



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON 16 October 2024

1	Members present: I Williams, G Spalding, M Stuart, C Stephens In Attendance: Cllr D Macdonald, 2 members of the public Apologies: R Arkell, S Mackay, L Bain
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting : Proposed: C Stephens Seconded: M Stuart
	Matters Arising: Place plan – submitted and awaiting Highland Council (THC) response Feabuie – no planning applications identified, request submitted to THC for clarification of area of land clearance at the chicane.
3	Tree felling in woods – this has now completed and the contractor has been in touch and paths will be reinstated and remaining timber stacks removed as soon as possible. Most brash from the community woodland has been removed. Self-seeded sycamores will need to be managed and a plan for the replanting of the area will be considered at future meetings.
4	Chapelton – IW to contact THC again as to the plan to manage the land around the school/hall.
5	Place Plan – no new updates
6	Highland Councillors Report – no new updates
7	Chair's Report. 20mph review – THC have not accepted the request for the the 20mph to remain from Viewhill to the railway bridge. It was agreed that IW will email again requesting it remain to maintain continuance of a 20mph through the village. In addition, a further request for consideration of traffic calming options in the village will be sent.
8	Treasurer's report Business Bank Account balance at 9 September 2024 - £7043.74 Treasurer's Account balance at 22 August 2024 - £1951.57 Outstanding cheque for data protection renewal - £40
9	Secretary's report – no new updates
9	Any Other Business: • A member of the public raised the issue of overgrown bushes and a lack of a path to access the Barn Church Road bus stops. IW and the member of the public will email THC to ask for bushes to be cut back and consideration of a path. • The area at the entry to the community woodland at Forest Drive has been tidied and is planned to be cleared by the turn of the year. • Moray Estates has posted QR codes in the woodland seeking community engagement in their woodland management. Link: https://www.morayestates.co.uk/castle-stuart-long-term-forest-plan-stakeholder-scoping/ • The Himilayan Balsam identified in the woodland adjacent to Meadow Road will be addressed in the Spring by the landowners. • A member of the public noted that minutes are not up to date on the website, the reason for this will be investigated and rectified. • A discussion was had about keeping track of ongoing actions that are awaiting responses or actions from councillors or external agencies. It was agreed to add an Ongoing Actions section to the minutes. This will help to prompt anyone involved in actioning these topics. Recent minutes will be reviewed and this section added from next month. It will include flooding concerns in the village, IW to send an email to Cllr M Reid to ask for any update regarding this.
10	Date of Next Meeting: 7:30pm on 20 November, no Dec meeting