

BALQUHIDDER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2006 IN BALQUHIDDER HALL AT 7.30 PM

Present: James Black, Alan Clarke, Vina Crichton, Neil Gregory, Ian Inglis, Catriona Oldham.

In Attendance: Tony Ffinch (Stirling Council), Suzanne Player (Stirling Council), Gaylor MacNicol

Apologies: Angus Cameron, Pam Hopkins, Tom Maclean

This was an informal meeting held following the inaugural meeting of the new Community Council.

1. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was decided that meetings would be at 6-weekly intervals. The following dates for the CC meeting in 2007 were agreed, all on Wednesdays, and the village halls have been booked, for 7.30pm unless where stated:

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| January 10th | Lochearnhead (at 7pm; see item 2 below) |
| February 21st | Strathyre |
| April 4th | Balquhiddel |
| May 16th | Lochearnhead (this will be the AGM followed by a normal business meeting) |
| June 27th | Strathyre |
| August 8th | Balquhiddel |
| September 19th | Lochearnhead |
| October 31st | Strathyre |
| December 12th | Balquhiddel |

2. PUBLIC MEETING FOR BALQUHIDDER STATION PLANNING STATUS

The CC apologises to the residents who turned out on 9th November to the postponed meeting on this subject. The notice of postponement, and steps taken to inform the residents, were clearly inadequate. This meeting is now scheduled for Wednesday 10th January from 7pm to 7.30pm, and the CC secretary will inform all residents by personal letter.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Planned closure of Lochearnhead primary school.

The planned closure of this school was noted. Any possibly action from the CC will await a normal business meeting.

3.2 Public perception of the working of the Community Council

It was noted that some residents in the community may be unaware of the working of the CC. It was pointed out that members of the public are encouraged to attend CC meetings, and minutes are posted on the village notice boards. However, it was felt that a more proactive approach should be made, and that local reporters from The Villagers newspaper should be invited to each CC meeting so that as far as possible every edition of The Villagers can carry details about CC discussions and decisions.

3.3 "Keep out" sign in Strathyre

It was noted that one resident has erected a sign that is considered extravagant and may be illegal. The matter will be brought to the attention of the National Park Access Officer.

3.4 Toilet block at Immervoulin

It was reported that the new toilet block at the Immervoulin caravan park could not be used at present due to new SEPA regulations. The CC expressed its sympathy to the caravan park owner. J Black will determine the details and report back to the CC so that the CC can decide if it can do anything in support, such as contacting WaterWatch on the owner's behalf.