

Beauly Community Council ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held in Phipps Hall Beauly on Monday the 30th June 2014, at 7.00pm

Present: C.Council Tony Boyland, Maratena Coleman, Jane Campbell,
 James Campbell, Rosemary MacDonald, Seona Fraser,
 Jim Stewart
 HC Members Margaret Davison
 Police A/SGT M Cosh
 PC B MacDonald
 Tracey Chalmers

 Public Sarah Moir
 Mr & Mrs Mikel
 Mr D Baird

Apologies: Belle Maxwell

1 Minute of Previous AGM: The minute of the previous AGM held on Sunday 23rd June 2013 was read and approved. Proposed by Jane Campbell and seconded by Jim Stewart.

2 Matters Arising : None

3 Chair Report

A few local matters that I feel warrant noting at this AGM.

IMFLDP.

The Highland Council's Local Development plan was, quite rightly, highly criticized by the local community, because of an apparent late submission of an addition to earmark the allotments area as a potential development area. A slight amendment to the wording was agreed at the HC reporters meeting and the whole plan has been submitted to Edinburgh, so we have no further opportunity to comment on its contents.

HC PLANNING.

Others failures of note, I feel, are with Highland Council planning dept.

1. In not listening to the many concerns we lodged regarding the layout and landscaping of the new Co-op store. The area is in a dreadful state and is a blot on "Beautiful Beauly". On the 6th June, we wrote a letter of complaint to their Head Office about the site but we have not even received an acknowledgment. In addition the main road and junction outside the Co-op store is now an "accident waiting to

happen”. Again HC did not listen to our concerns over the junction layout and pedestrian crossings area. To make matters worse we now get articulated Lorries and towed caravans parking on the main road pavements to go to the store, thus blocking exit sight lines, causing tail-backs from the railway bridge and blocking pavements to pedestrian access.

2. The other notable failure of the Planning Dept. was to ignore our objections to what we consider as safety issues, over development and lack of amenity space of the Simpsons housing site. This application was passed by a HC Planning Officer under ‘delegated powers’ with absolutely no restrictions, except to clear the SUDS pond. For example their comment “that residents should walk around the back of the Co-op” is never going to happen as they already cut through the trees to the main road.

LOVAT SCOUTS MEMORIAL. It is well over a year ago since James Campbell and myself tried to obtain funds for the restoration of the Lovat Scouts memorial from the War Memorials Trust. After quite some to and fro-ing we recently re-submitted three revised quotations for a contribution of up to £75% of its refurbishment costs. It may however be late August before the board sit to consider our application. Even if successful, we still need to fund the other 25% which will be over £4,000. If you have any suggestions to fill this funding gap, please let us know.

STATION PLANTER. The installation of the display planter for the station is imminent, albeit late, and will be a great improvement at the station an asset to the village when completed.

WOOD CARVING. We have set aside up to £2,000 for a wood carving by Iain Chalmers, of the dead elm tree adjacent to the Priory. The preferred design has submitted and hopefully work will be completed before Beaulieu Gala week.

BRIDGEND BURN & CNOC FOOTPATH AREA. I wish to record our thanks to Lovat Estates.

1. For their work in opening up the partially blocked culvert in the Bridgend Burn. This has made a great improvement of the flow rates in that area.
2. For the work they have done in cutting out dead and dangerous tree in the Cnoc na` Rath area.
3. For clearance of the other burn at the top end of the village as well.

LOCAL POLICE. I wish to record our thanks to our local Police team for attending all our meetings and providing us with valuable feedback information on what they are seeing and doing in the area and for being so responsive to our complaints.

UNMADE ROAD, CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Our thanks also to Murphy’s Contractors for the generous donation of hard core and work to level the road between Church of Scotland and the British Legion. Another great improvement to the area.

MAPLE VALE PLAY PARK. We really should press HC to get something done about the state of the Play Park in the Maple Vale area. This seems to have been stuck in HC’s pending tray for far too long.

IDEAS FOR 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT. Members may like to consider if we should press HC to adopt the “20’s plenty” initiative (speed restrictions) for all of our estates where children play in the road. There is a big web site about this with lots of information, you can look it up!

AREA BEHIND SHINTY CLUB. Our sub-group are looking forward to the first significant meeting of all interested parties regarding the possibility of redevelopment of the area behind the Shiny Club. This will obviously be a long-term and costly project but it has the potential of becoming a really good sports and community facility if we can agree on how it could be developed in the future.

OUR MEMBERS. I especially thank all our Members and Councillors for their diligence and hard work over the last year. Overall I think we work well together as a team. Personally I am very sad that Belle Maxwell is standing down as she really is a fantastic shorthand secretary and corrected all my English mistakes as well as taking quite a load of work off me. I am pleased to hear that Belle wishes to stay as either a Member or Associate Member, so all is not lost! With Members agreement, we look forward to Maratena taking over the Secretarial role from now on.

FUTURE ABDICATION OF CHAIR. Finally, as I have said in the past, I was not sure if I could sustain being Chairman for much longer because of outside commitments. My work load outside the CC has substantially increased and for that reason, I plan to stand down as Chairman from end of October this year. I hope that gives the Community Council enough time to find a replacement and also consider how to better connect with younger people to add to the mix of members. Like Belle Maxwell, I hope to stay on as either a Member or an Associate Member as I want to stay involved as much as time will allow in the future.

Thanks to everyone.
Tony Boyland.

(4) Treasurer’s Report: The treasurer submitted accounts for the past year, which are as per copy attached to this minute. These were approved by all CC Council members present.

(5) Election of Office Bearers: Belle Maxwell stood down as Secretary and will remain as an elected member, Mrs Tracey Moir joined as an associate member. Mrs Jane Campbell, Mr James Campbell and Mr Jim Stewart all remained as elected members and the following officer bearers were duly re-elected

Chair:	Tony Boyland – proposed Rosemary MacDonald and seconded by Seona Fraser
Vice- Chair:	Rosemary MacDonald – proposed by Jane Campbell seconded by Jim Stewart
Treasurer:	Seona Fraser – proposed by Rosemary MacDonald and seconded by Jim Stewart
Secretary:	Maratena Coleman – proposed by Jane Campbell and seconded by

Jim Stewart

(6) Any Other Business: None:

D.O.N.AGM: Monday 29th June 2015, in Phipps Hall Beaulieu at 7pm.

Proposed bySeconded by

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