Balloch Community Association

Draft Minutes of Committee Meeting 11 December 2013

**Present**: B Lowrie, M Reid, L Robertson, J Card, I Brill. I Williams, E MacPherson, G Oates, M Robinson, S Robinson, S Cullen, L Mudd, G Mudd, C Traynor, H Stewart, S Howell, C Heggie, K Challinor, R Maclennan, John Crawford

**Apologies:** None.

**Matters arising from Minutes of Last Meeting.**

1. BL read out the minutes of the last meeting, Morven Reid proposed they be adopted, and Lorna Robertson seconded.

**Agenda**

1. BL said this meeting had just the one item on the agenda-the discussion of the proposed After School Club.

BCA had been approached by Kerry Challinor and Ruth Maclennan who then repeated their overview of the proposal for the meeting, which included representatives of many of the groups which currently use the hall and whose lets might be affected by such a club.

KC and RM said that the Care Commission should have visited the hall to assess its facilities. A survey had been issued to parents of children at Balloch School to gauge uptake of an after school club. They thought there is definitely the need for such a club in the area and that the uptake would be good enough to run such a business. One of the child-minders present said many parents had interpreted the survey as being a club run in the school and had replied accordingly. Sheena Cullen asked why they did not use the school for the club. KC said it was to provide a change of environment for children at the end of the school day. Ian Williams asked if the school *could* be the venue.

G Mudd asked whether the BCA constitution allowed for a business to be run in the hall-Billy Lowrie read the part of the constitution referring to the aims and objectives of the hall, and there were no stipulations made by Guy Goodbody when he gifted the land for the hall in the 1970s.

Morven Reid had prepared financial calculations based on 40 weeks of running the club after school, and 10 weeks running it as a Holiday Club, which would mean a hall income of approximately £18,000 per annum.

The current number of hall users is 24.Those attending gave the times they meet, the numbers of adults or children attending and said what would be the impact on each group of the hall being used on weekdays from about 1.30 till 6.30 pm.

Balloch Child-minders said that 12 of them currently work in the area, and they were concerned about the viability of their jobs, should the club go ahead.

Dancing classes of Edith MacPherson and Cheryl Heggie, Rainbows, Over 60s, the monthly Lunch Club, and the Pilates/Zumba classes would be most affected, some not being able to run at all.

Issues about storage and movement of equipment were raised.

M Reid asked how KC saw what she had termed “working round” the current schedule of lets, which would mean movement of children from large to small hall at the end of the club’s day but that would have different implications.

B Lowrie, as Chairman, said he felt the conclusion to be drawn from the meeting should be that plans for an after-school club to be run in the village hall should not be taken further at this time. He thanked KC and RM for their work in producing the proposal, but the BCA must think of the *whole* community which the hall serves.

BL closed the meeting thanking everyone for their attendance and stressing the fact that each group is entitled to send a representative to the monthly BCA committee meetings, usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

1. **Date of next committee meeting**- **Wednesday** 15 January 2014 - 7.30 pm.