

GLENCOE & GLEN ETIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved minutes of A.G.M. held in Church Hall on December 9th 2008

- **Present:** David Doogan (DD), Anne Nelson, Carol Innes, Denise Stewart (DSt), Ian McTaggart, Gwen McTaggart, Debbie Straker (DStr), Caroline Walker, Jeanette Johnstone, Dave Smith (DS).
- **Apologies:** Andy Nelson
- Minutes of 12th November 2008 approved – proposed Denise, Seconded Dave Smith
- Anne presented the annual accounts which were approved – proposed David Doogan, seconded Gwen. Vote of thanks to Anne. It was agreed to donate £100 to senior citizens.
- Matter arising – none
- Open Forum - none
- Correspondence received – none other than planning lists.
- Planning – nothing concerning Glencoe.
- Ambulance Station / Glencoe Hospital/ Abbeyfield.
Gill McVicar informed David D on 8th Dec that residents from Glencoe would be moved to Abbeyfield before Christmas if Abbeyfield ready. Meeting at Abbeyfield today to discuss this. If not ready move will be on or after 10th Jan. Four patients in Glencoe now, reducing to 3 tomorrow. District Nurses and social work dept to remain until Abbeyfield is ready. Ambulance station will be allowed to operate from present location until hospital sold. Presently considering new base either at Nurses House Glencoe or former Roadhogzz premises in Ballachulish. Police Station is still hoped for; entrance on to the main road may be possible.
- Health Forum.
We need a representative on this body DD to pursue.
- Association of South Lochaber CC's.
Meeting on 24th Nov attended by DD, DSm, DSt. Briefed on Waterfront and A82 by Stewart MacLean. There is to be a talk (open meeting) by RAF on 27th Jan at 7.45 in Ballachulish hall about "low flying". No Kinlochleven CC but there will be another chance in Spring. Two from our CC required as members of ASLCC. Any two can attend or more, but only 2 votes. Meetings take place quarterly last Monday in Jan, Apr, July & Oct. The point of the ASLCC is to give us a stronger voice on big issues. David D and Gwen to attend Jan meeting.
- Association of Lochaber CC's.
Not attended but we need a representative Caroline and Carol both agreed to do so.
- Fort William Waterfront.
Anne, Carol and Dave all attended meeting about this. The meetings seemed to produce mixed messages as to if the project was or wasn't dependent on a supermarket for funding. A supermarket would be better out of town. Proper flood risk and environmental studies need to be undertaken. A82 will not be dual carriageway at this point. Highland Council policy is not to have retail development out of town. After much debate on the subject the opinion of this Community Council is "As a CC we are against the current plan. We would prefer a Marina type development to serve both community and tourist market". Stance to be taken forward with ASLCC.
- Gritting of Glencoe village streets, footpaths and surrounding area. David D had received e-mails complaining of icy paths and roads- not enough gritting. Ian Brucelow advised that in

only had 3 staff in South; plus gritter break down that morning- would not spread. Work done first on priorities i.e., B863. Also 4-5" of snow in Kinlochleven. His team were working flat out. No help available from other areas as same problem there with exceptional weather. No longer used to prolonged cold spells with continuous freezing. Small piles of grit on road side not appropriate as people no longer carry shovels in their boots! It was felt 3 grit bins in the village would be beneficial 1 at the car park, 1 by Gwen's and 1 at lay-by by Jeanette's. Caroline to e-mail Jim Tolmie with this request. A template to be produced with headed address for use by councillors.

- Picnic site/compost site RJ McLeod will be finished at site by 2nd week in Jan and whole area will be open we will need to fence off this area to prevent inappropriate use, Dave has fence posts at his house as a temporary measure then plant a hedge. Anne has spoken to Lester about landscaping in front of the wall and to the side at entrance to village and he has promised to do this, any councillors passing could also request this so it doesn't get forgotten! Letter has been sent to Water Board with regard to old site for compost but this will be sometime in the future.
- Village water supply works.
Workers have been very obliging. They were held up at start so will not be finished by Christmas but will have reached the Rectory. Stop on 19th Dec and return 5th Jan. The part of road affected will be re-surfaced at the end of the job.
- Christmas lighting.
Robbie Milne from Tec Services has been very helpful and we have two additional lamp-post lights. We can buy some extra next year. This is what other villages have done. Suggestion that we try to raise sponsorship from businesses for this - Carol to pursue. We couldn't get power supply to light trees this year but lamp-posts are due to be moved next year so should be possible next Christmas. Thanks to Forestry for supplying village Christmas tree and to George Grant and Donald Young for erecting it with lights in place.
- Community Christmas Get-together.
Monday 22nd Dec 7pm mulled wine, mince pies, carols. Denise, Gwen and Caroline to co-ordinate. Donation of wine from Laroche. Caroline to do posters and mail drop in school and speak to Jim Shepherd to perhaps come along with guitar also CD player to be organised. Councillors to bring mince pies or shortbread.
- Glencoe Hotel/A82 junction. Recent press articles seem to suggest some progress here so fingers crossed main bugbear seems to be road junction. Transport Scotland have put out for tenders for cycle track from St Brides to Glencoe junction which includes pedestrian crossing so this should help. The contract to be awarded March with work commencing May/June 10 week construction period. Community Company Working Group has asked for a plan.
- Future Invitees.
Paddy Crerer - Caroline to pursue.
- AOB.
£400 raised for Erskine Hospital from wreath collection. Dave attended South Ward Meeting main topic concerning us was start of kerbside recycling in February bins to be delivered during December with details. This is an additional service to bins in village car park which will remain. David D to register CC with High Societies website operated by Highland Libraries where we can publish details of meetings etc. Caroline to pursue setting up of our own website in addition. Community Company update to be put on monthly agenda and will be given by one of the Directors.
- Next Meeting. - 20th Jan 2009 7.30