

BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 19 April 2004 at Balloch Primary School

Present Ian Williams (Chair)
Laura MacGowan (Secretary)
Ian Thomson (Treasurer)
Ann Crew, Mike Crew, George Riddell, Janice Walker,
Alex Bennett, Susan Van der Vlies

Apologies Margaret Macmillan (Vice Chair)

In attendance Councillor Bob Wynd,
4 members of the public.

1 Minutes of last meeting

Item 6(b) 7 Cullernie road, no objections to house in garden except for Alex Bennett. Reasons given include infill development and loss of amenity. Objection noted. All other points accurate. Proposed George Riddell. Seconded Ann Crew.

2 Matters arising

- (a) Issue of parking in Cherry Park at school pickup times and danger to children – ongoing. Letter to be written Mrs Manson. **George**
- (b) Further traffic census half way up the brae indicating average speed to be 38mph. Cllr Wynd to make results of the survey available to BCC. Possible speed camera to be implemented.

3 Chairperson's Report

No correspondence received.

4 Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report.

5 Secretary's Report

- (a) Anti litter campaign and fly tipping information received.
- (b) AGM Scottish Community Council's - Saturday 12 June 2004 in Stirling.
- (c) Performance report of Highland Council received. Passed on to Ian W.
- (d) Healthy Highland Week 21-27 June 2004 to encourage all groups in community to participate in some way eg more exercise, stop smoking, less alcohol.
- (e) Calor community awards brochure received. Ideas of community projects and how to enter. Passed to Ian W. **Ian W.**
- (f) New system for water charges (by meter) being proposed. Further information or any comments please speak to Chairperson Ian Williams.
- (g) Email received with regard to scraping the council tax (Lib Dem). Ian W. to reply. **Ian W.**

6 Planning

Nothing to report

7 Youth café

35 tickets issued so far. Food and drink from Tesco on sale or return basis. Help as needed and people to mingle (8 -11pm 24/04/04).

- 8** **Woodland tidy up**
 Provisional date set for 15/16 May 2004. Times TBA. **Ian T.**
 To hire chipper for the weekend costs £110.00. No charge for skip. Litter gloves and grabbers available. Any volunteers most welcome. More details to follow.
- 9** **Land at View Hill**
 BCC has decided not to pursue the option of a community land buy out. No further action.
- Nexfor notice board**
 Awaiting contact for publicity purposes. BCC letter heading and logo to be purchased at minimal cost (£25.00).
- 10** **Councillor's Report** **Ian W.**
- (a) Street lights being replaced – on going.
 - (b) Police investigating dumping of papers and fliers in Torres Road.
 - (c) Planning permission – 7 Cullernie Road – approved.
 - (d) Balloch – Raigmore bus route may be taken up by Rapsons services. Cllr Wynd to negotiate.
 - (e) Mail delivery – Chairperson to write on behalf of community. Residents encouraged to write as well if not satisfied with service.
- Address; Mr P Smith
 Area Manager
 Royal Mail
 Wellington circle
 Altens
 Aberdeen
 AB63 1AA
- Packages are delivered separately.
- 11** **AOCB**
 Representation made to council by 3 young people on plans to have mountain bike ramps set up on forestry commission land near bus turning circle at the top of the brae. A lot of work already done by the young people themselves with permission from the forestry commission. Problems have arisen due to lack of public liability insurance and the bus drivers complaining about having no where to go to the toilet. Cllr Wynd to investigate possibility of port-a-loo cabin and Ian W to write letter of endorsement to forestry commission. Some funds available if required to help this project. It was also suggested that interested youngsters form affiliation with Moray Mountain Bikers who are also having bike ramp sites developed on the Black Isle.
- The next newsletter to be distributed in June.
 Any Articles of interest please submit to Susan Van der Vlies by 31/05/04
 Next meeting 17/05/04 7pm Balloch school