

BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 22 August 2005 at Balloch Primary School

- Present** Ian Williams (Chair)
Laura MacGowan (Secretary)
Ian Thomson (Treasurer)
Ann Crew, George Riddell, Janice Walker,
Alex Bennett, Mike Crew Margaret Macmillan (Vice Chair)
- Apologies** Liz Green, Susan Van Der Vlies.
- In attendance** Councillor Bob Wynd and 4 members of the public (Mr&Mrs Benny, Mr Macrae, Mr Robertson).
- 1 Minutes of last meeting**
Amendment to include Liz Green and PC Kinnaird as present. Otherwise correct.
Proposed George, seconded Janice.
- 2 Matters arising**
- (a) Presentation re Castle Stuart development (Tornagrain), arranged for next meeting 19 September. In connection with this proposal Norbord have objected and their next meeting 22 September 6pm is to discuss this further. BCC Cllrs to attend. **Margaret**
Ian T
 - (b) Planning Policy- To be circulated and agreed at next meeting. Any comments to Alex asap. **Alex**
 - (c) Community woodland –Ian T and Alex to assess plan of action for repair to wooden hand rails at steps. Ongoing. **Alex**
Ian T
 - (d) Bus shelter repairs- correspondence from Mike crew to Cllr Wynd and Tec services. Ongoing. **Mike**
- 3 Chairperson's Report**
- (a) Thanks given for efforts at the fete, especially to George and Susan.
 - (b) Issue at Smithton /Culloden CC re political affiliation of the vice chair causing some concern as to how this affects BCC. Any active involvement with a political party, or an issue of personal involvement should be made known. Is our code of conduct sufficient to cover this? Ian W to circulate this policy and address at next meeting. Code to be finalised and accepted by all on the CC. **Ian W**
 - (c) **Local plan** comments to be made before 9 September.
The revised draft where it concerned development at Upper Cullernie farm, went against the finding of the public enquiry. Discussed at length with consensus to object to the modifications in the second draft. Margaret to produce letter of objection. Letter to be circulated to all councillors and concerned residents present at meeting. **Margaret**
 - (d) A96 development- still questions as to location of proposed new town/community. More consultation required.
Cllr Wynd clarified some concerns. Specifically that the next stage of consultant's work was to look at infrastructure needed for any further development taking us beyond 2011. The further study is not constrained by the published location of a new town near the airport.
- 4 Treasurer's Report**
Some outstanding bills from the fete and Tax refunds still to be sorted.

Balance still positive.

- 5 Secretary's Report**
- (a) Renewable energy conference 20/21 st September. More details from Secretary.
 - (b) Orange Network magazine received.(mobile technology and transmitter sites info)
 - (c) Dolphin Echo magazine-
 - (d) NHS team Updates received.
 - (e) Draft of Highland Sexual Health and relationships
 - (f) Highland Environmental Network magazine **Liz**
 - (g) Newsletter received re Beatrice wind farm project, Dingwall.
 - (h) Highland 2007- open meeting to present opportunities for funding of specific community projects Tues 30 August. **Liz**
 - (i) Anti Social behaviour document. **Ian W**
 - (j) Local government boundary commission review and proposals, available on request.
- 6 Planning**
- (a) Residents of 7 Wyvis Drive have lodged an appeal against the refusal of planning permission for a house in their garden.
 - (b) 1.5 storey extension 7 Leanach Cottages-planning permission granted with some conditions.
 - (c) Wester Feabuie planning granted by the Planning Committee despite objections from the BCC and a recommendation for refusal by the Planning Dept. Balloch Highland Councillor voted for the development.
 - (d) Margaret to find out what enforcement action was to be taken against the owners of the TPO woodland area Feabuie. Also to question the planting of non-native species hedge. **Margaret**
 - (e) A letter from the resident at 2 Leanach Cottages asked for support from Balloch CC and Croy CC to oppose any further development near the battlefield site. Margaret to draft letter of support. **Margaret**
- 7 Councillor's Report**
- A96 –consultation looking at infrastructure. Financed hopefully by the developers and the Scottish Executive.
- 8 AOCB**
- (a) George highlighted the need to plan now for next year's fete. **Laura**
Agenda item for next meeting.
 - (b) Next ICCF meeting to be in October.-Possible agenda could include discussion on planning issues that CCs have to deal with. **Margaret**
 - (c) It was suggested that the Amenity working group progress be reported upon even in the absence of Liz.
 - (d) Maintenance of upper Cullernie access road highlighted, as is seen to be in need of repair. This is an adopted road and Cllr Wynd to report to Tec Services. **Bob Wynd**
 - (e) With regard to repair of bus shelter, other issues also raised to include provision of a bin and to aim to have the verges cut. Mike Crew to arrange a convenient time to meet a rep from Tec Services and discuss a plan of action. **Mike**
 - (f) Problem of trees over-hanging pavements at various locations raised. Letters to specific households highlighting their responsibilities. **Laura**
- Date of next meeting 19 September 7pm.**