



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON 20th March 2024

1	Members present: Ian Williams, Moira Stuart, Louise Bain, Gillian Spalding, Rachel Arkell In Attendance: Ron Gray, Cllr Trish Robertson, Cllr Morven Reid, Daniel Johns (BVT) Apologies: Sine Mackay, Charles Stephen
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting : Proposed: Moira Stuart Seconded: Ian Williams
3	Matters Arising: BCA AGM – deputy chair appointed, and hall repairs discussed. Update given on field and how any land available can be used by BCA. 20MPH – if problems with excessive speed and lots of complaints Police will attend and monitor. Flashing sign to be recalibrated.
4	Chapelton: Flooding- HC state drains blocked by stones and rubble, not the building works causing it. Agreed that we need to know why this is happening – Cllr Robertson to pursue. Cllr Reid suggested a joined up meeting with Scottish Water, HC, BCC to investigate increased flooding in certain areas – school, and from shop to Church, Cherry Park. Councillors to coordinate meeting, Morven to write letter seeking an explanation from engineers on flooding.
6	Highland Councillors' Report: Cllr Robertson; Update on the school's proposal for a small amount of fruit trees to be planted when land becomes available. No orchards to be planted. Land around school - much discussion around the status of the land zoned for community use. Seems to be mixed messages regarding a license to occupy or community asset transfer to enable community projects to go ahead. BVT/BCC would prefer a license to occupy due to the increased costs in time and money that a community asset transfer would require. MUGA at Balloch Primary – August now being given as date for work to proceed. Discussion around use of MUGA out with school time. Would need to be a way of managing access. Culloden Academy all weather – possibility that work may start in May. Cllr Reid to ask about developer contributions from UHI all-weather pitch project that is not longer going ahead. Cllr Reid to investigate insurance on park – do we still need to pay insurance? Can the park be covered under HC's arrangements for insuring park equipment?
7	Chair's Report: A96 – to go ahead – transport Scotland website has updates. Felling Community Woods – felling application submitted. Residents approached – largely supportive. One resident against work due to impact on wildlife Felling map and restocking map sent. This will sit on register for 6 weeks. Could take 10 weeks to complete. Place Plan – Scottish Gvt initiative – way of feeding into local development plan. Look at info – HC survey out today – share link on website/fb page. Nairn quite far on with this. Check the date for submission. Discuss next meeting.
8	Treasurer's Report. Business Bank Account balance as of 9 th Feb 2024 £6993.12 Treasurer's Account balance as of 30 th December 2023 £1824.26 Uncleared cheques for Hall Hire, Insurance and Tree Felling permission plan total £112.34
9	Secretary's Correspondence Park – baby seat broken – RA to send Cllr Reid picture of damage. No Cold Calling Zone – investigate possibly through council
10	Any Other Business:

	Moray Drive – lights out -RA to report to council. Pot Hole with cone in it, Faebuie road end – Cllr Robertson to report to Cllr Macpherson. Map of felling – available from FSL Scotland at https://forestryandland.gov.scot/what-we-do/planning/active/inverness-woodlands
	Date of Next Meeting: 17th April 2024 2024 Meeting Dates: 15th May, 19th June, 17th July, 18th Sept, 16th Oct, 20th Nov