

## Glencoe and Glen Etive Community Council

### Minutes of Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 in St. Mary's Church Hall, 7-30pm

#### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

AS	Alister Sutherland (chairman)
GMT	Gwen McTaggart (secretary)
JH	Jonny Henshall
SM	Simon Meldrum

#### **APOLOGIES FROM**

Dave Smith
Thomas Janzen
Ian McTaggart

#### **INVITED GUESTS**

PC Russell MacMorran
Lochaber Women's Aid (Shirley & Alison)
Anne Nelson (Lochaber Environmental Group)

#### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes of meeting 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013 – proposed GMT, seconded SM.

Regarding village road safety, Highland Council has installed strips near the children's crossing to record speed and total number of vehicles passing.

Sustrans was contacted regarding flooding of the cycle path at Tigh-phuirt. They said that Transport Scotland was responsible. JH noted that clearing work had been carried out but he believes that some of the drainage pipes are crushed and that the filter drain is unable to cope.

PC MacMorran updated the CC regarding a resident parking on the pavement near Lorn Drive. Police spoke to the owner who was apologetic – he had been trying to avoid obstructing the road. He appears now to have made alternative arrangements.

It was agreed to purchase a filing cabinet for storage of CC paperwork. The cabinet was installed in the committee room of the village hall. It was vandalized later the same day in an apparent attempt to force entry (it was empty; it will not anyway be used for storage of confidential material). The organization that was in the hall at the time is replacing the cabinet.

#### **FINANCE**

AS reported £688.21 in the CC account.

### **INVITED GUESTS**

Shirley and Alison from **Lochaber Women's Aid** spoke about their work. Lochaber Women's Aid is the local branch of Scottish Women's Aid, the lead organization in Scotland working towards the prevention of domestic abuse.

Lochaber Women's Aid offers confidential advice and support to victims of domestic abuse and can help find accommodation in a Women's Aid refuge.

Victims (women and children) may be referred by the police or medical services, or may self refer.

In addition to support, the organization has a programme of school visits, tackling bullying with younger children and working with older children on attitudes – recognizing unhealthy and unacceptable behaviours in their own relationships.

The phone number for Lochaber Women's Aid is 01397-705734. Their website is [www.lochaberwomensaid.org](http://www.lochaberwomensaid.org) and further advice is available on the website of Scottish Women's Aid [www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk](http://www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk).

Anne Nelson from **Lochaber Environmental Group** spoke about Food Waste Composting. They are looking for local families and small businesses to take part in their food waste composting trial. The project aims to raise the level of food waste composting by businesses and householders locally and to raise the level of awareness about composting. Biodegradable waste will be banned from landfill starting in 2021 and Zero Waste Regulations affecting businesses will come in from 2014.

Anne demonstrated the Green Cone Digester which breaks down food waste in the soil, and talked about compost bins and drum composters. The larger drum composters could be used to implement a community composting/food waste collection project. Anne has a small number of free composters available as part of the trial. To participate, or for information on composting, see the Lochaber Environmental Group website [www.lochaber-environmental-group.org.uk](http://www.lochaber-environmental-group.org.uk) under "Food Waste Trial" or contact Anne Nelson via Lochaber Environmental Group, 01397-700 090.

### **OPEN FORUM**

It was suggested that the CC organize a village litter-pick and organize blue recycling bins in the car park.

The CC thanks Ian and Marion Moir who have been planting trees down at the viewpoint.

### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

From Living Lochaber, a proposal to establish a Tourism Business Improvement District (BID) for Lochaber.

### **RED KITE (BEN NEVIS & GLEN COE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT)**

AS will attend a meeting hosted by Outdoor Capital of the UK (OCUK) and Nevis Partnership on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Having studied the [Red Kite report](#), the CC's position is that we are not convinced of the argument for an extra layer of bureaucracy. We are concerned that use of the Glen Coe name will divert funding that might otherwise have gone directly to Glen Coe; that the new body will be perceived to be speaking for Glen Coe; that it may lead to a loss of autonomy and the imposition of plans which are not in accordance with local interests.

**COMMUNITY COMPANY**

The GORT project is being divided into smaller self-contained sections in response to a challenging funding environment.

The Company is registering a community interest in Scottish Water's redundant assets near Laraichean. To progress this application, AS requested finance to cover the cost of obtaining the Edited Electoral Register, which was agreed.

**AOCB**

Nothing.

**DATE & TIME OF NEXT CC MEETING**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 7-30pm. This will be the AGM (probably).

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