

**Minute of Beaulieu Community Council Meeting
held on Monday, 28th May, 2012, in the Phipps Hall**

Present: C.Council: Rosie McDonald, Katie Cumming, Belle Maxwell, Tony Boyland, Seona Fraser, Maratena Coleman, James Campbell, Jim Stewart
HC Members: Cllr Helen Carmichael, Cllr Drew Hendry
Police: PC Billy McDonald, PC Garry Ross
Guest: Mike Stephens, Principal Engineer, TEC Services

Apologies: Cllr Hamish Wood, Cllr Margaret Davidson, Jane Campbell

Before the meeting commenced, the Chair, Tony Boyland, congratulated the councillors on successfully retaining their seats at the recent election.

He then introduced Mike Stephens, Principal Engineer, TEC Services, who would try to answer our questions on 'parking'.

There were several key areas in the village where parking was causing problems, in the Phipps Hall courtyard with Royal Mail vans (a letter has already been sent to Royal Mail); cars actually parking on the 'give way' sign outside the Post Office and on the zig zag lines outside the school; on all the street corners off the Square, thus blocking the pavements, and on the new raised block area adjacent to Ferry Road; outside the Royal Bank of Scotland creating serious traffic congestion; cars 'for sale' take up parking spaces; and 'park and ride' is a problem. These are just a few concerns. When asked about the possibility of yellow lines, Mike Stephens informed us that this would require a Traffic Order, which could take 6- 9 months to obtain, and parking restrictions would have to be enforced. An alternative could be single white lines with a stop at each end, something like an elongated H, and it was also noted that zig zag lines do not require a Traffic Order. Discussion continued and Mike Stephens suggested, in the first instance, that he send us a plan of the village on which we can highlight the problem areas and put forward our suggestions. This was welcomed. He also agreed to arrange a new parking sign for Braeview Car Park - 'FREE Parking 100 yds' and look into providing a suitable sign for Phipps Hall courtyard. Most of the business proprietors and their employees also park in the Square and it was suggested sending them another letter requesting they park in Braeview Car Park and leave the Square for their customers. James Campbell to action.

At this point Mike Stephens left the meeting and Cllr Carmichael temporarily left the meeting with him to show him the main trouble spots in the village.

1. **Minute of Previous Meeting**

Minute No.44 was read and approved. Proposed by Seona Fraser, seconded by Rosie McDonald.

2. **Matters Arising from Previous Minute**

a) **Police Matters**

The Highland Cross will be held on Saturday, 23rd June, and it would appear that over the last few years there has been only one officer on duty to control the cyclists at the Post Office and more help was requested. Barriers will need to be erected along Station Road. The police will look into this.

At this point the two Police Officers left the meeting.

- b) Cnoc - Cllr Drew Hendry will chase up the funding for the trees.
- c) Balblair Quarry Aggregates Industry

James Campbell will arrange a tour of the replanted area during the lighter evenings. The Quarry have agreed to donate some red chips for the Square. Tom Lewis, the Balblair Quarry Manager, will be asked for a map of the area, which will be issued to walkers. Action James Campbell. Details of the opening date of the replanted area will be put in the Beauly News. Action Cllr Carmichael.

- d) Braeview Community Development Sub-committee

The Highland Council requires more detailed information, in writing, regarding the 'in kind' help promised by volunteers. Jane Campbell and Jim Stewart have this in hand.

- e) Treasurer's Retirement

It was agreed that all CC members present at the lunch would pay £10.

- f) Ward Forum on the Bus Service - Ongoing
- g) Scotia Footbridge - Ongoing
- h) Highland Railway Line 150th Anniversary

James Campbell and Tony Boyland will try to obtain more information and Jane and Garry Coutts have offered to open the old platform and serve tea.

- i) Queen's Jubilee - Tuesday, 5th June - unfortunately, there was very little response.
- j) Village Plan - Cllr Drew Hendry agreed to pursue this matter.
- k) Benches - The new Head Teacher has the catalogue(s) - Jim Stewart will get them back.

Cllr Carmichael returned to the meeting.

3. Correspondence

- a) Highland Council - Inner Moray Firth Development Plan - the Main Issues Report on the results of the Workshop held in Beauly. Email to all Community Councillors. Action Belle Maxwell.
- b) Email from Richard Crawford, Inverness South CC, suggesting all CCs work together on this project. Email to all Community Councillors and discuss at the next meeting as Richard Crawford would welcome our thoughts.
- c) Scottish Government have launched 5 consultation papers relating to Planning Reform. Link: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/reform>.
- d) Dr Donald Boyd, Chairman, Westhill Community Council: Meeting in Cradlehall Primary School on Thursday, 19th April at 7.15pm - Focus on the A96-A9-UHI Beechwood Campus-Smithton Aspect.
- e) Druim Ba Wind Farm - Tony Boyland emailed all with an attached scanned copy of the

summary taken from the reporters notes of the pre-hearing and also the schedule of the documentation submission dates, etc. The main hearing will start on 26th June and finish on 6th July and will be held in Kiltarlity Village Hall.

- f) Email from Alison Clark, Policy Officer HC, informing us that a group of CCs from other Local Authorities have set up an informal group called the National Network of CCs. Having discussed some of the content we decided against becoming involved. More info: nationalnetworkcc.com.
- g) NHS Briefing Note - link: www.nhs.uk/highland.scot.nhs.uk/Meetings/Pages/Welcome.aspx.

4. **Any Other Business**

- a) Grass Cutting at Cnoc - Tony Boyland to contact David Grant.
- b) Tables and Chairs in Phipps Hall

Since Highlife has taken over control of Phipps Hall, the rule now is that no table or chair can leave the hall. However, the CC thought this a bit rash and have suggested that leaving a deposit might be acceptable, especially if it was a community event. Tony Boyland to contact Ruth Imrie's supervisor with this proposal.

- c) The Beaully Care Project

Cllr Carmichael explained to the CC that this is a new working group looking into the possibility of a Care Centre in Beaully. This group comprises 14 people who have had a tour of the Care Centre in Glenurquhart. No funding has been sought yet and it has not been decided what type of Charity they wish to be. In the interim period, to allow the Project to go forward and gain some credibility, Cllr Carmichael asked if it could come under the umbrella of the Community Council until such times as they are set up properly and are looking for funding. This was agreed and their minutes would be forward to the CC.

- d) Damaged Manholes

Several damaged manholes were reported as follows: 2 between Morrisons and the Tweed Shop, in the middle of Priory Walk opposite the junction to Priory Road, and the entrance to Braeview has a large hole in the road. Cllr Drew Hendry will contact TEC Services.

- e) Riverside Drive

There is an empty house in Riverside Drive and the garden is full of discarded furniture. Cllr Drew Hendry will report this.

- f) Dog Fouling

A complaint has been received about dog fouling outside the school in Croyard Road. Tony Boyland will contact the Village Officer.

- g) Bus Stop

If the Beaully to Dingwall bus stop is to remain in its present position, the proprietor of the Indian Restaurant has offered to put the sign on his wall.

Cllr Carmichael remained on the premises but outwith the meeting.

5. **Planning Applications**

a) New Applications

Proposed dwelling at 4 Fairlie View - No objection provided the finish is in keeping with the adjacent properties and surrounding area.

b) Existing Applications

- Lovat Caravan Park
- Erection of electrical converter at West Balblair

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will follow the AGM on Monday, 25th June, at 7.30pm.