

Present: Community Council - Rosemary Macdonald, Seona Fraser, Jim Stewart, James Campbell, Helen Sproston, Tony Boyland and Frances MacKenzie

HC Members: Helen Carmichael

Apologies: Joan Campbell, Jean Davies

Also present: Mark Simmonds, David Taylor, Bruce Elrick

1. Rosemary Macdonald welcomed Mark, David and Bruce to the meeting.
2. Police Report: No police were present at the meeting nor was a report forwarded. **Joan Campbell to contact police and** request that if a police officer was not available to come to the meeting that a report be handed in.
3. Planning:
  - Housing at Station Road - Still awaiting response from Planning Department
  - New School - Presentation postponed until September meeting. **Joan to contact Planning Department** to ensure that a planning officer will be available. It was also suggested that the September meeting be held in a different venue to accommodate any interested parties.
4. Minutes from last meeting: The minutes were agreed by Jim Stewart and seconded by Helen Sproston.
5. Matters arising from previous minutes:
  - Fountain - ongoing
  - Crests on planters - thanks to Mens Shed for carrying out this work
  - Weeding at Phipps Hall - This has now been undertaken.
  - Maple Vale playpark fencing - gates still to be erected. **Jean Davies to chase up.**
  - Bus Shelter - this shelter has now been erected in front of the Co-op
  - Christmas Lights - these need to be ordered now, some of which will be installed at the top end of the village. **Seona Fraser to check on this.**
6. Correspondence: None

## 7. AOB

- Cnoc na Rath clean up - A disappointing turnout for the clean up but thanks to everyone who took part. A further clean up is being considered for October/November when some of the vegetation will have died back.
- Letter to new Laird - **Joan Campbell to send letter**
- Beaully News - Article to be submitted as soon as possible for next edition thanking contributors and helpers
- Handyman - Discussion on the merits of having a local handyman. It was agreed that it would be preferable if a local person was appointed to open/close public toilets. At present a contractor is responsible for this and **Helen Carmichael** to check with Tech Services as to why the public toilets were closed over one of the busiest periods in the village (Black Isle Show and Belladrum).
- Minutes of meetings - Charles Stephen, the Ward Manager had requested back copies of minutes which have now been supplied to him. In future he will be sent a copy monthly. Copies are also available in both the local library and the post office.
- Post Office - A further consultation has been requested by Post Office Counters and it was agreed that a letter be sent expressing our concerns over safety due to the large number of vehicles entering and leaving the petrol station area especially during the times when children are walking to school.
- James Campbell proposed that Mark Simmonds be appointed an associate member and Frances MacKenzie seconded.

The date of the next meeting is 26 September 2016.