



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON 17th JANUARY 2024

1	Members present: Ian Williams, Rachel Arkell, Moira Stuart, Sine Mackay, Charles Stephen, In Attendance: Daniel Johns (BVT), Ron Grey Apologies: Gillian Spalding, Louise Bain, Cllr Morven Reid, Cllr Duncan Macpherson
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting : Proposed: Sine Mackay Seconded: Moira Stuart
3	Matters Arising: Streetlights on road to the school have been fixed. Signage fixed at the bridge. Wheeling and walking festival – will look out for information coming out. Scottish Forum of Community Councils – BCC has joined. Democracy Matters – deadline 28 th February. BVT – no decision from council regarding payment of legal fees for transfer of community land. BCA – AGM – 7 th Feb – Sine or Ian to attend. Place Plan – wish list for communities – deadline is June 2024 Election of Office Bearers: Due to illness this will be carried forward to February meeting.
4	Fireworks: Loud fireworks on the 1 st January in the village caused some residents to complain on social media and to the BCC. There were reports of very distressed pets and a nearby resident found the empty fireworks in their garden. Police were contacted but stated they could not do anything. The Highland councillors will be contacted to advise on local regulations. Action : I Williams and M Stuart to approach household to share residents concerns and how to minimise any future displays.
5	Chapelton: Meeting of Community Liaison group –Chair didn't show up but the architect was present and stated that building is going to plan. Nothing of note to report. R Gray raised the issue of drainage on the new road to Chapelton. He noted that the drains handled the water but drain grills seem too high, so water gathered around the drain. Action: To be passed to the project manager. I Williams SSE sunk pipe to replace power lines through Chapelton Woods. Highland Council responsible for the cleared land. I Williams to ask for the plan for the land around the school from Highland Council Discussion around the availability of documents detailing the consultation on Chapelton. Complicated picture but much of the documentation can be found on the planning portal – link is available on the BCC website. Discussion around adding the minutes from HC Infrastructure Committee Action: I Williams to contact Trish Robertson
6	Highland Councillors' Report: None.
7	Chair's Report: Website – Adder keen to finish project. BCC's page is populated. Action: RA to update minutes and agendas and ensure links/event information is sent directly to Adder. Balloch Community Liaison Group (Chapelton Development) minutes to be put on BCC website. Action: I Williams to send Minutes to R Arkell.
8	Treasurer's Report. Business Bank Account balance as of 11 th December 2023 - £6978.20 Treasurer's Account balance as of 30 th November 2023 - £1824.26
9	Secretary's Correspondence None
10	BVT – Carols well attended. Thanks to Tesco and Morrisons who donated food and drink. Awaiting information regarding community land and what can be done with it. Progress slow.
11	Any Other Business: Christmas Tree – definitely for next year. Look into possibility of acquiring one from the Forestry. Moira – resident concerns – information given regarding who to report issues to.

	Roddy Balfour – BCC was saddened to hear of the death of Roddy Balfour our former longstanding Highland Councillor. His knowledge of the local area was vast and he rarely missed a meeting where he was very supportive of the developments within our community. His wit brought lighter moments and he always greeted you with a big smile. A gentleman who will be missed.
	Date of Next Meeting: 21st February 2024 7:30pm 2024 Meeting Dates: 20th March, 17th April, 15th May, 19th June, 17th July, 18th Sept, 16th Oct, 20th Nov