

# Beauly Community Council Minutes No 59

## September 2025 Held at Phipps Hall

29<sup>th</sup>

### In Attendance

#### Community Councillors

Ivar Campbell (Chair)  
Angela Blake (Secretary)  
Seona Fraser (Treasurer)  
Jane Cumming

#### Councillors

Emma Knox

#### Associate Members

Ann Ashton

Rosie Macdonald  
James Campbell

Apologies: Tony Boyland. Councillor David Fraser, Councillor Helen Crawford. No other apologies received.

### 1. Welcome

Ivar Campbell welcomed everybody to the meeting.

#### Declarations of Interest

The only declarations of interest were the same as at the previous meeting. Ivar Campbell and Jane Cumming own property on the main street.

### 2. Matters Arising from Minutes (not covered in main agenda)

Councillor Emma Knox gave an update on outstanding matters for the council.

Lyndale Hedge – Roads Team can only trim back as far as needed to make the junction safe. They are continuing to serve notices or they will lose the right to cut it back. Former residents have died and nobody was sure who now owned it.

#### White lining

They are aware of the white lining and have the list of what is needing done.

#### Market Cross

Not an adopted section of road so dispute over who is responsible for it. Joan had given details of a stonemason and Emma was going to speak to him as it would be nice to keep the work local if possible.

#### Fraser Street

Council know one of the flats is tenanted but not occupied and they're checking the position with the other one. Will clear the weeds and sort the bin space. Seona reported the weeds have already been cleared from the front, but the bins have not been sorted.

## Catholic church cemetery

Team had been sent out to clear the cemetery. Some has been done and it's better but a lot of the work had actually been done by Ivar, not the council team. James reported there was a tree growing in front of his grandfather's grave, it was about six feet tall. John Fraser – Emma said to report if there were trees growing.

There was no update on the tree survey or the co-op building.

**ACTIONS:** James to take photo of tree and pass to Emma to follow up.  
Emma to speak to Stonemason about Market Cross.  
Emma to continue to monitor other issues.

## Fanellan Substation

It's definitely not going to the planning meeting in October but not certain when it will go and we are unlikely to get a lot of notice when it does so it's really important to sort out any mitigations now so it's done before it goes to planning.

As agreed at the last meeting reps from the Trust and CC were meeting with SSEN on 30<sup>th</sup> September. Jane had approached the Beaulieu Business Group to invite them to be involved in meetings and they had indicated they would have a meeting to discuss whether they wanted to take part and would revert back and there has been no meeting called as yet.

**ACTION** CC Reps to attend meeting on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September with Trust and SSEN.

## Bingally Substation

The response on Bingally substation has now been submitted.

## Ballach Wind Farm

Jane reported back that, despite assurances they would hold a public exhibition, EnergieKontor had decided not to do this as they did not feel they had sufficient information about traffic movements. Jane had asked the council for clarity on whether this meant there was going to be another application with additional information on what was happening. The council planner had confirmed they were planning to ask for an extension so there was no immediate issue about a response.

Sasha mentioned her concerns about the low flying aircraft and the impact on geese as well as the destruction of an area where people liked walking. She also acknowledged that some felt the promised community benefit of £670,000 would be potentially transformational for the village.

There was a general discussion about the condition of the oak trees, and indeed some other trees in the village, and whether or not they will survive and whether the oak trees could be replaced if they failed.

Jane had reviewed the application and would continue to draft a response.

**ACTION** Jane to draft a response and circulate.

### **SSEN CLG meeting**

No update on a future meeting.

### **School Stakeholder Group meeting**

The planned meeting for early October had been delayed again.

**ACTION** Seona to attend next Stakeholder Group meeting in late October.

### **Maple Vale/Aird Road Playpark**

Angela reported they had sent a letter to the council to express concern about the excessive cost of the park – they're talking about £80,000 but the council is only committing £20,000. The letter listed all the concerns about it. She is waiting for a reply.

**ACTION** Angela to let us know response.

### **Rifle Range**

RJ McLeod guy is coming to a meeting to look at the rifle range and whether they could consider demolishing it.

**ACTION** Jane, Seona and Joan to meet RJ McLeod and SSEN guy at site and report back.

### **Resilience Plan**

Discussion about the resilience plan and what is involved. The Council has a template and it was agreed Seona would send it on to Sasha. It has got some information in it already – where to get generators, food etc.

**ACTION:** Seona to send template to Sasha  
Sasha to have a look at template and consider whether she could complete

### **Belladrum**

Discussion about the parking charges and whether there was any funding available. Seona explained they were setting up a Trust and this meeting was to discuss how to take that forward. The meeting was supposed to be on October 1<sup>st</sup> and they were confirming venue, but had not heard any more.

**ACTION:** Seona to confirm when meeting was

Still need somebody to take over reporting potholes and abandoned vehicles. There are a number of abandoned vehicles around the village. Discussion about the abandoned vehicles on the private road outside the GCU yard.

### **Old Co-op Building**

Discussion about the state of Old Co-op Building and whether it was possible to launch a community buy out. Owner is still claiming it was damaged by the tanker crash and he's still negotiating with the insurance company.

**ACTION:** Emma to continue to chase with the council.

Beaully Spittal – Loch Buidhe – Beaully 400kV OHL application submission

Jane is reviewing and will report back. It was supposed to be on display in Beaully Library but they haven't got space. Will report to SSE that it is not on display. There are 15 boxes of it.

**ACTION** Jane to review application and report back to next meeting with a draft response.

### **3. Correspondence**

Letter re youth member of the CC. Fiona Sangster is no longer the contact and Tina Stones for Charleston and Annika Jansson for Fortrose. We'd had some contacts but none are in our area. Jake MacCulloch, Member of Scottish Youth Parliament had expressed an interest, and attends the Dingwall CC meetings and will come along to next meeting.

SSEN volunteering day will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Jane suggested maybe clear up the litter on the side of the road down the bank at the station, towards the Lovat Bridge.

Letter from Highland Cross about small grants fund. Seona explained we'd never applied before and she wondered if we should ask for money for the tubs on the pillars.

**ACTION:** Seona to go back to ask for money for tubs on pillars.

### **4. AOB**

Tour Buses Issue

Somebody had erected signs saying "no tour buses" at the bus stop and were putting cones out to stop buses parking. Ivar had taken the cones away and the signs were removed by Rosie. Ivar had a nasty letter delivered to Café Biagiotti.

There was a discussion about it. The tour buses are allowed to drop off and pick up passengers at the bus stop.

Jane said a call from Rabbie's saying they would be happy to discuss any issues and try to resolve them but it was agreed they were not the ones causing the problem.

Opportunity for a lorry/coach park at the Muir of Ord end of the village had been discussed with SSEN and would be chased up at the meeting the next day.

**ACTION:** Jane to raise coach park issue with SSEN at meeting on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept

Japanese Knotweed

Ruth Watts from Fisheries Trust called Angela to say they have sprayed the Japanese Knotweed along at Orchard Park, as well as the Bridgend Burn and along the ferry. They will come back next year to do it again – needs sprayed twice.

## Flowers

James explained he normally tried to keep the flower baskets up until Blazing in Beaulieu but he didn't think they were going to last this year because of the weather.

There was a discussion about the watering of the plants as we're struggling for people to help. It's needed June to October, team do it every second day. He's got 14 people, if we could get maybe 25 people committing to do it once a month.

**ACTION:** Angela to explore idea of a post asking for volunteers and maybe look at an online calendar.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025**