

BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 23 August 2004 at Balloch Primary School

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

Apologies Mike Crew

In attendance

- 1 **Minutes of last meeting**
Accurate. Proposed Ann, Seconded Susan.
- 2 **Matters arising**
 - (a) Reply sent to Miss Card re funding for medical trip.
 - (b) Money moved to high interest account as agreed.
 - (c) Norbord – still awaiting photo shoot in recognition of notice board. **Margaret**
 - (d) Letter from Mr S Macleod re maintenance of trees and play area at top of Wellside investigated and replied to by phone. **Ian W**
- 3 **Chairperson's Report**
 - (a) The Hub magazine received (Free informative magazine for Inverness – monthly). Decision made to advertise dates of next community council meetings. **Laura**
 - (b) Partnership for Rural Inverness and Nairn (PRIN) are launching biodiversity action plan –11 September. Liz Green to attend and feed back to community council.
 - (c) Drug and Alcohol Action leaflets received – for notice board.
 - (d) Highland Domestic Abuse campaign leaflets received- specifically aimed at woman and children. **Laura**
- 4 **Treasurer's Report**
£3735.00 in high interest account and £207.00 in current account.
- 5 **Secretary's Report**
 - (a) Compost Bins £6.95 See poster on notice board.
 - (b) Inverness community council Forum- AGM 9th October – cruise on Loch Ness. More information and to book tickets – Margaret **Margaret**
 - (c) Draft Community Safety Strategy Plan 2004-2007 received. For comment. **Ian W.**
 - (d) Affordable housing strategy received – for comment. **Alex & Ann**
 - (e) Nomination papers for person /group-making impact for benefit of community received. Contact secretary if wanting to propose someone.
- 6 **Planning**
 - (a) House at Feabuie - objection due to over development of hinterland. **Alex & Ann**
 - (b) Bungalow at Viewhill – some confusion as to whether approved or not. R Wynd to investigate. **R Wynd**

- (c) Planning sub committee to formulate brief policy statement regarding how decisions to be made, objectively - using local authority plan as guide. Also issue of planning to be raised at ICCF meeting to support and liase with neighbouring community councils. **Alex B**
Margaret
- 7** **Councillors Report**
- (a) Rapsons to operate direct service from Balloch to Raigmore hospital. Sundays only at present, for 6-month trial. If well used this service may be extended.
- 8** **AOCB**
- (a) Phone call received from member of public and G Riddell approached concerning young people riding quad bikes in the woods. R Wynd also contacted. People's concern noted. Local farmer and staff made aware of problem. For further discussion with the police to clarify the issue. More information to follow. Reply sent to local resident who raised the issue. **George**
- (b) Letters received in box from village fete concerning the local community hall. Issues to be put in writing to Mrs Snape. **Laura**
- (c) Letters from young people concerning bike park and provision of football net at Moray Park raised. Margaret to reply. **Laura**
- (d) New chevrons erected on B9006 to warn drivers of bends and reduce speed. **Margaret**
- (e) Drains on Culloden Road, Braeside Park and the well at Wellside noted to be blocked by large amounts of grass growing and other rubbish. To raise issue with TEC services and get them cleared. **R Wynd.**
- (f) National Trust for Scotland are having a public meeting at end of September to highlight changes at the Battlefield. 19th September BBC2 Battlefield Britain will be about Culloden. 25th/26th September "Beyond the Broadcast" is a special weekend of events at Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre.
- (g) Next ICCF meeting after the AGM will be 12 October-planning with our neighbours. **Margaret**
- (h) Next Norbord meeting 21st October **Ian T**
- Next meeting 20th September 7pm school staff room.**