

GLENCOE & GLEN ETIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved minutes of meeting held in Village Hall on March 18th 2009

1. **Present:** Councillors- David Doogan(DD), Anne Nelson, Caroline Walker, Ian McTaggart, Gwen McTaggart, Jeanette Johnstone, Dave Smith (DS)
2. **Apologies:** – Carol Innes, Debbie Straker, Denise Stewart, Andy Nelson.
3. Minutes of 24th February 2009 approved – Proposed Dave S, Seconded Caroline
4. Matters arising –
 - Anne is continuing to pursue lighting of bridge through Robbie Milne
 - Bus Stop - David continuing to pursue and has spoken with Ian Brucelow, who will look at situation in next financial year, however it will be expensive to do any alterations to the bus stop.
 - Dave Smith will pursue the placing of bin at the bus stop and also check the arrangements for collection of bins from the picnic site. **DS**
 - Litter pick thanks to everyone who took part, lets try and keep village tidy.
 - Dave picked up litter from ditch near Greenpool and an old BBQ.
 - On a similar vein the verges along A82 are a disgrace David D has taken photos of rubbish and will be contacting Transerv. **DD**
 - The skip lorry which comes to village on a Tuesday may be withdrawn this is currently under discussion, concerns were expressed that this may increase fly tipping.
5. Open Forum – No members of public present.
6. Forestry Update by Iain MacEchern –
 - New district for Forestry we are now part of Lochaber Forest District.
 - Lochan, lots of work needed done and hopefully a large team of workers will be detailed to do major works within coming weeks.
 - It would be nice to get Japanese garden back to Strathcona's vision, a Friends of Glencoe Lochan group could be set up to give opinion and help maintain Japanese garden once restored.
 - The fishing rights may be franchised out in future, the Community Council/Community would be approached first. Iain will send us details of full implications of running fishing at Lochan.
 - The Forestry Policy on cycle tracks has changed. They now only do blue and green cycle routes which is why Brecklet Cycle Track has been shelved.
 - Ruaridh Watt (Community Liaison Officer) would like to come & meet CC's to see what he can do for communities particularly the children, he is also a keen mountain biker.
 - Nevis Range Partnership may take on mountain bike trails at Leanachan and the Witches Trails.
 - It is 15 years since Lochan was emptied and dam checked EU Regulations mean it may need to be done again.
7. Correspondence received –
 - Letter of thanks received from Senior Citizens

- e-mails which have been forwarded

8. Planning – no issues

9. Community Company update –

- Board Meeting to be held next week with Working Group to discuss orbital route. Projected cost is £130,000 from end of Wiggies Walk to snow gates at Clachaig. Permissions will need to be revisited. Various funding to be pursued. Some parts will not be feasible refuges for pedestrians in these areas.
- Thanks to Peter Daynes for all his efforts on orbital track.

10. Future Invitees – Scott McCombie couldn't attend this time but still wishes to come, Bren Gormley also to be advised of dates of meetings. Bob Anderson has also asked if he can attend to explain/answer questions on his planning issues - no reason why not.

11. A.O.B –

- Continue to contact Paddy Crerer re Glencoe Hotel. **DD**.
- New viewpoint at compost site looks really good, still work to be done Quote to complete £1932 Anne has applied for discretionary funds from Bren Gormley. In meantime it was agreed to use monies left from village enhancement and RJ Macleod donation of last year.
- Anne is also going to try and get L.E.G. to spend money on improving compost site. Working party also needed Anne to organise.
- Budget for plants £80-90 to fill tubs also try and get donations of plants from villagers. Jeanette to co-ordinate.
- Wooden fence at police houses has been removed as in state of disrepair. Brambles to be removed at car park and replant with shrubs
- Drains etc- Jim Tolmie not keen to meet to discuss this issue as council have put in new pipe from police house into village drains which they believe will solve problem, if it doesn't we need to provide the proof.
- Transerv agreed with CC re drainage needed on hotel side – will continue to pursue.
- CC Website. Dave at Monument Cottage is willing to help us through setting up process and more than happy to meet us at a weekend. Gwen will e-mail us with details. We need to decide content and it will need to be regularly updated.

12. Date of next meeting – 7.30pm 14th April 2009 in Church Hall