

BALLOCH VILLAGE TRUST

Minutes of Meeting 31 August 2006

<p>Present</p>	<p>Gareth Whyment(Moray Estates), M & G Stevenson, Wilma Beaton, Catherine Mackay, Aileen Mackie, J Bryers, O Bryers, Ann & Mike Crew, Ann MacKay, Karen Halkett, Eric Halkett, Ian Foster, Kate MacKenzie, William Hodgson, Rod Geddes, John Brown, Joan Mathieson, Lorna Condie, Margaret Rowe, Joe Rowe, Jim & Gillian McCreath, Cllr. Bob Wynd, Hamish Johnstone, Alex Bennett, Ian Williams, Barbara Jarvie, Liz Green, Gillian Spalding</p>	
<p>Apologies</p>	<p>David Herd, Anne Speight, Sarah Crawshaw, Denny Harvey, Stewart Easthaugh, Carol Robertson, Hanna Falkinham, Julie Murphy</p>	
<p>1 Paths</p>	<p>The paths working group is continuing to investigate paths and possible links in the areas around Balloch. An application will be made to the Big Idea Lottery Fund to formalise maps of the area.</p> <p>The development of a Core Path Network in the Inverness Area is progressing and Stewart Easthaugh (Access Officer, Highland Council) will be at Culloden Academy Community Centre on the 4th and 17th October from 3.30pm - 7.30pm to consult with the community. Debbie Maguire (Highland Council) will also be consulting on her greenspace strategy for the Inverness area.</p> <p>The requirement of a wider gate to enable wheelchair and pushchair access to the community woodland was raised.</p> <p>Gareth Whyment presented a progress report on the work in the woods of the Moray Estate. Paths have been resurfaced and culverts added. This is now complete at this end of the woods.</p>	<p>Paths Working Group</p> <p>Anyone can attend</p> <p>Letter to Forestry Commission</p>
<p>2 BVT set up</p> <p>Meeting place</p>	<p>Charitable status process is continuing. We have had to amend wording as including amenities for the joint use by the school affects our application. Amenities will now be for community use only, although the school will of course be offered the use of the facilities.</p> <p>A bank account can now be set up in the name of BVT.</p> <p>To become a member of the BVT and be eligible to vote at the AGM an annual membership fee of £1 should be paid. Forms available at meetings or phone Gillian on 792199.</p> <p>Future meetings are now likely to be in the village hall as the school is no longer available for evening lets.</p> <p>The trust has 3 logos to use on posters, letterhead etc.</p>	<p>Liz</p>
<p>3 Website</p>	<p>The trust has had a very generous offer by Iletec, a company in the village, to set up a website free of charge.</p> <p>It was agreed to accept this offer and the website will be developed over the next few months.</p>	<p>Iletec</p>
<p>4 Registering a community interest in land</p>	<p>The solicitors of the Goodbody farm wrote to the CC and BVT asking what land we might be interested in. We noted interest in Chapelton Woods and the field in front of the school. The Forestry Commission is also interested in Chapelton Woods. The registration process as was previously instigated is continuing at present.</p>	<p>Liz</p>
<p>5 Future of shop</p> <p>Road Safety</p>	<p>The new building went up for sale on 18th August, there is no outcome as yet. The Post Office is temporarily closed due to lack of premises. The post box will be resited when the building is complete and the outcome of the shop sale is known.</p> <p>The zebra crossing will remain in it's present place although the entrance to the shop space will be altered to improve safety at that junction. The school and the community council are to be involved in a Safer Routes to school meeting. Concern was raised re the danger posed by the present construction works, it was agreed that the worst of this has now passed and the construction company is being helpful in minimising disruption.</p> <p>The problem of speeding was discussed. The priority of downhill traffic at the</p>	

	railway bridge was raised - it has to be this way around due to the danger of downhill traffic having to stop in wet or icy conditions. The possibility of warning of the impending 30mph limit at the Viewhill entrance to the village was raised.	
6 Local History - towards an exhibition in 2007	There is no-one to take a lead interest in this project at present, all offers of help would be appreciated. The possibility of afternoon meetings to gather information was raised. It was requested that everyone see what items they may have which could be scanned/photocopied and returned. If anyone sees articles in local papers related to Balloch please could they keep them and bring them to BVT meetings.	All
7 A96 Corridor Plan	The 5 options for the development of the area around Balloch were presented. These have been drawn up by Halcrow for Highland Council following on from a meeting in July. These options will be presented at a meeting on 21 st September at the Spectrum Centre from where a decision will be made as the ideas/option most preferred. The main point from the general discussion was that in general we are happy with our village as it is and do not want it to be different. Keeping Balloch distinct and surrounded by green space was one of the top choices of the 2005 public consultation. All the options result in loss of agricultural land. It was agreed to send fliers to all Balloch residents to try to gain as much community feedback and representation as possible in this process.	
8 AOB	The consultation for the proposed Tornagrain development is taking place on to September. Details of these dates can be found at www.ballochvt.org or contact.	
9 Date of next meeting	This is provisionally Tuesday 3 rd October at 7pm in the village hall. This is to be confirmed.	

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