

Glencoe and Glen Etive Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 17th April 2012 in St. Mary's Church Hall, 7-30pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

AS	Alister Sutherland (chair)
GMT	Gwen McTaggart (secretary)
IMT	Ian McTaggart
TJ	Thomas Janzen
SM	Simon Meldrum

APOLOGIES FROM

Dave Smith
Jonny Henshall

INVITED GUESTS

Roger Niemeyer (Glencoe House)

RESIDENTS PRESENT

Sally Mortimer
Eirene Hunter
Emma & Graham Chandler

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of meeting 21st February 2012 – proposed AS, seconded IMT.

INVITED GUESTS

Roger Niemeyer spoke briefly about progress on Glencoe House, the former hospital. The building is being restored as a luxury 7-suite guesthouse. They are aiming to have the first suites ready for guests in June this year, with the remainder complete by the end of the year. Further information, including plans and a history of the house, is available at www.glencoe-house.com.

OPEN FORUM

(1) There was a discussion of access and turning areas on the road leading to Glencoe House. Vehicles are no longer permitted to turn outside Glencoe House. Consequently – despite warning signage – large vehicles are following the road until they can no longer reasonably turn and then attempting awkward and potentially dangerous manoeuvres employing private drives and damaging the road surface and verges. It was suggested that the bin lorries should collect from and turn at the site of the old gas tank. Further discussion raised the possibility of barriers, additional signage, or a turning hammerhead. It is hoped that the affected parties can agree upon a mutually acceptable solution, failing which the CC will escalate to Highland Council.

(2) There was a discussion of rubbish in the Lochan area. IMT to contact Craig Millar (Forestry Commission). Also to raise the missing picnic benches and the question of fishing rights for 2012, as permits are not being advertised.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Contact via the website: Bill McDermott, Chairman of the Scottish Campaign for National Parks, would like to present to the CC on "the history and development of Scottish National Parks, their strengths and weaknesses." To be raised at the May CC meeting.

"THE NEW SCHEME, PLANNING & LICENSING PROCEDURES"

AS attended a training day in Fort William. Remarked that in future the CC should make a point of requesting "Statutory Consultee" status on planning applications.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

"Strathfield" application of Mar '07 revised Mar '12. No objections.

RED KITE

Meeting organized for April 24th to gauge local feeling.

OLYMPIC TORCH

Torch visit is Saturday 9th June (entering Glencoe 12:41). Police requesting initial plans by April 23rd.

Tracey Jeffrey (Highland Council's Active Schools Coordinator) is organizing a response from the local schools. Thomas Janzen will also raise with Marilyn MacDonald. GMT & IMT exploring possible pipers. AS to speak to David Cooper of Crafts & Things, IMT to contact Glencoe Hotel (both businesses directly en route). AS to contact Glencoe & Loch Leven Marketing Association. AS has already spoken to John Grieve of Glencoe Mountain Rescue.

AOCB

Nigel Wombell has taken over the running of the Glencoe compost site (website: <http://www.lochaber-environmental-group.org.uk/glencoe.asp>).

DATE & TIME OF NEXT CC MEETING

Tuesday 15th May, 7-30pm