

Glencoe and Glen Etive Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 15th May 2012 in St. Mary's Church Hall, 7-30pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

DS	Dave Smith (treasurer; chairing)
GMT	Gwen McTaggart (secretary)
IMT	Ian McTaggart
SM	Simon Meldrum

APOLOGIES FROM

Alister Sutherland (chairman)
Thomas Janzen
Jonny Henshall

INVITED GUESTS

PC Joe Newson

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of meeting 17th April 2012 – proposed IMT, seconded GMT.

IMT spoke to Craig Millar (Forestry Commission) regarding a number of questions relating to the Lochan:

1. picnic benches – have been removed for repair/replacement and will be reinstated shortly
2. litter – FC has no budget for clean-up; Thomas Janzen suggested organizing a volunteer litter pick
3. improving signage at the fork to the Lochan (concerns were raised at the previous meeting regarding oversize vehicles taking the Glencoe House road where there is limited provision for turning) – FC happy to address
4. fishing licences – FC confirms that no one is retailing fishing licences for 2012; IMT to investigate what is involved in re-establishing licence sales

FINANCIAL MATTERS

DS confirms the annual grant from Highland Council has been paid.

INVITED GUESTS

PC Joe Newson introduced himself to the new CC and asked whether there were any issues with which the police could help. No major problems were identified; matters raised included speeding in Glencoe village, an instance of underage drinking at the tidal pool, and inappropriate fire lighting by campers. With regard to such concerns, PC Newson advised phoning the Glencoe police station at the time to enable the duty officers to investigate and respond appropriately. Lastly, PC Newson reported that there had been some incidents in the area of theft from open boats.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. Erection of house (application renewal); Glen Leac Na Muidhe
2. Erection of house; Land 25m West of Lois Mhoire, Tigh A Phuirt

No objections to these applications.

RED KITE

The April 24th meeting was well-attended. It was decided to revive the Association of South Lochaber Community Councils, and that this body should lead the discussions going forward.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Highland Council, "Application for grant of premises licence, Glencoe Cafe". *No objections.*
- Glencoe Museum Re: Funding for Roof Repair & Signage. *Ongoing – AS & DS.*
- Bill McDermott, Chairman of the Scottish Campaign for National Parks. *ASLCC is now to handle these discussions; raise at next ASLCC meeting.*
- Highland Council, "Supplementary Guidance Consultation – Developer Contributions and Public Art Strategy".

OLYMPIC TORCH

Extensive correspondence regarding the Torch Visit on Saturday 9th June. DS had further information from Highland Council: a "pre-activation" convoy will come by 45 minutes before the torch with sponsor vehicles handing out samples. Highland Council have made a site visit and favour the area to the South of Glencoe Hotel for spectators. Glencoe Hotel is proposing to put on free "children's party food", and parents from some of the local primary schools plan to organize races around the visit and food. Kinlochleven High School may be able to provide some bunting.

Still trying to find a piper. Currently with AS.

Serious traffic disruption on the A82 is likely. Spectators should be aware that parking in Glencoe village is very limited.

COMMUNITY COMPANY

Nothing to report.

AOCB

DS and AS attended a meeting of the A82 Working Group on 10th May. Among the items discussed:

1. A82 closure for work in the area of Pulpit Rock, 2013. Expected to be closed continuously from September through to Christmas.
2. Flooding of cycle path at end of Tighphuirt and at Craigrannoch is to be addressed. [IMT also mentioned damage from the cycle path construction to fences between the Glencoe filling station and snow gates which needs repair.]

Compost Heap: Grass opposite compost heap needs periodic cutting over summer. GMT to organize. Also, benches need uncovering; plants for tubs.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT CC MEETING

Tuesday 19th June, 7-30pm. This will be the AGM.