

## Local Telephone Numbers

### General

Culloden Surgery	Tel. 793400
Culloden Medical Practice	Tel. 793777
NHS 24	Tel. 08454 242424
Rowlands Pharmacy, Culloden	Tel. 791900
Dentist, Highland Primary Care	Tel. 792554
Moray Coast Vets	Tel. 794224
Culloden Vets	Tel. 793700

### Schools & Council

Balloch Primary	Tel. 790287
Culloden Academy	Tel. 790851
Culloden Academy Community Wing	Tel. 792794
Library	Tel. 792531
Council Service Point, Ardersier	Tel. 01667 462658

### Food

Scotmid (Open: 7am - 8pm Daily.)	Tel. 795817
A & I Butcher, (Free Home Delivery)	Tel. 798303
Fast food home delivery (nearby):	
Magic Wok	Tel. 798866
Raj Tandoori	Tel. 798800
Curry Hoose	Tel. 795844

### Places of Worship

Barn Church of Scotland	Tel. 798946
St Mary in the Fields, Office	Tel. 01349 854984
King's Factory	Tel. 792700
St Columba, RC	Tel. 791957
Free Church	Tel. 790977
Culloden Baptist Church	Tel. 794005



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

# BALLOCH

# BULLETIN

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## Councillors Comment

There is great interest locally in the Scottish Open to be held at the Castle Stuart Golf Course in July. Which we all hope will be a major event here for many years providing a great boost to the local economy.

The Traffic Management Planning has generated discussion and a great deal of comment relative to the transport infrastructure with trunk road requirements for the A96/A9/A82 and Park and Ride.

As councillors we have provided input to the traffic planning on local routes and junctions with the trunk road network, as everyone is aware they get busier every day. To ensure that we minimise any delays and people can go about their normal day to day business as usual.

I would hope many local people can attend and in future years I and my fellow councillors would wish to see the event management provide concessionary access to the local community, something which has already been raised with the organisers.

I am sure the many B&B's in the locality will provide a good experience for the many visitors expected and get repeat business for future years.

A request has gone out for volunteer stewards and I hope a number of local people have applied, including some youngsters in their last year or so at Culloden Academy who may pick up some golfing tips from the stars competing in the event.

Regards, Bob Wynd (Cllr. Bob Wynd)

## Balloch Primary School

We can't believe it's only a month till we're moving on to Culloden Academy. We've had our ups and downs so we thought we'd tell you about some of the memories that we've had in P7 at Balloch Primary.

To start off our trip down memory lane, there was our P7 trip to Nethybridge in September. We were sinking knee deep in mud, flying through trees and generally having a great time. There were loads of great activities to do like abseiling, rock climbing, zip wire, dry slope ski-ing and canoeing and many more. We also shared a room with our friends and got our first taste of independence and staying away from home.

In December we held a coffee morning for the elderly citizens of our neighbourhood. The P7's served tea, coffee and shortbread whilst the audience listened to a wide range of Christmas songs sung by our fellow pupils. After the other classes had sung, P7 stood up and sang a few familiar carols.

We're looking forward to moving up to Culloden Academy this year but it will be sad to leave our primary school life behind, but we're sure it will be even better in the Academy.

The teachers at Balloch are anything but boring we are sure to miss them when we leave them behind. We will also miss the support and kindness that everybody in this school has shown towards us throughout the build up to Culloden Academy.

We have many memories about Balloch and we will certainly take them wherever the journey of life takes us in the future.

By Niamh MacCulloch P7W & Ceitidh Lamont P7T

# Community Woodland

The Balloch Community Council woodland was originally bought from the Forestry Commission to create a play area/BMX track in 1991 for the sum of £800. This Community asset runs from the rear of the properties in Forest Drive to the North to the Forestry Commission Path to the South and from the rear of the properties on Culloden Road in the west to a post and wire fence to the East (see Map). Due to local objections to the proposals at the time, it was then decided to change it into a woodland walk and the Army Engineer Corps were enlisted to make the paths through the woodland, including a seated area and steps with handrails at both south sides.

The woodland is run by the Balloch Woodland Association a body comprising of three members of the Balloch Community Council. Over the years it has deteriorated with the paths, steps and handrails becoming damaged. The area is also untidy with fly tipping and objects like empty bottles and rubbish. We are now in a position where people with disabilities or mobility issues can no longer use the path safely and if the area is not to deteriorate any further action needs to be taken now.

