

GLENCOE & GLEN ETIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved minutes of meeting held in Church Hall on February 24th 2009

- **Present:** Councillors- David Doogan(DD), Anne Nelson, Carol Innes, Caroline Walker, Denise Stewart (DSt), Ian McTaggart, Gwen McTaggart, Jeanette Johnstone, Dave Smith (DS) Andy Nelson, Debbie Straker. Public- Sandra White
- **Apologies:** – none
- Minutes of 20th January 2009 approved – Proposed David D, Seconded Ian.
- Matters arising – Bus Stop- David continuing to pursue due to meet Ian Bruce low.
RAF meeting was attended by Dave and David and was very informative.
- Open Forum – none
- Correspondence received – Invite to attend Lochaber Transport Forum – apologies to be sent Jeanette to action. Reviewed citation from SNH of SSSI on Rannoch Moor. Newsletter from Highland environmental Group.
- Planning – no issues
- Community Company update – Dave Smith gave update. Working Group are due to have meeting next week re Orbital Route. Mountain Biking on hold due to change in Forestry Boundaries will pursue once this is complete. Other meetings re mountain biking also in pipeline. Iain MacEchern will still be on board as Fort William based. Glencoe in future to be managed from Fort William. Bob Mitchell from Transport Scotland due to have meeting with C Company after A82 meeting on Friday to discuss crossroads which is to now involve C Council David D and Ian to attend from CC.
- Glencoe Hotel – Paddy Crerer is as concerned as us but the economic situation is now the driving factor. It would seem he only has two options to re-open in some way or re-build. Either option should tidy up the area; we need to keep pressure on, bearing in mind we want to have a good relationship with the hotel in the future.
- Future Invitees – Scott McCombie NTS newly appointed as Property Manager to be invited to March meeting also Iain MacEchern to be invited following the constructive meeting he had with Caroline and Dave.
- A.O.B –
 1. Jane and Donald would like 4 barrels to plant for area by Post Office – Carol to pursue with distillery. We need to decide what plants are required this year, Jeanette to check out prices for next meeting and call meeting of gardening group.
 2. Peter Daynes has expressed his concerns over the number of large trees in the river and the potential damage they could cause if they move. The CC will need to work with riparian owners, although this has been tried before. David will write to TEC Services to see what their viewpoint is and take it from there. Concern was expressed about the potential hazard to the wall at the Strath which has historic significance and therefore may be eligible for funding to protect it; if this wall goes the Strath will flood. Trees will need to be tackled one by one with the large one at Peter Weir's causing most concern.
 3. Glencoe CC was asked at the last meeting of the ASLCC 26th Jan attended by David and Gwen to report on the ALCC meeting held on 24th Jan. Caroline advised that this meeting had

not been quorate, DD will advise Trish Whyte of this.

4. South Ward Forum Meeting- await minutes as no one from CC able to attend.
 5. Glencoe Heritage Trust has approached DD to ask for CC support for next year's commemoration of Massacre as they would like it to become more of a village event, it was agreed to help towards cost of wreath and to support event if we can.
 6. Glencoe Hospital- Patients now to be moved on 9th March, building will then be boarded up, Gill McVicar to be e-mailed with our concerns for the fabric of the building as items have already been removed and security is of paramount importance. DD to action.
 7. Amount of litter in village was discussed and it was agreed to organise community litter pick, also encourage villagers to pick up litter if they see it. Litter Blitz to be on 7th March 10.30am at car park. Jeanette to do poster. David will e-mail a reminder; Gwen will do Lower Carnoch as not able to attend.
 8. David Doogan has registered us with Highland Council website www.high-societies.org. It was decided it would be good if we had our own website Carol and Gwen to get quotes for set-up and maintenance costs. CC is covered by subscription to Data Protection Act for computer use.
 9. Anne has received grant from SEPA to spend on infill site beside compost site, and has applied for Leader+ grant for landscaping.
 10. Corries have done a good job in village a letter of thanks to be sent, Jeanette to action. Some of the white lines at end of village need to be re-done David to pursue, plus painting of disabled parking space in lay-by by War Memorial.
 11. Anne to e-mail Robbie Milne for catalogue for Christmas lights and ask about lighting of bridge.
 12. Planning Issues – As a council we need to decide where we stand on planning matters this will always be a contentious issue the guidelines given to CC's state *"The CC has no formal powers. Their function in relation to planning applications is to find out, co-ordinate and express the views of the local community to the planning authority and other public bodies"*. As a council we have to provide a balanced considered view based on the community viewpoint rather than just the viewpoint of the 11 councillors. Letters should be written to the council with views and concerns rather than objections unless the whole village feels strongly on an issue. If councillors have a strong objection then they have the right to object as individuals.
- Date of next meeting – 7.30pm 18th March 2009 in Village Hall Committee Room