



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON 18th September 2024

1	Members present: Ian Williams, Rachel Arkell, Gillian Spalding, Pip Johnson, Sine Mackay, Louise Bain, Moira Stuart, Charles Stuart, In Attendance: Daniel Johns (BVT), one member of the public. Apologies: Cllr Robertson,
	Minutes of Previous Meeting : Proposed: G Spalding Seconded: Pip Johnson
2	Matters Arising: Noticeboard at the shop – completed and looking great. Many thanks to Charles Stuart and the Men's Shed for repairing it. Battlefield Path – been cut back and path more obvious to walkers and cyclists. Place Plan – Friday 27th Sept deadline – submit as it stands – Thank you to Sine Mackay for all work on this.
3	Planning Application – planning application for a new shed on agricultural land off the B9006 beside Cairnside was considered again. No change to objection.
4	Chapelton - no update
5	Place Plans – to be submitted before 27th September.
6	Councillors Report – none in attendance
7	Chairperson's Report Felling in Forest - non native species gone. Some complaints about how much of the woodland has been cleared. There is a 5 year plan for planting on Forestry and Land Scotland ground with mixed conifers. Suggestion that they could extend deciduous part above community woodland. Otherwise it is commercial planting that will take place.
8	Treasurer's Report. Business Bank Account balance as of 9th August 2024 - £7037.26 Treasurer's Account balance as of 5th August 2024 - £2051.57 Highland Council Grant of £546.82 was paid into account on the 5th August.
9	Secretary's Correspondence – Tree felling – public asking if operations are complete? Cutting is done and timber will be removed. Still areas closed off and all signage should be followed. Digital Phone Switchover – changes to land line technology to be shared on FB and website. Garage Sale Safari – resident had enquired about a community event whereby a date is set for 'garage sales' around the village. BCC happy to advertise if persons or groups would like to organise.
10	Any Other Business: GS attended Ecology Strategy. Interesting and informative around the preservation of sites of historical interest. St Mary's Chapel – will be protected when development at Chapelton reaches that area. Hedges – discussion around maintenance of the path. Becoming overgrown again. Traffic – concerns around speed – ongoing. Advice from Councillors re what can be done. No councillors in attendance so will be taken forward to next meeting. BVT – state of transition with members wanting to step down. Community looking for a land transfer. Himalayan Balsam spreading into field and into the gardens. It has been reported. Weeds on verges and blocking drains – resident has reported. Local planning applications – discussion around whether there has been any new application for our area.
11	Date of Next Meeting: 16th October 2024 Meeting Dates: 20th Nov