

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 6th February 2010

In St Mary's Church Hall, Glencoe

Present:

Cllr David Doogan

Cllr David Smith

Cllr Ian William McTaggart

Cllr Jeanette Johnstone

Cllr Debbie Straker

Cllr Denise Stewart

Cllr Anne Nelson

Cllr

Ex Officio Present:

Cllr Bren Gormley (arrived mid meeting)

Cllr

Apologies Submitted:

Cllr Gwen McTaggart

Cllr Andy Nelson

Ex Officio Apologies:

Cllr

Not Present & No Apologies Submitted:

Cllr

The meeting started at: 7.30pm

Cllr David Doogan in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action & Owner
Visitor Presentation	<p>Donald Stewart spoke: On the future of Glencoe Hospital. Ballot papers are to be posted out. This is a vote on whether The Glencoe Hospital Trust be allowed to exercise the right to buy the hospital on behalf of the communities of Glencoe, Kinlochleven, Onich, North Ballachulish and Ballachulish. The secret postal ballot is to be overseen by Dot Ferguson, Ward Manager at The Highland Council. Ballot papers are to be posted out on 22nd Feb and to be returned to Highland Council by pre-paid post and back by 12pm on 5th March. The count will be at 2pm on the 5th March. The results will be published two weeks after that. Depending on the result, Scottish Ministers will then decide on whether the South Lochaber Community Company has a Mandate to purchase the hospital. The SLCC then has 6 months, back dated from 23rd Dec 09 to find the funds to buy it. The hospital has been valued at a market price of £450,000. A website is in process of being set up and local people are welcome to join the Community company for £1.00 or to become Trustees. Donald said that the fabric of building was generally in good condition and that it was a valuable local asset. If the vote wasn't successful the ownership of the property would revert back to Scottish Ministers. An Open Day afternoon is being held at the hospital on Saturday 20th February all are welcome to go and have a look around. The proposed name for the hospital in its new form is to be The Strathcona Centre after Lord Strathcona. David thanked</p>	

	Donald and wished the project well and that it was good to see something positive being done about the hospital.	
Visitor Presentation	<p>Ian McEachern – Forestry Commission: Brought information and framework documents about forestry land acquisition with the Glencoe Community Company car park in mind. He stated that the FC are keen to foster closer links with local communities and would like to establish a Friends of the Lochan Group to work with the FC on it's upkeep and renovation.</p> <p>The boat at the Lochan is to be removed as Health and Safety requires there to be 2 boats now. The boat shed is to be rebuilt. The FC would like the local community to take on the sale of the Lochan fishing permits & fish restocking as a community project. Small scale maintenance around the Lochan is ongoing with major works to be alternated between other FC leisure based sites in the Lochaber area. The Japanese Knotweed has been dug out as far as possible and is an ongoing project. The FC now have a small digger to help with maintenance. DS requested that two signs be put up, one at each end marking "Wiggy's Walk" along the Orbital Track. Ian McEachern agreed to do this.</p>	
Approval Of Previous Minute Of 19.01.10	<p>Proposed by David Smith Seconded by Jeanette Johnstone</p>	
Matters Arising From Previous Minute Not Otherwise On Agenda	<p>Public Toilets: Questions were raised from members of the public present as to why the toilets in the car park have been shut for over a month. DD had phoned the HC Dept in Dingwall but not had a satisfactory answer. Since this meeting he has been in touch with them again and the toilets need extensive work/repairs. David will continue to keep in contact with Highland Council until this situation is sorted..</p> <p>The Cycle Track work has begun along the A82 past Ballachulish heading towards the roundabout, temporary lights are in place. R.J Mcleod have won the contract to do the work. Completion should be in about 3 months.</p> <p>David Doogan raised the issue of traffic calming at the last A82 meeting. The concern is that traffic will be travelling too fast leading up to the toucan crossing when it's in place. Bob Mitchell assured him that rumble strips and effective traffic calming measures would be taken in line with national guidelines should slow the traffic sufficiently.</p> <p>The working group of Glencoe Community Company are meeting this week to discuss the extension of the orbital route and propose to meet with Jim Tolmie.</p> <p>Ambulance Station – moving in has been delayed until the parking space has been established. This has been contracted out to Corrie Construction and work should go ahead very soon. The Ambulance Service have the lease on the house is for 2 years.</p>	
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Correspondence	Notification of recent planning applications. DD has spoken with Alistair Hunter in Glen Etive about the consultation on the Golden Eagle reintroduction project.	
Treasurers Report	CC to make a donation to Glencoe Heritage Trust for £25 for the wreath to commemorating the Glencoe Massacre CC donation of £100 to Glencoe Primary School towards costs for a new stage.	AN AN
Future Invitees	Laurence Dallinger-Mills – Renewable Energy Development Officer. Fraser Copeland Director of The Outdoor Capital Project.	JJ
Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting	Tuesday 16 th March 7.30 pm St Mary's Church Hall	

Minutes taken by: Anne Nelson. The meeting ended at: 10.45

These minutes were approved at the full CC meeting on Tuesday 16th March