

**Minute of Beaully Community Council
held on Monday, 26th August, 2013, at 7pm in Phipps Hall**

Present: CC Council: Tony Boyland, Rosie McDonald, Jim Stewart, Jane Campbell, Seona Fraser
Belle Maxwell, James Campbell, Maratena Coleman
HC Member: Cllr Helen Carmichael and Drew Hendry
Police: Sgt Gregor Hay
Guests: Kenneth Morrison, Headmaster Beaully Primary School
Chief Inspector Murdoch, Inverness Police

Tony Boyland, Chair, welcomed Kenneth Morrison and Chief Inspector Murdoch to our meeting and invited Chief Inspector Murdoch to speak first. The following is a brief resume of the vital points made.

“The Chief Inspector has received your letter and I am happy to be here to elaborate on it. The Drumnadrochit vacancy was to be filled by an officer from Inverness but I am not in a position at this moment to do that. I will reinstate it again in September. We are now looking nationally for any future vacancies. The intake of new officers from Tulliallan takes place in September and the Inverness area may get 7. There are 15 in Armed Response who work in general policing while awaiting a call. There will be at least 1 Armed Response car on the road every day. During September and October there will be a number of Forums specifically for the Police and Fire Rescue Services. Police Scotland recognises the problems in policing rural areas but there is no indication that things will change in the meantime. We do not have enough officers to balance out the demand and we are lucky to have the officers we do have and, realistically, we will not get any more in the future. We will continue with what we have, to provide you with the best service we can.”

Tony Boyland thanked Chief Inspector Murdoch for coming and both he and Sgt Hay left the meeting.

Tony Boyland then invited Kenneth Morrison to address the meeting and the following is a brief resume.

Mr Morrison was encouraged to come along to discuss the possibility of Beaully getting a community minibus. The Shinty Club kindly allow the school to use their one when it is available, but there are other organisations who would benefit from a community minibus as well. A great deal of discussion took place regarding the cost, maintenance, insurance, etc. but it was agreed, before we go any further, that a feasibility study should be carried out first. **Action Cllrs Drew Hendry and Helen Carmichael.**

Mr Morrison then went on to ask if it would be in order for the school children to continue with their lantern parade at the switching on of the lights. This was unanimously agreed and the CC hope this will now be an annual event.

1. **Previous Minute**

This was read and approved. Proposed by Jane Campbell and seconded by Seona Fraser.

2. **Matters Arising from Previous Minute**

a) **Police Matters**

Sgt Hay presented his monthly report which was discussed in detail. (A copy is attached to this minute). At the last meeting it was agreed to write to the Chief Superintendent regarding our concerns about policing levels and, as you can see from the above, Chief Inspector Murdoch came along to bring us up-to-date.

- b) Village Plan - Ongoing
- c) Village Monument Cleanup - Ongoing
- d) CC Website - Ongoing
- e) Walk to Windhill - Ongoing
- f) Flower Tubs for Station - **Tony Boyland** and **James Campbell** will liaise to complete this project.
- g) War Memorial at Toll - Ongoing
- h) Dead Tree at Priory - **Action Cllr Carmichael.**
- i) Fountain in Square

This requires a lot of work, including sandblasting, broken pump and copping stone. Tony Boyland and Jim Stewart will look at the engineering work involved then liaise with James Campbell, who will get estimates from the stonemason. When these are available they should be passed to Cllr Hendry, who will forward same to some Veteran Organisations.

- j) RBS Funding - **Seona Fraser** to check if one needs to be a Charity before being eligible for the latest funding project.
- k) Area Around Shinty Club - **Belle Maxwell** to invite Ian Morrision to next meeting
- l) House of Beauly - Clean-up work starts early September.

3. Correspondence

- a) SSE – Fairburn Extension Wind Farm – Submission of planning application for a twelve turbine extension to the south of Loch Achonachie, Glen Orrin, Ross-shire.
- b) Highland Third Sector Partnership – new telephone number 01349 864289.
- c) Police Scotland – Review of Traffice Warden Provision and Public Service and Opening Hours at Police Offices.
- d) H.Council – Winter Resilience - help with grit bins, snow shovels, etc.
- e) Highland Road Safety Seminar Agenda – Friday, 22nd November, Council Chambers.
- f) Enterprise Ready Fund, Information & Briefing, 10th September, Mercure Inverness Hotel
- g) H.Council – Community Council Scheme Evaluation 2013 Feedback.
- h) H.Council – Email re forthcoming meeting – Development Initiative – Great Glen (DIGG) Since no one had heard of DIGG, Cllr Hendry offered to find out more.

4. Any Other Business

- a) Mercat Cross

Highland Council has rebuilt the plinth and Jim Stewart has received a price for a stainless steel plaque 12” x 4” - £150. The cost was agreed and the wording will be decided by Tony Boyland, Jim Stewart and James Campbell.

- b) Braeview Development - Park

Still having problems with H.Council regarding invoices. **Cllr Carmichael** will action.

- c) Beaton Family

The Beaton Family are donating a carved bench and a play hut to the new Braeview Park. **Cllr Carmichael** will check with H.Council a suitable location for these items within the park.

- d) Plans for the New School - **Cllr Hendry** will try to obtain a copy for the next meeting.

e) Flats behind Post Office - These are not clearly marked. Action **James Campbell**

f) Financial Statement

All monies belonging to Beaulieu & District Care Project have now been transferred to their own account. CC finances are as follows: General Account - £1,300, No.2 Account - £11,556, Lovat Account - £2,460, Childrens' Hall Account - £3,180.

5. **Planning Applications**

- 13/01906/FUL - Old School House - Formation of new entrance. No objection.

6. **Date of Next Meeting** - Monday, 30th September, 2013, at 7pm in Phipps Hall.

Proposed by Seconded by

Police report follows:-

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORM

Command Area	East Division	Community Group	Beauly
Station	Beauly	Officer Attending	PS 749 Hay
Data of Meeting	26/08/2013	Location	Phipps Hall, Beauly

Meeting Preparation

Ward and Local Policing Plan Priorities.

1. Road Safety
2. Antisocial Behaviour
3. Alcohol Abuse
4. Theft and Poaching

Activities conducted over the reporting period to support those priorities.

1. One Road Traffic Collision within the beat resulted in a driver being reported for Careless Driving. Another incident resulted in a driver being charged with Dangerous Driving. Officers also charged one driver with drink driving. Nine drivers were reported for speeding and two for failing to wear their seatbelts.
2. A recent complaint in relation to a dangerous dog in Beauly resulted in the dogs owner being charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Two windows were again damaged to the Beauly Primary school, these incidents of vandalism at the school are well documented and are largely caused by the playing of football within the school grounds.
3. No incidents were highlighted in the Beauly area in relation to alcohol abuse, however the Belladrum Music Festival accounted for a notable number of illegal drug seizures.
4. No incidents of theft or poaching were highlighted within the review period.

Update on Previously Agreed Actions - See previous OP 55/8 & Relevant Reference on the Area Command Action Tracking Table

None

Update on any local community safety issues / trends within the community and any assistance / information requested from the community. Review IMPACT / intelligence etc

None highlighted at this time.