



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON 19th June 2024

1	Members present: Ian Williams, Charles Stephen, Rachel Arkell, Moira Stuart, Louise Bain, Sine Mackay, Gillian Spalding In Attendance: Cllr Trish Robertson, Apologies: Daniel Johns, Pip Johnson
	Minutes of Previous Meeting : Proposed: Moira Stuart Seconded: Charles Stephen
2	Matters Arising: Chapelton – IW has sent email to the Highland Council reminding them about their responsibility for maintaining the field around the school and hall and could it be added to their schedule of work. IBI Joiners had cleared field earlier in the year but nothing further has happened. Field is currently full of summer growth. Noticeboard at the shop – Men's Shed are working on replacing the Perspex so that notices can be read. CT will keep us updated.
3	Chapelton Development – Cllr Trish Robertson had asked for the field around the school to be seeded with grass so that there may be a useable area.
4	Place Plans – CS gave update on project. The development of a plan is not essential but may add weight to objections within the CC area. Deadline is 27 th September. Information collected from the BVT consultation could be used as a starting point. Discussion around drafting something up as a starting point. Could place questionnaires at Balloch shop as well as gather ideas in person on the needs, wants and do not wants in the area.
5	Councillors Report – TR – walking path from Viewhill to woods entrance has been tarred and fixed. Unsure if more parts are to be tarred. Election – discussion around the change of boundaries and how it affects work being done. Speed – discussion around the high speeds on the B9006 – recent incident involving school children getting off a bus.
6	Chairperson's Report – Woodland - felling permission granted. Forestry and Land Scotland will remove and store timber. Work party needed to help with the clearing of brash. Replanting schedule to be discussed and plan made. 107 trees to be removed. CS raised a question about the thinning/harvesting schedule for the trees that are directly behind Woodend and Meadow Roads. Residents have little sunlight. Currently this area is not scheduled until 2035 but IW will ask for a change to this.
7	Treasurer's Report. Business Bank Account balance as of 19 th June 2024 £7015.56 Treasurer's Account balance as of 1 st March 2024 £1711.92
8	Secretary's Correspondence – consultation event for the West Fraser Europe (Norbord) plans to create a connection to the main line and rail sidings. Consultation is Thursday 27 th June 2024, 3pm – 7pm in Croy Village Hall.
9	Any Other Business: Speeding cars on Culloden Road – constant issue. TR to speak to community police regarding patrols. Grass cutting of verges and overhanging trees – untidy and unkempt – TR stated that HC are undertaking no strimming of areas. Overhanging Gardens that have sightlines obscured can be asked to remove/cut back growth.
10	Date of Next Meeting: 17 th July 2024 Meeting Dates: 18 th Sept, 16 th Oct, 20 th Nov