

GLENCOE & GLEN ETIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved minutes of meeting held in Church Hall on May 12th 2009

1. **Present:** Councillors- David Doogan(DD), Anne Nelson, Andy Nelson, Ian McTaggart, Gwen McTaggart, Dave Smith (DS), Carol Innes,
2. **Apologies:** – Caroline Walker, Debbie Straker, Jeanette Johnstone, and Denise Stewart.
3. Minutes of 18th March 2009 approved – Proposed Ian, Seconded Anne
4. Matters arising –
 - Dave Smith contacted Ian Cameron to discuss schedule to empty bins and confirmed car park & picnic site bins to be emptied twice weekly, thought to be Mon & Thursday.
 - David has spoken to Chris Strong re litter in A82 lay-bys but not aware whether a tidy up has been carried out. It was noted that the Clachaig, the Bunkhouse and the National Trust all maintain the grounds within close proximity to their businesses and it was suggested that maybe we could adopt this approach across the community.
 - SEPA have sent Rules and Regulations re working in rivers, David still to read through this document although it doesn't appear that SEPA would involve themselves with clearing the river. The current status is that there are new trees down potentially preventing salmon movement – the Angling Club have a working party looking at this.
 - Barrels are now free to Community Councils from the distillery. 2 have been acquired and another 2 to be delivered.
5. Correspondence received –
 - Letter received from Highland Council to advise of an error in communicating that Scottish CC's are subject to the Freedom of Information act. This act only applies to English councils.
 - Briefing received from Comunn na Gaidhlig - Eilidh Shaw has been recruited as Lochaber Gaelic Initiatives officer
 - BMA Scotland consultation document "General Practice in Scotland: The Way Ahead" received outlining the strategy for development of general practice services in Scotland.
 - Letter received from David Stewart, MSP, looking for views on the proposals for creating a victims commissioner for Scotland. Consultation document online at www.davidstewart.co.uk consultation period ends 01/07/09
 - Letter received from Highland Council re proposal to create "photostops" for visitors. Priority location list to be drawn up over a 2yr period and offering the CC an opportunity to see draft visuals for the proposed sight of Buachaille Etive Mor from Blackrock Cottage.
 - NHS Team update
 - Series of documentation from Highland Council comprising of; Scottish Government Model Scheme, Constitution and Code of Conduct. Details of the Moffat & District Community initiative - looking for keen walkers to join the Walkers are Welcome Towns Network. Update on the High Societies Website (<http://www.high-societies.org>)
 - Copies of the above comms distributed among members for reading and further discussion at the June meeting.
6. Planning – no issues

7. Speeding – Gwen McTaggart has received complaints of speed throughout the village. It was suggested that registration numbers should be noted and passed to the Police.

8. Community Company update –

- Board Meeting still to be organised to discuss community heating with Rab Lees.

9. Future Invitees – Scott McCombie as before and a local Police representative, Sgt Donny Campbell or PC. Ian Morrison.

10.A.O.B –

- Access in and out of the filling station seen to be hazardous due to plants encroaching on the sightlines. David Doogan to raise with Police and filling station. It was also queried whether the station should be displaying fuel prices by law.
- David Doogan advised he has written to the roads department about refreshing the white lines but has received no reply to date. Will wait until new works are fully complete before chasing.
- Bus Shelter – David Doogan has written to Jim Tolmie suggesting that the shelter be enclosed to protect travellers from the elements and also asking whether it could be extended to allow for high numbers of children in the mornings.
- David Doogan approached by residents of Gleann-Leac-Na-Mhuidhe regarding television signal strength and the digital switchover – Ofcom have been involved but their situation is unimproved. After discussion it was felt we could not add anything to this situation.
- Homecoming;
Flower festival to be held in the Church over a three day period. The Church is to be decorated, with the theme being Homecoming, and all are welcomed.
Ros MacDonald is expecting around 30 overseas visitors in the village from August 1st. Ros is looking for entertainment ideas, a number of suggestions made. David Doogan to speak further with Ros.
- Flower Show to be held on August 22nd – schedules to be distributed by David Doogan.
- Museum – David Doogan spoke with Donald Stewart regarding opening times of the Museum. DS confirmed the Museum will open daily from 10am-5pm daily from May 22nd. David Doogan will post the opening times on the community website.
- No update on the Glencoe Hotel.
- Vice Chair for the South Lochaber CC required from Glencoe & Glen Etive CC.
- Topsoil has been offered for dressing the junction area by David Southcott – group to be organised to transfer the soil to site and do a tidy up.

11. Date of next meeting – 7.30pm 9th June in Church Hall

No July meeting, CC in recess. It is proposed that the August meeting be held in the Kings House Hotel for the Glen Etive residents to attend, to be discussed further at next meeting.