

Beauly Community Council
Chairman's Report AGM June 2020

Good evening and thank you for attending this AGM.

Since taking over the role of chair in April from Ivor the year has been one which has been very frustrating, challenging and unpredictable and it looks like the forthcoming 12 months could be very similar.

BCC realised in early April that due to COVID 19 becoming a real concern, with lockdown being implemented people losing their jobs that a need for community assistance would be required. After a discussion it was decided that a food larder be the main focus, and within 3 days of discussing this we had occurred a temporary community food larder within a fully operational telephone box, and with the support of local residents and some funding this was proving to be a success, however it soon became clear that the larder needed to be relocated and yet again this time with kind permission from the bus company a local bus stop was miraculously changed into yet another food larder, which also proved to be very successful, used by many members of the community. The food larder has now moved to Phipps Hall and is currently located in a small container kindly donated by Ord Industrial Supplies. With COVID restrictions slowly being lifted and the vaccine programme working well It has been decided that the larder will be finishing very soon.

Funding for the larder was secured from various organisations and thanks goes to them for their donations:

• Highland Council Supporting Community Resilience Funding	£2500
• Kirkhill Community Centre COVID19 Supporting Communities Fund	£2000
• Weir Trust	£1300
Total of	£5800

Massive thanks go to all members of the community council who helped with the Food larder, especially:

- Seona Fraser
- Jane Cumming
- Mark Simmons
- Beauly Men's Shed for their shelf building skills
- The Co-op & Scotmid for their food / vouchers.
- Anyone else I have forgotten

The year wasn't all doom and gloom we had a successful Sunflower competition with over 20 entries. The yearly flower display in the village surpassed itself with local donations from members of the community and special thanks to James Campbell for his watering / feeding skills.

On a positive note, it was good to see the community come together to respond to the closure of the play park, and secure funding from both the CC and the Gala fund

of just over £2000 to purchase the correct type of bark, and to see the local residents come together to relay the bark allowing the play park to reopen.

Lovat Gardens has had a recent make over and special thanks to Mark Simmonds and Jim Stewart for their hard work. It is hoped that the gardens can be maintained on a more regular basis in the future.

Beaulieu in Bloom is once again upon us and is already looking good, and thanks goes to all who have volunteered to Join James's watering crew.

The toilets are now under our control and we have 2 willing volunteers Rosie and James who open and close them.

The village map is ongoing and hopefully should be ready for use soon once all the finer details have been completed.

CC meetings have been somewhat different over the past 12 months thanks to the power of the internet and Zoom we have been able to conduct as near as possible effective meetings I want to thank all those who have been able to join these meetings, hopefully we can get back to normal very soon.

I would also like to thank our Councillors for the hard work and support they have given us over the last year. I appreciate that they have other commitments and it has been good to see them join our meetings visually.

Thanks, must also go to our new social media expert Aimee Bertram for her contribution. As well as Joan for stepping up and volunteering to be the secretary very much appreciated to you both. Also, although no longer here thanks to David Taylor for his outstanding work and commitment to Beaulieu.

Finally, my sincere thanks go to the Members of Beaulieu CC for their hard work in a difficult and demanding year helping to keep Beaulieu going forward and lets hope the next 12 months are not so challenging.

Thank you