

# Ballachulish Community Council Minutes 16/04/2024

Present Shirley Grant, Alastair Jack, Iain MacMillan, Jennifer MacColl, Ruth Sime, Kevin Smith, Andrew MacLachan (Phone Link)

Apologises Sarah Fanent.

1 Police Report, We have been in contact with the Community Officer regarding the vandalism at the public toilets. Awaiting an update.

2. Finance Report Bank Account to be reopened to allow paying outstanding Invoices Zurich Insurance and Claymore Station Compost. End of Year Accounts verified and to be issued at next AGM.

3. Community Asset Transfer BCA Land around Hall asking for an update on any progress BCA have been in contact with HC regarding land ownership and valuations.

4. New Build Hospital Petition letters have been issued to relevant parties and we await conclusion to allow the project to become a viable stage to meet necessary criteria.

5. SG Planning Consultation Com Council has completed surveys and raised some comments on the questionnaires.

6. Ballachulish School Bridge ( Old Laroch Bridge ) on numerous occasions over the winter the bridge surface was extremely slippery. This is becoming a serious issue of safety for the users.

COOP Car Park contacted manager to discuss the issues of exit signage and placement, drainage. We have been informed that the COOP is not responsible for Signage or Drains etc Contacting HC and Local Councillor to verify who is responsible for the issues. A minor accident happened on Saturday due to vehicle entering through exit entrance.

7. Crieff Hydro Fencing around Bin area at East Pier Car Park fence was removed by Crieff Hydro and they have stated it will be replaced soon. We need to have an open method of communication between Community and the Group.

8. COOP Bottle Bank 1 Bottle bank broken, and usage and emptying cycle is turning out to be inadequate for the usage. Contacted Mr I Cameron who is aware of the situation and repairs are in hand. Unfortunately, someone has lifted the Bottle bank up and is now full, the need for skip to remove bottle before repair works can be completed.

9. 2025 Anniversary There is a several projects that will require to be validated by the Community. The need to build a business plan for Funding the projects so we can populate the events can take place. The need for several volunteers will be required from the Community.

10. Vandalism in the Community has yet again come to the fore; we have been in communication with the HC and Police. The Public Toilets have become a target over the last month which is real concern. The monies spent in the refurbishment of facilities is being an issue for future funding to the Community from the HC. Community has asked to be keyholders for the toilets to get some control of opening times in conjunction with the HC.

11. Community Action Plan was discussed as this requires to be updated and reports to show the actions that have been taken.

AOCB

1. 20mph speed limit is in force throughout the village.
2. Shinty Park wall Park Road is in a very poor condition to contact HC to discuss the issue.
3. Christmas Lights due to the age and condition of the existing tree lights and Light standard mounted lights most are in poor condition. Fundraising will be required to allow for replacements.

New Community Council Members and Office Bearers

Chair Kevin Smith, Vice Chair Andrew MacLachan Secretary Iain MacMillan, Treasurer Alastair Jack, Shirley Grant, Jennifer MacColl and Ruth Sime.