

**Minute of Beaully Community Council Meeting
held on Monday, 27th August, 2012, in the Phipps Hall at 7.30pm**

Present: C.Council: Rosie McDonald, Jim Stewart, Tony Boyland, James Campbell,
Belle Maxwell, Seona Fraser
HC Members: Cllrs Helen Carmichael and Drew Hendry
Police: PC Jim Renwick
Public: Jane Cumming, Simon Clarke

Apologies; Jane Campbell, Maratena Coleman, Cllr Margaret Davidson

Before the meeting commenced, the Chair, Tony Boyland, on behalf of the Beaully Community Council, expressed deepest sympathy and condolences to the Beaton family for the tragic event at Gairloch.

1. **Previous Minute**

Minute No.47 was read and approved. Proposed by Rosie McDonald, seconded by Jim Stewart.

2. **Matters Arising from Previous Minute**

a) **Police Matters**

PC Jim Renwick reported that this month the Police are concentrating on road safety and under-age drinking. They are trying to find out who buys the drink for them and would welcome any help from the public. They are continuing to hand out warning letters for bad parking.

b) **Cnoc - Ongoing**

c) **Braeview Community Development Sub-committee**

Work on the footpath starts tomorrow with the Community Services. Negotiations have taken place with Balblair Quarry Aggregates and we hope to get 15 tonnes of aggregate and 6 tonnes fine whin. The trees at the top of Braeview have all been trimmed, thanks to Lovat Estates who financed and authorised Davy Grant to do the work. The fence had now been reinstated and once the play area is complete 3 benches will be installed plus the commemorative bench for Mrs Joyce Howes.

d) **Scotia Footbridge - Ongoing**

e) **Village Plan**

Before submitting our plan to Mike Stephens, it was suggested having an Open Meeting to also get ideas/opinions from the general public. Belle Maxwell to contact Mike Stephens to see if Highland Council might run the public meeting on our behalf.

f) **Benches**

The 3 benches for Station Road should be installed shortly - 1 at top of Beaufort Gardens, 1 at the entrance to Braeview Gardens (tree side) and 1 in the insert across the road from Braeview. Jim Stewart to contact TEC Services.

g) Beauly Care Project - Moving forward.

h) Smiley Face Sign

This was taken away for repair but was found to be beyond economic repair. Highland Council is at the stage of having to replace a number of the original signs and once these are available Beauly will be included on the list of sites on a rotational basis.

i) Community Services - Ongoing

j) Fairburn Wind Farm

A second application for an extension to the wind farm has been submitted and, as it potentially comes within Highland Council's diameter of Beauly, we should register an interest. Jim Stewart to write to Morven Smith accordingly.

3. Correspondence

- a) Highland Council - Letter from Jaqueline Mackenzie, Children's Services Worker at Charleston Academy, requesting financial help for Beauly children. Copy to be passed to Cllrs Helen Carmichael and Drew Hendry who will investigate.
- b) Highland Council - Adopt an Intern is a free graduate recruitment service. Emailed to all. More information on www.adoptanintern.org.uk.
- c) Scottish Government's proposed Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill. Emailed to all. More information on www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations.
- d) Highland Council - Lisa MacKellaich, Road Safety Officer - Sourcing funding for Safer Routes to School, which includes the footpath at Beauly Primary School. Emailed to all.
- e) Newswire - Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre Highlands & Islands. Emailed to all.
- f) Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust Newsletter. Emailed to all.
- g) Report from Achieving Impact with Community Benefit/Investment held at Strathpeffer recently. Emailed to all.
- h) Highland Council - Supplementary Guidance Consultation - Proposals for small scale wind turbines. Emailed to all. More information on [www,highland.gov.uk/yourenvironment/planning/consultations.htm](http://www.highland.gov.uk/yourenvironment/planning/consultations.htm)
- i) Inverness Area Community Council Forum - next meeting Tuesday, 2nd October in the Town House at 7pm. Topic is an update on the Inner Moray Firth Development Plan. Belle Maxwell to confirm 6 will attend: Tony Boyland, Jim Stewart, Seona Fraser, James Campbell Rosie McDonald and Belle Maxwell.
- j) Highland Council Quality Awards 2012 - It was agreed to nominate our librarian, Samantha Hercher. Action Belle Maxwell.
- k) Community Council Online Training Package - Emailed to all, Any queries contact Charles Stephen, Ward Manager.
- l) Challenger Bus Visit to Beauly, 21-23 August. Details emailed to all. This is a Christian Charity based in Perth.
- m) Resignation email from Katie Cummings-Coutts (see 4i).

4. Any Other Business

a) Funding from Highland Cross

The forms are now in and it was agreed to apply for funding to cover the play park lighting. Action Seona Fraser. Cllr Helen Carmichael will contact the Lighting Department.

b) Monument Clean-up

The monument in the Square needs a spruce-up. James Campbell will contact Sandy Reid.

c) House of Beaully

Cllr Drew Hendry has been in contact with the liquidators of the above business and they have assured him that their preference is to sell the unit as a going concern or a commercial unit. The option of levelling it and preparing the land for redevelopment would be very expensive. If they do find an interested party Highland Council will be keen to work with them through planning and development.

It was pointed out that we must do our best to keep a brown sign, i.e. Historic Beaully.

d) Web Site

Tony Boyland had submitted a sample web site. Now he will find out the total costs involved in setting it up and maintaining it.

e) The Old Priory

It was reported that the Priory is in a poor state and needs some attention. Graves need cleaning and one gravestone is broken, the grass-cutting is terrible. There used to be 3 story signs and now there is only one. Action - Belle Maxwell to contact Historic Scotland.

f) Switching-on of Christmas Lights

Seona Fraser will arrange the switching on of the Christmas lights on Thursday, 6th December. Cath and Jack Jenkins had offered to organise carol singing and Christmas songs and Cllr Helen Carmichael will confirm this with them.

g) Purchase of Laptop for Secretary

As the secretary's laptop is now nearly 7 years old and not working properly, it was agreed that the Community Council will purchase a laptop for her use.

h) Resignation of Katie Cummings-Coutts

We will be sorry to see Katie leave but she is going for the best of reasons - promotion and a move to Edinburgh. Our best wishes go with her.

5. Planning Applications

a) New Applications

- **Euan Simpson, 2 Priory Gardens** - garage with accommodation above. No objection provided it conforms precisely with the plans submitted. 12/02968/FUL.
- **House of Beaully** - Demolition of building and redevelopment of site for housing plots. Attached is a copy of the letter of objection.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 24th September, 2012, in the Phipps Hall at 7.30pm



BEAULY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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8 August 2012

The Planning Department
Highland Council
Inverness

Dear Sir

Case Reference 12/02876/PIP

House of Beauliy

Demolition of building and redevelopment of site as house plots

Beauliy Community Council wish to object to the demolition of the above property for the following reasons.

1. This is an iconic and beautiful building formally opened in 1981 by the Queen and it subsequently won at least 1 architectural award.
2. It was built to be of benefit to Beauliy because of the bypass of the opening of the Kessock bridge and it could still be of benefit to the village.
3. It is a notable landmark on the SW entrance to the village.
4. It is a beautiful landscaped area with mature trees, some of which would have to be removed for building plots.

Yours sincerely

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Chair

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