	Any Other Business: R Arkell: One of the playpark swings is broken. It was agreed that it is BVT responsibility to deal with this, M Stuart: further to previous discussions at BCC, it seems there is a need for some social support in the community. Whilst the "check your neighbour" can be of help it was felt that BCC were not the appropriate body to provide a more substantial service as organisations such as the Red Cross or Social Services were better qualified to do so. L Williams: gave apologies for the Jan meeting
10	Date of Next Meeting: 18 Jan 2023 2023 Meeting Dates: 15 Feb; 15 March; 19 April; 17 May (AGM); 21 June; 19 July; 20 Sept; 18 Oct; 15 Nov