This is where your views are sought on what we as a community wish to see as the future for this area. Options are; to continue to let the paths and area deteriorate further, to repair the pathways and start to maintain the area, including selective thinning and regeneration, or to offer the woodland for sale to the Forestry Commission who have to be offered first choice or a third party.

If you have any views on the future of the woodland, please get in touch with one of your Community Councillors (see page 11).

## Balloch Snooker Club

The above club celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, it continues to provide low cost snooker to members and has excellent facilities. The club is attached to the community hall, and offers members 2 full sized tables. The club can be accessed by members using their own key 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

The cost of yearly membership is £15 ordinary membership, age 21 to 65 and £7 for retired individuals aged 65 or over. The cost of the table light is £3 per hour. The tables may be booked for up to 3 hours at a time by means of a booking sheet displayed within the club. Cues are provided if required.

For further information please contact Billy Lowrie on 01463 790823

## Culloden & Ardersier Ward

The Ward Manager is employed by Highland Council to support the elected Members to scrutinise the delivery of Council services and to ensure the Councils Programme for Administration is delivered. The role includes dealing with issues that arise across the Culloden & Ardersier Ward to ensure they are dealt with effectively. A key feature is supporting the Community Council to represent the views of their community to the Council.

The Culloden & Ardersier Ward received a Ward Discretionary Budget this year of £59,659 that is managed by the Ward Manager on behalf of the Councillors (see opposite page for distribution of 2010 - 2011 budget). This is entirely discretionary with funds being available to groups who apply. Application forms are available from the Ward Manager's office.

Jimmy Flint, Town House, Inverness IV1 1JJ.  
T: 724273 E: jimmy.flint@highland.gov.uk



# Activities at the King's Factory



Home of The King's Fellowship  
01463 792700  
Smithton Industrial Est IV2 7WL

## Baby Fishes

Parents & birth - 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday  
(Open during the summer hols too!!)

Monday 12.30 - 2.30  
Thursday 10.00 - 2.00

## Little Fishes

Parent & Toddlers 0 - 4<sup>th</sup> birthday  
(Term time)

Tuesday 12.30 - 2.30  
Wednesday 10.00 - 2.00

## 4Fishes

4<sup>th</sup> birthday - starting school  
(Term time)

Tuesday 12.30 - 2.15  
Wednesday 10.00 - 11.45

## Unit 4

Secondary Years 1 - 6

Friday 7.30 - 9.30

## Coffee & Fellowship

Sunday 10.15 - 10.55

## Teaching (16+)

Sunday 10.00 - 10.45

## Kings Worship,Message &

## Children's Church

Sunday 11.00 - 12.30

Vaious groups from Birth - Sec 1

## Coffee House

Mon to Fri 10.00 - 3.00

## Art Group

Friday 1.00 - 3.00



Balloch Community Woodland  
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# Balloch Community Association

Committee:

President - Billy Lowrie (Tel: 01463 790823)

Vice President - Morven Reid (Tel: 01463 791915)

Treasurer - June McKinnon.

The Hall Convener is Karen Halkett (contact details are on our web site).

The current hall Committee is focussed on continuing to make improvements to the basic fabric of the hall by their programme of long overdue maintenance work. Regular users of the hall will have noticed and appreciated the extensive work already carried out.

Following a restructuring of the hall rental rates, we are now almost clear of the substantial debt that was inherited. Much work still needs to be done and when funding allows, the following work needs to be carried out:

- installation of a fire alarm system

- upgrading of the fire extinguishers

- complete work on heating system

- installation of 3 ramps at fire exits for wheelchair egress

We now have now established our own web site which can be visited at

[www.ballochhall.co.uk](http://www.ballochhall.co.uk) .

The website details all aspects of activities (see opposite ) at the hall as well as a list of all user groups and contact numbers. User groups have been invited to have their own page developed on this site for a nominal fee. Contact any committee member for details.

