

## BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Draft Minutes of Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007 at Culloden Academy.

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

#### Apologies

**In attendance** Cllr Wynd, Cllr J Ford PC N Kinnaird + 7 MOP-from Culloden.  
Scott Pearson and associate from stagecoach to answer questions re bus changes.

Meeting opened with welcome to Mr Scott Pearson from Stagecoach, who was invited to come and answer questions regarding changes to bus services.

Main issues of people from Culloden and Smithton were;

The changes to the 3 and 3A bus service- the clockwise and anti clockwise circuits, causing confusion.

Buses not turning up.

Time tables not accurate.

Incorrect signs on the front of buses.

Poor communication as to how to plan journey from Balloch to Raigmore in particular where to change etc.

Buses leaving late from town due to congestion and city improvements.

Lack of bus stop sign in Keppoch Road so buses don't stop.(Cllr Wynd and Ford to report)

In answer to all these points Mr Pearson was willing to investigate any issues if people write stating times and dates. Changes to a service have to run for 90 days(legislation) before can be amended again.

Current timetables are dated 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006 and are available on buses, from the bus station, tourist information. The Inverness guide to be launched in February will have all the above information in it as well.

With regard to road changes etc in the city centre there has been co-ordinated discussions with all relevant parties to keep traffic flowing as best as possible and Stagecoach will have surplus buses running to make up for delays etc.

Cllr J Ford gave thanks to BCC on behalf of Culloden residents for the opportunity to attend this

**Police report;** vandalism to new shop doors- ongoing . no other problems reported. Norman excused early for work reasons.

#### **Minutes of last meeting**

Proposed Alex , seconded IanT

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- Matters arising**
- (a) Speed reduction on Balloch Brae/Culloden road- John Houlker to be invited to next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February, to give advice. Vehicle activated signs to go ahead. Cllr Wynd and BCC to purchase. Invoice to be sent to BCC. Tec services to install. **George.**
- (b) Letter sent to Mr Broadbent regarding improvements to Culloden Road going up to B9006. Tec services to present improvement plans at next Highland Council meeting in February.
- (c) Enforcement order to Mr MacDonald at Feabuie to be further investigated. Letter written and some planting of trees noted. **Bob**
- (d) Next ICCF meeting is 13<sup>th</sup> February and will discuss ward boundaries for CC's more fully.
- (e) Planning application for the erection of house in grounds of Lumag House- letter written in objection. To send same email to B Wynd. **Margaret**
- (f) Tornagrain development-consultation ongoing. Plans covering next 20-30 years. Meeting community needs highlighted with regard to primary and secondary schools and sports facilities. Croy CC have opted out of the Community Consultation meetings.
- (g) Letter supporting compliants by residents regarding noise caused by motorbikes sent to Highland Council Environment Protection. Cllr Wynd received letter of complaint re noise whilst other residents in same road not concerned. Council have issued forms with date and times to be filled in and then they will come and investigate.
- (h) Culloden library sent letter of thanks for donation. Christmas colouring competition judged by A Crew and L Macgowan. Well done to all the children for their efforts.
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- Chairman's report;**
- (a) Planning- 18 Forest Drive- division of plot- outline planning for house- borders community woodland -need to see plans. **Margaret**
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- Balloch Village Trust Update (BVT)**  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January- local history meeting. Lots of interest noted.  
 Next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> February will be launch of village website.  
 Thanks given for extra dog bins installed. A query regarding extra dog bin for Cameron Ave. BCC to pay and Cllr Wynd will approach Council to have installed. **Bob Wynd**  
 Request made for Village notice board to be re instated.  
 Agreed to mount existing notice board, held by Gillian Macleod, on posts at corner of Cherry Park. (opposite phone box.)  
 George to ask Alex and Mr R Geddes to install posts asap. **George**  
 Request also made to have post box re installed- on same green area near notice board. **Laura/Bob Wynd.**

Letter to be sent to Somerfield to ascertain progress with sale of shop. Community would really like to have the retail outlet used as a village store. **Laura**

**5** **Treasurer's Report** – £1493 in deposit acct  
And £3591 in current acct.

**6** **Secretary's report- information received**  
**(a)** Scottish health Council newsletter  
NHS team update

**7** **Planning-**

- ❖ Grays development at Upper Cullernie- as outline planning permission already granted only comments on structure could be made.
- ❖ It was agreed to send a letter of opposition to the Director of Planning over the Planning application for houses at Balvonie of Inshes. Commenting on its deviation from local plan. The BCC felt they could comment on issues outwith the CC boundary and have done so on several occasions. Issue to be raised at next ICCF meeting.

**Margaret/  
Alex**

**8** **Councillor's report**

- (a)** Electronic speed sign to be installed on Culloden road near viewhill.
- (b)** Report from TEC services to propose recommendations for Culloden Road up to the B9006 improvements on HC agenda for February.
- (c)** Changes to local government to be implemented in May- affects TEC services committees, planning and any appeals made and licensing committees.

**Bob**

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**AOCB**

- (a)** Cllr J Ford made inquiries regarding status of the bowling club. George informed him of public meeting to be in March (date to confirm) to present options and take forward.
- (b)** Mr Alan Michael - Culloden Road, Balloch awarded an MBE sent letter of congratulations from BCC.
- (c)** Village Fete- June 2<sup>nd</sup> need to start planning. George requesting not to lead this sub committee. Ideas and volunteers for the next meeting.
- (d)** Possibility of zebra crossing to the hedges over Barn Church Road raised. Unlikely to succeed due to layout of roads.
- (e)** Last ICCF meeting - presentation by Police Area Commander highlighting problems in Inverness. Inverness has 109 officers, some to be deployed to outlying suburbs to alleviate staff shortage.
- (f)** Next meeting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007 Culloden Academy.