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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 18 MAY 2022

1	Members present: I Williams, L Williams, G Spalding, R Arkell, P Sharp In attendance: Cllr T Robertson, Cllr M Reid, Mr M Robertson Apologies: M Stuart, Cllr D Macpherson, Cllr A Sinclair
2	Minutes of last AGM – May 2021 Proposed: P Sharp Seconded: R Arkell
3	Re-election of Officers and Change of Committee Membership Officers elected as follows: Chair – I Williams. Proposed: P Sharp Seconded: R Arkell Secretary – L Williams. Proposed: I Williams Seconded: P Sharp Treasurer – M Stuart Proposed: L Williams Seconded: R Arkell
4	Annual Accounts Annual accounts were agreed and ratified unanimously by Balloch Community Council. The accounts show a deficit of £798 for the year to 31 March 2022 and it was noted that: • Highland Council grant for this period will be paid in the current year. • There was no additional money from the Discretionary Fund this year. • Secretary's remuneration of £250 pa was waived for the period when no meetings were held. This is to be reinstated and the relevant pro-rata amount will be aid in the current year. • The bulk of expenditure is due to insurance payments. With the reduction in Grant from Highland Council BCC will need to consider if they can continue paying the full amount of insurance for the playpark. While there is a reserve fund, it will be needed for future expenditure.
5	Minutes of April Meeting Proposed: P Sharp Seconded: L Williams
6	Matters Arising Scout Hut: The need for a scout hut was raised and the hope that this could be on community land to be gifted under the Chapelton development. It was agreed that this was an ongoing matter to be dealt with at the Chapelton Community Liaison meetings. Trees on HC land behind village hall are numerous and growing larger. They will make development of this land difficult. <i>IW to contact Alan McGuire.</i> Secretary's remuneration: The payment of £250 per annum for secretarial services was waived during Covid when there were no physical meetings. These restarted in Oct 2021 so the payments will be made pro rata for last year to be paid in the current financial year. Platinum Jubilee: HC were proposing to have funding for celebrations by community councils, but with the local authority elections and associated Purdah, information regarding this is not yet available. The school are planning events on the 2 June. BCC had no plans but P Sharp and Cllr M Reid agreed to look into the possibility of a low key event in conjunction with the BCA. <i>Action P Sharp and Cllr Reid</i>
7	Police Report: There will no longer be a police representative attending community council meetings. The format of monthly police reports has changed to a Newsletter which will be circulated to community councils. The first one of these has been received and circulated.
8	Highland Councillors' Report Cllr T Robertson: There have been several break-ins to honesty boxes in the area. These have been reported to the police along with the details of the perpetrators. Disappointingly the response has been "we will make a report".

9	Chair's Report New Councillors: Congratulations were given to the new HC Councillors on their election and they were welcomed to the meeting. Chapelton: A planning application for enabling works have been submitted to HC. There is delay with the work on the new junction due to relocation of fibre optic cables. A96: The deadline for response to the latest consultation on this is 10 June, but it is understood that the Nairn – Inverness stretch is not included in this. <i>Action LWilliams is to draft correspondence to support the safety measures in the new road design.</i> Inner Moray Firth Local Plan: Deadline for consultation on this is 17 June. There was some discussion regarding a proposed waste to energy plan for the Longman Industrial Estate and that composting of garden waste should be done locally. <i>Action: I Williams to send response opposing waste incinerator on the Longman.</i> Balloch Community Association: The AGM will be on 24 May at 19:00. IW will be attending and hoped other BCC members would also attend. Web-site: this is progressing and RA will be helping.
10	Treasurer's Report BCC remains solvent and the annual accounts have been circulated.
11	Secretary's Correspondence. All relevant communications have been circulated to members on receipt of these.
12	AOB The Smithton BT fibre is now going ahead. R Arkell: the sign in the playpark has been damaged and needs replacing. There was some discussion regarding this and consideration is to be given to placing the new one in a more protected position. This is being dealt with by R Arkell. BVT: This is still going but struggling to get members. There are 2 new members who will take over as directors at the AGM when GS will be standing down. They are still working to get SCIO status. There was some discussion as to how to get more of the community involved.
13	Next Meeting: 7:30 pm Wednesday 15 June 2022. 2022 Meetings: 21 Jul 21 Sept 19 Oct 16 Nov

