



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON 15th November 2023

1	Members present: Ian Williams, Rachel Arkell, Moira Stuart, Gillian Spalding, Sine Mackay, Charles Stephen – coopted on 15th Nov In Attendance: Cllr T Robertson, Cllr Morven Reid, Cllr Duncan Macpherson, Apologies: Pip Sharp, Daniel Johns
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting : Proposed: Moira Stuart Seconded: Rachel Arkell
3	Matters Arising: None Election of Office Bearers: - Charles Stephen was co-opted onto the BCC
4	Chapelton: Meeting held on 7th November. Discussion around flooding in gardens, nest/bat boxes and the aftercare of public spaces when houses are complete. Options include Highland Council factoring and residents being involved in general upkeep. No decisions made at the moment.
5	Highland Councillors' Report: CLLR REID – will contact street lighting department regarding lights into Balloch Primary School as they are not working. Gave update on all weather pitch at Culloeden Academy – meeting to be held on 16th November – she will report back the outcome. CLLR MACPHERSON – railway bridge work, discussion around the completion and signage. Cllr Macpherson will speak to Highland Council about correcting/picking up signage. CLLR ROBERTSON – nothing to report specifically. DISCUSSION on housebuilding, school infrastructure and pressure on medical services. Many of the amenities the community were promised with the development of Chapelton have been halted/cancelled/delayed – can we object to 2nd phase of building until services are upgraded? Planning in principle has been granted so BCC will need to wait for matters specified to have the opportunity to state any objections. Cllr Macpherson provided figures/statistics around households, housing lists, developer contributions and the ageing population.
6	Chair's Report: Cullernie Woodland – felling plan 2024/25 – IW will be main contact. Enquiries to be made regarding red squirrel management. Joanne Duggan (HC Project manager) sent email outlining the difference between developer contributions and community benefits. She stated this was in response to some negative comments received. BCC has not received any negative comments and IW has asked for further information around this. RA to email IBI to enquire if they have received negative comments around their work. Wheeling Festival – RA to email and ask to be updated around plans for this event. Speed limits – 20MPH not being enforced. Discussion around the need to change some signage. Christmas Tree – BCC to see if a tree arrives. Scottish Forum of Community Councils – IW to fill in form to allow BCC to share issues/discussions in our area. Democracy Matters is a local government review that IW will look at – deadline is February 28th 2024. BVT – discussion around the field next to school. Highland Council are looking at a Community Asset Transfer which will entail a fee payable by the local community. Opinion was that this is unfair since this land was being gifted to the community in return for Chapelton Development. TR to investigate taking this forward. BCA AGM – 29th November 2023 – SM to attend and represent BCC Place Plan -opportunity for communities to issue a wish list of wants and needs. IW to circulate – deadline 28th June 2024.

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7	Treasurer's Report. Business Bank Account balance as of 09/10/23 - £6962.57 Treasurer's Account balance as of 18/09/23 - £2124.26 – includes HC annual grant of £546.82
8	Secretary's Correspondence Scottish Boundaries Commission – discussion around proposed changes – BCC will keep an eye on any consultation for Highland area. Info for HC register – RA circulated form for details to be updated for HC.
9	BVT – none
10	Any Other Business: GS and RA asked about who pays for the insurance for the new playpark in Croy? Discussion around Balloch play park being adopted by the Council and what stage this is at. TR to investigate insurance and upkeep of our park. TR – allotments proposed on 4 sites. If community is keen to have allotments work needs to begin on planning. IW to talk to Cath Bunn from Culloden Community Council to gauge interest.
11	Date of Next Meeting: 17 th January 2024 7:30pm 2024 Meeting Dates: 21 st Feb, 20 th March, 17 th April, 15 th May, 19 th June, 17 th July, 18 th Sept, 16 th Oct, 20 th Nov