

BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 22 May 2006 at Balloch Primary School

Present Ian Williams (Chair), Laura MacGowan (Secretary)
Ian Thomson (Treasurer), George Riddell,
Janice Walker,
Mike Crew, Ann Crew

Apologies Liz Green, Alex Bennett, PC N Kinnaird, Margaret Macmillan

In attendance

1 Minutes of last meeting

Accurate. Proposed George, Seconded Ian T

2 Matters arising

(a) Dog waste bins- Cllr Wynd has ordered them - complete.
Shoo Poo campaign ongoing with the school and BVT.

(b) Forest Strategy consultation –ongoing.

Ageing population consultation- done.
Donation of land to BCC – not a viable option.

**Liz
Mike**

(d) Newsletter- to aim for publication and distribution in June.

Laura

3 Chairman's report

(a) Moray Estate consultation meeting on A96 Tornagrain development- attended by Ian W and Alex. Next meeting June 27th 2006.

In September there will be a public presentation during an intensive 8 day open house consultation by the developers, DPZ. Interested groups and individuals can express their ideas and have them incorporated into various options. The principles of the development try to be sympathetic to everyone's needs. The whole development is staged over 30 years.

(b) A letter received from the Goodbody family invited the BCC to express matters that we would wish them to take into account when considering the future of the farm.

Liz, Ian W.

Cllr Wynd had also received a letter of thanks from Balloch residents thanking the farm manager, Mr. Chiffers, for clearing and trimming the bushes along the old Balloch road (The Hedges). There was also a suggestion that this road be named after Mr Goodbody.

TEC services and Planning have no issue with this and it was

unanimously agreed that Ian W. would discuss with Mrs Goodbody. BCC to have signs made.

Ian W

4 Balloch Village Trust Update- (BVT)

Following the AGM office bearers were elected and reports were given of ongoing work and plans.

The possibility of setting up a living archive of life in Balloch reflecting different people to be explored, and include this work in the local history group.

4 Treasurer's Report

Current Acct 227.89

Deposit Acct 3830.13

Accts to be internally audited by A Crew and then externally by J Louden. To complete asap.

Ann

After discussion it was decided that £452.00, specifically for youth activities, would be transferred to the BVT acct for work to set up some youth facility. All agreed.

BVT to set up separate Acct with all membership fees and any other money raised.

The relationship between BVT and BCC might be confusing for some residents.

The BVT constitution states that some office bearers must also be on the CC, to ensure both groups work towards the same goals.

The work of both groups is complimentary to each other.

BCC initiatives can be taken forward by the Trust as there is access to more funding via this route.

5 Secretary's Report

(a) Standing up to antisocial behaviour award scheme- for nominations.

(b) Tenant Participation services to offer advice on proposed stock transfers.

7 Planning-

Plans for 2 Moray Gardens with view to build 2/3 bedroom bungalow. To be obtained.

Planning permission for 8 houses at Cullernie Farm was approved by the Highland Council.

It was decided that BCC would express a view to the Planning Dept on all planning applications whether supporting, objecting or no opinion.

Margaret.

8 Cllrs report-

Riding of quad bikes in woods still causing concern.

Cllr Wynd explained the situation regarding provision of Care homes and the resulting adverse press reporting.

Highland Council trying to resolve problems with help required from the private sector to implement recommendations from the care commission.

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Police report

Ian W reported that 2 youths detained and charged for damage to property. Both apologised to the owner of the destroyed property.

AOCB

The fete - everything in place thanks to the hard work of George Riddell.

There will be some fundraising specific to BCC-help organised.

A request for help to lay stage floor - 8am. Ian W
Collection of entry fee £1.00 -help from Ann Crew and Susan Williams. Many Thanks.

Community dance June 3rd - tickets available from community council members and at the shop. Will be good fun.

Date of next meeting- Monday 12 June- 7pm.