



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON 19th February 2025

1	Members present: I Williams, M Stuart, P Johnson, L Bain, R Arkell In Attendance: Cllr D Macdonald, Cllr T Robertson, Cllr M Reid, Cllr K Gowans Apologies: G Spalding, C Stephen
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting : Proposed: L Bain Seconded: R Arkell
2	Matters Arising: Status of Field around hall/school – Cllr Reid to meet with Melanie Smith (BVT) to discuss plans for community land. Cllr Reid has circulated plans for discussion. Needs to be joined up discussion with the school, hall and community. Gorse – cut back, access to bus stop on Barn Church road has improved. Cllr Reid says that there is a small budget for a path to be established. 20MPH ZONE– response to proposals has been submitted. I Williams has requested discussion/plans for more traffic calming measures on Culloden Road. Empty Property – Owner been contacted again but reluctant to do anything. Ongoing issue. Cherry Park Road markings – Cllr Reid to update. Fly Tipping – furniture was removed.
3	Chapelton Update - entry to houses has been delayed due to work required on the water main. New entry date is April/May.
4	Place Plans – in depth discussion about why this is required and how, having one, could influence future planning decisions. It was highlighted that with the huge pressures on housing and the need to build more and more homes, having a Place Plan may help to protect areas from development. More work is required on our one. Deadline is 31st March. BCC Community Councillors to look at the recommendations and decide who can work on which part.
5	Bin Lorry – department contacted. Lorry will not enter car park during peak times.
6	Highland Councillors Report; Cllr Macdonald – Visitor Levy Consultation to be completed by 31st March. Important that people respond. Discussion around what the money will be spent on. First stage is gathering views before full proposal is prepared. Further discussion around non-permanent visitors having to pay. Details still to be decided after consultation completed.
7	CHAIR Report – Community Woodland – FLS removed trees from path but two more fell that night. Drain has been cleared to prevent further flooding of community woodland. I Williams to contact FLS to ask them to clear main path and path up to the railway line. Vehicles/Machinery – IW and MS to approach resident and ask that area is cleared of machinery and building materials. Culloden Academy – request to use an area of Chapelton woods for educational purposes. During each visit they will ensure a litter pick is completed. Interpretation Board - Chapelton – IW will circulate content when completed. Nairn Community Council – R Arkell to seek clarification over what support is needed. Flooding – Cllr Reid had left the meeting so no update.
8	Treasurer – Business Acc - £7067.31 – 9/12/24 Treasureres Acc - £1887.57 – 31/12/24 Outstanding chq £24 for hall hire. £68.54 Zurich Insurance
9	Secretary Report - All business discussed earlier in meeting.
10	AOB – M Stuart – Hedges – mechanical intervention required at far end to clean up path. IW to ask IBI if they have machinery that can complete the job. Cllr Robertson – NHS trying to provide accommodation at Culloden Surgery so that lists can be reopened.
11	Next Meeting Wednesday 19th March