\* See opposite: Weekly (W) Monthly (M) Term Time Only (TTO)

Items which the community council have discussed recently:

Proposed development at Viewhill Farm

Traffic calming on Culloden Road

Inner Moray Firth Development Plan

Ball games signs at Wellside

Community Woodland

Golf event at Castle Stuart and traffic measures

Hedges Project

Tree planting

Police reports

Councillors reports

Changes to constitution

## Contact Details:

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Jim M T Cockburn	790673	
Elsbeth M Fraser	790710	
Roderick L Fraser	790710	
John McAuslane	798913	
John MacKellaich	790618	
Angus MacKiggan	793013	
Kate Stephen	798526	(Secretary)
Ian A Williams	790282	(Chair)

# Balloch Community Council

Balloch Community Council has a new website:

[www.ballochcc.btck.co.uk](http://www.ballochcc.btck.co.uk)

Go there for minutes of meetings; information about consultations;  
dates of meetings; presentations by visitors;  
and current issues and news.

If you notice any out of date information, have suggestions for  
improving the layout or would like to add information,  
please use the "contact us" facility on the site.

Meetings are held in the Balloch Village Hall on the fourth Wednesday  
of most months throughout the year (see notice board and website).

They start at 7.30 and usually finish within an hour and a half.

## ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you would like more information about meetings, if you have  
concerns about the village or would like to bring a matter to the  
attention of the Community Council, please do not hesitate to  
contact us by telephone or by the website.

Badminton	W. TT0. Thurs. 1930-2100
Balloch Playgroup	W.TT0. Mon. to Thurs. 0900-1230
Balloch Toddlers	W.TT0.Thurs. & Fri. 0100-1200
Bowling (indoor)	W. Aug to April, Tues. to Fri. 1900-2200
Brownies (1st Balloch)	W.TT0. Wed. 1715-1815
Cheryl Heggie School of Dance	W.TT0. Fri. pm
Culloden Baptist Church	M. 1st & 3rd Sun. of month 1830-2000
Edith MacPherson School of Dance	W.TT0. Mon. 1515-1615
Guides (1st Balloch)	W.TT0. Wed.
Highland Bonsai Association	M. 3rd Wed. of month
Inverness Christian Fellowship	M. 2nd & 4th Sun. of month 1830-2030
JJ's Dance	W.
Over 60's Club	M. 1st & 3rd Wed. of month 1400-1600
Rainbows (1st Balloch)	W.TT0. Mon. eve
Riddell School of Dance (Ballet, Tap)	W.TT0. Thurs. 1615-2100
Snooker Club	Table booking required
Subud Group	M. 1st Sun. of month 1100-1300
SWRI	M. 2nd Wed. of month
Val's Dance (Highland)	W.TT0. Sat. 1400-1600
Wild Cats	W.TT0.



# First Bench at the Hedges

The Hedges is the old main road from the A96 to Balloch which is now no longer accessible to traffic and is mainly used by cyclists and walkers. The community council has undertaken a project to install carved wooden benches along the Hedges. The aims are to provide somewhere for less-able walkers to stop for a rest and to provide incentives for people to exercise there, for example "We'll walk as far as the squirrel bench". It may also be possible to include carved features in the trees. You can see the first bench (photo) at the 'Balloch' end of the Hedges which was installed on 2nd June.



Balloch Primary, Culloden Academy, and other groups in and around the village have been asked to design a bench and there is a "Design a Bench" competition open to all Balloch residents (see opposite page for details). Designs for the wood carvings are to be of local animals, birdlife and the natural environment.

The Community Council is most grateful to Green Inverness and Councillors Balfour, Ford, Sinclair, and Wynd for their funding support for the project and the land owners for permission.

Link for the wood carver: [www.chainsawcreations.co.uk](http://www.chainsawcreations.co.uk)

# DESIGN A BENCH COMPETITION

**Open to all Balloch residents\* – any age!**

**Prizes for winning designs.**

**Designs can be in any format – from pencil to CAD.**

**Benches will be carved from single logs.**

## Instructions:

1. The design should reflect the natural or historic environment.
2. Submit design on one sheet of A4 white paper.
3. Put name, address and telephone number on reverse.
4. Send entry to Balloch CC, C/O 11 Meadow Road, Balloch, IV2 7JR.
5. Closing date - August 31<sup>st</sup> 2011.

**The Community Council will make the final decision about how designs are used. Alterations may be made to winning designs to avoid duplication, allow balance and to fit with supplier.**

**Benches will be sited along 'The Hedges'.**

**Local groups have been asked to design benches.**

**\*Resident within Community Council area.**

**For more information go to [www.ballochcc.btck.co.uk](http://www.ballochcc.btck.co.uk)**