

## BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting 20 March 2006 at Balloch Primary School

**Present** Ian Williams (Chair), Laura MacGowan (Secretary)  
Ian Thomson (Treasurer), George Riddell,  
Liz Green, Janice Walker, Alex Bennett  
Mike Crew, Ann Crew,  
Margaret Macmillan (Vice Chair)

#### Apologies

**In attendance** PC N Kinnaird, Cllr Wynd.

Sam MacNaughton from Highland Council gave a presentation at 8pm

**1 Minutes of last meeting**

Accurate. Proposed George, Seconded Liz.

**2 Matters arising**

- (a)** Progress of local store extension delayed due to electricity and phone cables having to be diverted.  
With introduction of lay by for shop deliveries it is possible that the existing zebra crossing will be moved to above the Cherry Park turning and will be light controlled. Tec services to do a survey.
- (b)** Maintenance of drains an ongoing cause for concern especially at Forest drive, Edgemoor Park area. For further discussion with Tec services.
- (c)** Issue of erection of dwelling house at Bogbain. No action taken at present.

**Laura**

**3 Chairman's report**

Nothing to report

**4 Balloch Village Trust Update- (BVT)**

Sub group of BVT looking at establishing a circular pedestrian and cycle path, through the woods. Aim to have a notice board with route shown.

Croy community council keen to link with the trust to establish better footpaths. Access for the primary school through some of Moray Estate land to be investigated.

Safe cycle routes linking Balloch with B9006 up to Brookfield /Sunnyside.

A need for a pavement from the Caravan Park Sunnyside down to the Keppoch Inn is recognised by Croy CC.

Lottery ideas money applied for to give some priority to these plans.

Contact with Croy Community Council to be established through BVT and links to be made in regard of any planning objections that are bordering Croy and Balloch CC.

**Liz/  
Margaret**

- Saturday 25 March- clean up day. To clear litter from shop, pitch in morning. Afternoon to cut and clear scrub near bus turning circle. **As many as poss.**
- School Shoo Poo campaign underway. Residents near entrance to community woods asking for provision of dog bin and one at the forestry commission car park. Cllr Wynd willing to fund these (£150). A third dog bin to be paid from BCC funds to be placed at Chapleton woods entrance –Cameron Ave. **Liz**
- 4 Treasurer's Report**  
No expenditure. BVT money available from grants is up to £1000. Paid in arrears.
- 5 Secretary's Report**
- (a) Notification by Scottish water of increased water rates.
  - (b) Forest strategy second phase for comments **Liz**
  - (c) How to deal with ageing population- consultation paper for comments. **Mike**
  - (d) Highlands and Islands local food Network magazine received.
- 6 Planning**
- (a) Dwelling house for Macbains Farm. Planning dept not received any comment from BCC. Cllr Wynd questioning this. Some other planning issues- communication gone astray. For future -Margaret to email any comments made to Ian W and Cllr Wynd. **Margaret**
  - (b) Continued flouting of planning recommendations at Feabuie woods investigated by Highland council forester- ongoing.
  - (c) Appeal for planning extension at Foinhaven, Viewhill- to be 11 April with site inspection. Member of Planning Sub committee to attend if possible. **Margaret**
  - (d) Planning for 3 houses within triangle of B9006/daviot/clava junction causing some concern due to poor visibility for motorists.
  - (f) Farm land at Viewhill (bordering Culloden road) has been offered to the CC for amenity use. More information on specific area of land and clarification on its use to be sought. **Alex.**
- Counsellor's report**
- (a) Work at Moray Park Ave is to replace and upgrade sewerage drains. To be finished by Easter.
  - (b) Vending machines offering fruit, sandwiches, crisps, hot drinks to be set up at Culloden Community complex to replace the café facility.
- Police Report**  
20mph speed warning - police checks carried out. Warnings and fines issued!
- AOCB**
- (a) The newsletter- some local advertising and collection of all articles to be phase 1 and then compiling and printing to be phase 2. **IanT /Laura**

- (b) The Fete – any interested stall holders from previous years to be approached and local businesses written to for sponsorship. Dance to be 3rd June pm with local Ceilidh band. **Laura/  
George**
- (c) Norbord meeting attended. Emissions within approved limits. SEPA representative no longer regular attendee at meetings
- (d) Next ICCF meeting 11 April.
- (e) Accounts to be audited by external and internal parties for the next meeting. Ann to review initially then passed to independent auditor. **Ann/Ian T**

#### **Presentation on A96 corridor development**

The corridor study is essentially in 3 sections. Raigmore roundabout to the retail park, Retail park to Smithton and then to the Airport roundabout which is now ready to be opened.

The major part of housing development and associated infrastructure proposed to be concentrated around Croy/Tornagrain.

Rail links also being part of study to improve commuter services Inverness/Elgin with rail halt at Dalcross.

Airport links to be improved with better bus services etc.

Any possible expansion of the retail park has to come with plans for improved access.

Date of next meeting 24 April 2006.