

Buchanan Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th Nov. 2007 In the Memorial Hall , Buchanan at 7.30 pm.

Present

Pc A. Faulds, Pc. L. Taylor, S. MacFarlane, G.Bannerman, J. Bannerman, S. Fraser, D. Fraser, W. McAllister, A. MacFadyen, J. Taggert, C. Meara, E. Forbes, A. Hannan, A. Murdoch, J. Twaddle, Councillor O'Brian, Councillor Nisbet. Pam Campbell

Apologies

Sgt. Cummings, B. Crooks, J. Milner

PC Faulds gave a summary of recent problems encountered by the police, First there had been a spate of trailer and machinery thefts and he emphasised the need to lock these up and to report suspicious vehicles. Housebreaking was also taking place in the area and the same message was appropriate. He also summarised policing on East Loch Lomond with more police presence in late summer = parking tickets being issued. There a need for the clearway to have warning notices and for missing signs to be replaced. He also indicated that Sgt. Cummings would attend the next meeting and at that time a discussion about banning alcohol consumption in public places could take place.

Next the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd. Sept. were approved (S. MacFarlane, W. McAllister)

Matters arising.

The observation of sewage trucks emptying there contacts unlawfully had been passed on to Scottish Water and the Park and it was confirmed that both are investigating this problem. No further sightings were reported.

The problem of parking at Lochan Maoll Diuinne(sp) had been reported to Stuart Chalmers from forest enterprise and he would be assessing the site.

The sub-group to tackle disorder along the lochside had met twice and had submitted a request to Stirling Council Legal Dept. for a bye-law to prevent the consumption of alcohol in public. This will take some time to process. There had also been a meeting with Inspector K. Findlater to discuss anti-social behaviour on Loch Lomond and he indicated the increased police presence mentioned had been possible due to extra funds made available by the Park.

Pam Campbell suggested that it might be possible to arrange for Syd. Pask to attend the next meeting to discuss the role of Community Wardens. She will arrange this.

Bruce Crawford MSP had responded to concerns about anti-social behaviour and camping issues and had received a reply from Mike Russell. This outlined the extra funding from the executive to tackle these problems, with Chief Constables to develop strategies to deal with these problems. The letter also mentioned an extension of the SNH

access education programme but the meeting was less confident about any success this might have.

It was agreed to try to get more details of the proposed strategies.

AOCB

It was noted that one section of the C6 at the Old Manse had been resurfaced and comments on the high quality of the work were welcome. There are more sections to be done and funding needs to be targeted for rural roads. There is a meeting to address this on the 15th Nov.

The dates for future meetings were agreed:

All start at 7.30pm

14th Jan.2008 Buchanan Hall

3rd March Balmaha Visitor Centre

12th May Buchanan Hall Also AGM

23rd June Balmaha

1st Sept. Balmaha

3rd Nov. Buchanan Hall

Next meeting 14.1.2008 Buchanan Hall