

**Minute of the Beauly Community Council
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held in Phipps Hall on Monday, 25th June 2012, at 7.30pm**

Present: C.Council: Tony Boyland, Seona Fraser, Rosie McDonald, Belle Maxwell,
Jim Stewart, James Campbell, Jane Campbell
HC Members: Cllr Helen Carmichael
Apologies: Maratena Coleman, Cllr Margaret Davidson, Cllr Hamish Wood

1. **Minute of Previous Meeting**

The minute of the previous AGM held on 24th June 2011 was read and approved. Proposed by Jane Campbell and seconded by James Campbell.

2. **Matters Arising from Previous Minute** - None

3. **Chair Report**

Tony Boyland, Chair, gave the following report, which is a summary of the many items that have been managed by the Community Council in the last year.

Cnoc na' Rath Footpath This has been ongoing before I joined the CC. Recently I made contact with another SSE manager, Gavin Steel, who informed me that unless Beauly own, or at least have something longer than a 50 year lease on the Cnoc na' Rath path, then they will not be able to do any of the work needed on the trees. Lovat Estates have asked Davey Grant to assess the need for managing some of the worst affected trees in the area.

Children's Play Park I must thank Jane Campbell, Maratena Coleman, Seona Fraser and Jim Stewart for all their hard work in getting funding and driving this project forward through an absolute maze of bureaucracy. I am told that the end is in sight and we hope to see the construction of a modern and better play park in the near future. I have recently heard that Lovat Estates have commissioned Davey Grant to look into doing some tree surgery work on the overhanging trees along the fence line at the top of Braeview Park.

Station Car Park I understand the main work on the Kessock Bridge starts in February 2013. I am hopeful that we will soon have a car park extension at the station in place which will offset some of the inevitable increase in commuter traffic coming through Beauly.

Wind Farms The appeal regarding the Drum Ba wind farm starts on 25th June at Kiltarlity Village Hall. Beauly CC has no input to the process other than the letters we wrote earlier to Highland Council and the Scottish Government which essentially only indicated our ambivalence to the application. I recently had a call from Donald Ross (Drum Ba) asking what our main benefit projects were should we be eligible for community benefit. I listed 3 - 'Cnoc footpath', 'Children's Play Area' and the 'Beauly Care Project' However, I asked Mr Ross to not involve Beauly CC in any forward planning at this stage, since we do not wish our CC to be embroiled in any negotiation or undue influence until the planning appeal process is concluded.

Beauly Square The upgrade has been completed and by all reports most residents think it is a great improvement, especially on the Co-op side. However, I have received some critical comments lately regarding the build out at the RBS/Square corner and this may be something the

CC should look at again. Our thanks to Cllr Carmichael who led on this project and kept HC on their toes to get it completed.

Handyman Our new handyman, Alan Campbell, was taken on in March and has done an excellent job with refurbishing the benches in Lovat Memorial Garden and near the public toilets.

Village Plan and the Inner Moray Firth Development Plan Over the coming year we need to look at developing a 'Village Plan' and it is something that Cllr Drew Hendry is liaising for us with Highland Council. Coincidentally, HC recently issued their draft Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan which has a section showing most of the areas around Beauly that are available for development and community use. We attended a presentation on the IMFLDP and fed some comments back through a Q&A session but we need to submit further detail and some corrections to that plan by the 6th July. I am therefore collating further comments from our CC members at present.

Joyce Howes' Bequest I have received an update of her bequest to Beauly CC which will be £2,180 and we will arrange for a bench and plaque to be placed in Mr & Mrs Howes' memory in, or near, the new play park when it is completed.

Thanks I would just like to thank all the 'team' of Beauly Community Council members for their sterling efforts over the last year. Thanks also to our four Ward Councillors for their attendance and advice and who unstintingly help us on many of the projects and endeavours we take on.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Seona Fraser, Treasurer, tabled the past year's accounts, a copy of which is attached to this AGM. The accounts were clear and self explanatory and were proposed by Belle Maxwell and seconded by Jane Campbell. Linda Clark, who audited the accounts, refused payment but it was agreed to give her a £25 gift voucher.

5. **Election of Office Bearers**

The Office Bearers stood down en masse and Cllr Helen Carmichael took the Chair. She asked if they were willing to stand again, they all agreed and were duly re-elected. Proposed by Jane Campbell and seconded by Jim Stewart.

Chair:	Tony Boyland	Vice-Chair:	Rosie McDonald
Treasurer:	Seona Fraser	Secretary:	Belle Maxwell

The rest of the CC remains the same with Jane Campbell, James Campbell, Jim Stewart, Katie Cumming and Maratena Coleman.

6. **Any Other Business** - None

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday, 24th June, 2013, at 7.30pm in Phipps Hall.

Proposed by Seconded by

Chair Secretary