

Buchanan Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on 25.6.07 at 7.30pm in the Visitor centre
Balmaha

Present. J. Bannerman, S. Fraser x2, J. Milner, S. Macfarlane, D. Fraser, W. MacAlister, A. Hannan, B. Crooks, J. Macfarlane, Councillor G. Lambie.

Apologies None

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May were approved (S. Fraser, S. Macfarlane)

Matters arising

Roads and anti-social behaviour were both discussed at length.

Roads

Councilor O'Brian had indicated more money was available for repairs to Rowardennan road and Drymen/Balmaha road but this was still to be confirmed. J. Milner would follow this up.

It was also suggested that a warning sign should be placed before the start of the clearway to Rowardennan so that motorists would have a warning not to park on the roadside. Constant parking like this has blocked the road on occasions and so the police need to be contacted to ensure the clearway will be enforced. It was pointed that a lot of this parking was for campers to access the shore and bring large quantities of alcohol with them. This is the main factor leading to litter and damage to the environment by cutting down trees for fires. No parking - fewer campers! This behaviour is a growing problem and areas are being destroyed with no apparent way of stopping this destruction of the environment. This gives a negative image to the area and is adversely affecting visitors.

There is a possibility of establishing outdoor drinking byelaws and this was to be discussed by Const. Peter Brown but this will have to be done at the next meeting since he was engaged elsewhere.

It was agreed to contact The Park, Scottish executive and East Loch Lomond Management Group about these concerns.

AOCB

The possibility of a wireless broadband supply to Rowardennan was outlined by J. Milner.

S. Fraser reminded the meeting of a request for a street cleaner in Balmaha. Contact had been made but needs to be followed up.

There was also some discussion about closure of Sallochy car park at night by Forest Enterprise but it was unclear what had been decided and this would be raised at east Loch Lomond Management group.

Councillor Lambie gave a summary of some of the work he had been doing since the election and gave out a newsletter. Since he is on the police board, some of the above can be raised with them.

Next meeting

3rd Sept. 7.30 Visitor Centre.