

GLENCOE & GLEN ETIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved minutes of meeting in Glencoe Village Hall on November 12th 2008

Present: Dot Ferguson, David Doogan, Anne Nelson, Carol Innes, Denise Stewart, Iain McTaggart, Gwen McTaggart, Debbie Straker, Caroline Walker, Jeanette Johnstone, Dave Smith.

- The following were elected as office bearers:

Chairman	David Doogan	Proposed by David Smith Seconded by Caroline Walker
Vice-Chairman	David Smith	Proposed by Deborah Straker Seconded by Denise Stewart
Secretary	Jeanette Johnstone	Proposed by David Doogan Seconded by Denise Stewart
Treasurer	Anne Nelson	Proposed by David Doogan Seconded by Denise Stewart

- Anne requested that we be given training by Highland Council particularly with Planning matters. Dot stated that it was the intention to bring the matter up at the next meeting of the Association of Lochaber Community Councils on 22nd November. CC's are still under review by the Scottish Government so no formal decisions on what training is to be given can be made but in the meantime something will be done on an informal basis.
- There was a 72% turnout for the election, which is the first time this Community Council has been elected, so we can move forward as truly representative of our community.
- Correspondence received between meetings will be circulated via e-mail and councillors may be asked to liaise with different bodies over specific issues to reduce the load off the Secretary.
- Future meetings will be held in the Church Hall and the official notice board will be the one at the Village Hall.
- Anne distributed the Financial Review and explained our financial position.
- Dave Smith will ask the Forestry for a Christmas tree for the village.
- David Doogan to pursue Lighting Department with regard to lamp-post Christmas lights and the viability of lighting up the trees at the bottom of the village.
- We have received money for village enhancement from Highland Council and it was felt that this and a lot of effort should be put into landscaping the picnic site and surrounds as this is the entrance into the village. If we make a start we can then look towards asking for donations for further improvements.
- Caroline will pursue the Glencoe Hotel for help.

- Dot advised that the Leader European Funding has been reopened which could be a source of funding. Anne and David D to pursue.
- The garden beside the swing park is part of the Glencoe Play Sports project and will be a further enhancement to the village.
- The Compost Site has been greatly improved. Macleod's are going to put soil in front of the wall which can then be landscaped. Dave Smith will look at lowering the height of the composting bays. We also need to try and encourage other communities to set up sites as we can only cope with materials from our area and a sign is to put up on the gate to this effect.
- A sub-committee was set up namely The Village Garden Committee, members being Anne, Gwen, Carol, Caroline, Debbie and Jeanette. Anne to ask Marion Moir to be involved plus Linda Smith to be asked.
- No planning committee to be set up Jeanette will e-mail any notifications affecting Glencoe. Planning is always going to be a tricky area but local gov't like us to be involved we need to look carefully before commenting on applications.
- Minutes from Sept 10th approved, proposed by David D, seconded by Anne.
- Minutes to be put up at Village Hall, Post Office, Nisa, Filling Station and a copy e-mailed to NTS for their notice board.
- Dave Smith will put out notices for meetings (same locations as above plus Church Notice Board).
- David Doogan will see Donald Stewart re transfer of paperwork.
- Any agenda items to Jeanette for next meeting. We need to think about projects from past we wish to pursue and decide which committees/meetings we need to attend.
- Flooding is still an issue at the bottom of the village Gwen to contact Transerv and Highland Council via e-mail and copy in south ward councillors, Dot and Jim Tolmie.
- Read receipts to be put on all e-mails.
- Caroline to attend Lochaber CC's meeting on 22nd November.
- Fort William Waterfront Project meeting to take place on 1st December Anne and Carol possibly to attend.
- South Ward Forum 8th Dec 6.30pm at Stronian High School, await agenda before decision on attendance.
- Social evening for community to be held near Christmas with mulled wine, mince pies and carols to be discussed further at next meeting.
- Secretary to get draft minutes out to councillors within 7 days of meeting whilst fresh in everyone's minds!
- Date of next meeting Tuesday 9th December 7.30 Church Hall (Gwen to book)