



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON 20th November 2024

1	Members present: I Williams, M Stuart, C Stephen, L Bain, S Mackay, R Arkell, L Bain In Attendance: Cllr D Macdonald, Cllr T Robertson, Cllr M Reid, D Johns (BVT), 2 members of the public Apologies: Cllr K Gowans
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting : Proposed: C Stephens Seconded: M Stuart
	We started our meeting by acknowledging the death of Dave Caddell, local resident. Dave and Lynne kindly supported the BVT Carols Round the Tree event by opening up their kitchen to prepare hot drinks. Dave was an excellent helper to Santa and ensured the younger folk received treats for their singing. We send Lynne and family our deepest sympathies.
3	Matters Arising: Land around the hall and school – Cllr M Reid to speak to R Campbell (HC) about the status of the field. 20mph zone – 2 nd consultation recommended that the 20MPH from the bridge towards the B9006 would go to a 30MPH. BCC does not want this change and would like it to remain at 20MPH along with other traffic calming measures. Suggestion that L Mackellaich should be invited to discuss options. Gorse bushes on way to Wellside Bus stop – reported to HC with no reply. IW to go and have a look. Suggestion that there should be a path installed for better access to bus stop. Website – R Arkell explained the error in sending documents to Adder. All minutes and agendas are now up to date. Ongoing Actions – R Bain has been looking at previous minutes to make a spreadsheet of ongoing actions and progress being made. He will share when completed.
4	Empty Property – C Stephen has reported overgrown/abandoned house to HC with no reply. Problems with rats and overgrown bushes and tress have been reported. Cllr Robertson to speak to relevant dept.
5	Chapelton – Phase 2 about to start – fencing has been erected in the field for possible water line. Detailed discussion around developer contributors and why funds from Chapelton funded crossings in Westhill. R Arkell raised the point that when a pelican crossing was requested for Culloden Road beside the shop, we were told no funds were available. Planned crossing in Cherry Park never had any markings painted – Cllr M Reid to investigate.
6	Highland Councillors Report – Cllr D Macdonald – Visitor Levy Consultation is now live and can be shared for comment. Cllr M Reid – asked for an update on how the Culloden Academy Astro Pitch is operating. D Johns explained that there seems to be a mixed system with High Life Highland (HLH) and Active Schools operating lets during school time and up to 6pm. Evening and weekends seem to have been given to clubs out with the local area who operate bank accounts and can pay for the let. Any club under HLH cannot hold a bank account and cannot ask for money. As it stands, clubs local to the Culloden ASG are struggling to get slots for clubs. The general feeling was that local clubs should be given priority over other users who had slots at other venues but have now moved venue. Cllr Reid to seek clarity over the system. It highlights the lack of infrastructure available in Inverness for sports.
7	Chair's Report. BVT Update – D Johns updated that they were looking at a date for an AGM. He was hopeful that the Christmas Carols would go ahead – date to be confirmed. Christmas Tree – no one from HC has been touch. IW will find contact and order a tree.
8	Treasurer's report Business Bank Account balance at 9 th October 2024 - £7049.53 Treasurer's Account balance at 14 th October 2024 - £1911.57 Outstanding cheque for hall - £24. Short discussion around the BOS introducing charges from January.
9	Secretary's report – Community Forum cancelled for 21 st November.
10	Any Other Business: Fly Tipping – C Stephens – discussion around some furniture been left beside the shop but possibly not picked up by HC due to weather.
11	Date of Next Meeting: January 15 th 2025