

Buchanan Community Council -Minutes of meeting held on 15/1/07.

Apologies

C.O'Brian, J Bannerman, K Lilburn.

Chair-J.Milner

Present

B.Bates,L.Bates, M.Watt, C.COTTAM, S. COTTAM, S. MACFARLANE, S. Fraser, D. Fraser, S. Fraser, W. Nisbet, B. Crooks, W. MacAlister, A. Macfadyen, A. Hannan, J, Milner, J. Twaddle

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th Nov. were approved .

Matters Arising

The history prject led by Jenny Taggert is being finalised and will include a CD of photographs by Willie Simpson.

Joel Milner gave a summary of contact with Stirling Roads i.e. removing loose chip-pings when repairs are done and request for more repairs at Salloch Brae and Manse Brae(a separate rural roads budget is in place so a programme od planned repairs should begin to take affect)It was felt that cleaning ditches and repairing drains was being negeted and this would be reported.

A request for a road cleaner for the area was noted.

20th Jan -Planning training , 29th Jan Area community Panning meetings were inti-mated.

Planning

A proposal to replace the Highland Way with a new building and to build 15 chalets in the car park atea to the rear was discussed at length and a submission from Kevin Lilburn was distributed. It was felt that, since 17 chalets were planned for the rear of Montrose House and 11 hhad already been built on the site of Balmaha Nursery, any further chalet development would be detrimental to Balmaha and its residents. Since a local plan is due for imminent consultation it was felt that all new development should be considered under the parameters set by this plan.

It was agreed unanimously to reject the building of chalets and to approve the replacement of the Highland Way with a new building

The problem of lack of affordable housing in the area was linked to the above and it was noted that BCP is trying to develop a plan for this but has made limited progress. Willie Nisbet was present to listen to the discussion and his presence is appreciated.

AOCB

C. Cottam asked if overgrown rhododendrons at Montrose House could be reported and that the CC try to co-ordinate a solution to the flooding which occurs regularly on the road at the old Post Office.

W. MacAlister asked if the CC could try to get repairs to the bus shelter at Buchanan finished.

Parking of BT vans at Auchengyle is dangerous and a solution needs to be found - BT to be contacted about this - again.

Arthur Hannan was concerned that recent flooding could have resulted in emergency-services being unable to reach beyond Balmaha. A request to Scottish water on their strategies to avoid this in the future will be made.