

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Draft Minute

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday 2nd October at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall.

Present: Alister Sutherland, Iain McTaggart, Simon Meldrum, Gwen McTaggart Jonny Henshall, Thomas Janzen , Dave Smith & Thomas McClennan Highland Council Member.

Apologies: None

Previous Minutes 14th August 2012: Proposed by AS, Seconded by JH

Matters Arising: JH reported that work clearing scrub , cutting hedges & generally tidying up in Lorn Drive had been completed.

Road safety in the village was discussed and it was felt that more could be done to discourage speeding. The HC Member will talk to the Roads Department and Education Department to get their input. DS will talk to the police to seek their advice and support.

Finance: The Treasurer reported that the Council had £1697.27 in the bank.

Invited Guest: Thomas Mclennan HC Member said he would supply the Community Council with a timetable for strategic meetings in Inverness. This would enable us to hold our meetings so HC Members were free to attend. He also advised us to try and avoid holding meetings on the same nights as other Community Councils.

Open Forum: None

Correspondence received:

1. Letter from Highland Council stating that after consultation St Brides School, North Ballachulish will now be in the catchment area of Kinlochleven High School.
2. Letter from Stagecoach asking the Community Council if we would like to continue in the scheme where we receive emails of any changes. GM to action. It was reported that the elderly and people with push chairs were having problems boarding the bus because the step height was too high on the bus that was being used on the route.
3. Letter from Scottish Woodlands outlining the proposed forest plan for Blackmount Forest.

4. Letter from Highland Community Care Forum explaining the work carried out by Connecting Carers in the Highlands.
5. Forest Management Strategy: A82 Corridor – Great Glen summary of feedback and comments received during the period of consultation. There will be a public drop in event on Tuesday 6th November 10am to 7.30pm in Ballachulish Village Hall.
6. Letter received giving the progress of the 2 bridges over the River Coe that have been closed. The bridge at Coire Gabhail is nearing completion and should be open soon. The An Torr bridge has been put out for tender, no date has been set for the work to commence.
7. A82 Upgrade Campaign the Chair on behalf of the Community Council signed a letter of support.

Planning: None

Community Company Update: AS reported that Scottish Water has noted our interest in the old water supply to convert it to a small community hydro scheme.

A letter from the Chair of RPAC explaining the reason why our application for funding had failed.

Association of South Lochaber Community Councils: 4 Community Councils met with John Hutchison . He explained to the group the thinking behind the Management of Nevis & Glencoe proposal. The consultant employed by Nevis partnership & the Outdoor Capital has produced a report after it had held workshops and received comments from the community. The report is expected to be circulated to interested groups soon.

AOCB: Christmas lights & tree for the village. GM will look into purchasing 2 or 3 more lights for lamposts.

AS kindly offered to supply the village with a Norway Spruce free of charge, IM & JH will cut the tree and transport it to the village.

Date & Time of next meeting: Tuesday 27th November at 7.30pm.