

**Draft**

## **Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council**

Minute of Council meeting held on 9th July 2013 at 7.30pm  
in St Mary's Church Hall.

### **Councillors Present**

Alister Sutherland - AS - Chairman
Gwen McTaggart - GM - Secretary
David Smith - DS - Treasurer
Thomas Janzen - TJ
Iain McTaggart - IM
Simon Meldrum - SM
Jonny Henshall - JH

### **Guest**

Stephen Norris - Oban Times
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### **Approval of 14th May 2013 Minutes**

Proposed by TJ and Seconded SM

### **Matters Arising**

1. Corran Ferry ticket prices are the subject of a Highland Council consultation which concludes on the 19th July 2013.
2. DS reported that a new 4m rope climbing frame and a new roundabout had been installed in the playpark. Councillors thanked Glencoe Play Sports committee for their hard work in raising the funding required.
3. DS reported that new core path signs indicating the path from Invercoe to the Lochan are to be erected on Forestry Commission ground.

### **Finance**

DS reported that the account stood at £513.34

### **Planning**

The Council have made an objection to a planning application for a house in Glencoe Village on the grounds to road safety on the A82.

### **Invited Guests**

The Council welcomed the attendance at the meeting of Stephen Norris from the Oban Times.

### **Correspondence Received**

1. A letter from Mary Scanlon MSP informing us that she will be holding a surgery in Glencoe on the 17th July for local constituents to voice local and national concerns.
2. A letter from Police Scotland explaining that the Chief Constable has commissioned a review of Traffic Warden Provision and Public Service and Opening Hours At Police Offices.
3. Highland Council Licensing Board have received an application for a Major Variation of Premises Licence for Glencoe House. Having read the application the Community Council has no objections.
4. SM had received an enquiry via the Community Council web site from a local resident asking if the Council had any news on when super fast broadband was to be available in Glencoe. SM had made an enquiry to the providers and was waiting on an answer.

### **Integrated Management ( Red Kite )**

AS attended a meeting in March this year and a further meeting is planned for September to discuss the proposal further.

The Association of South Lochaber Community Councils have stressed that they see no advantage of what is being put forward for this area.

### **Lochaber Bid**

Consultation is still ongoing, a ballot of businesses is expected in the Autumn.

### **The National Trust for Scotland**

A bench in the memory of a young canoeist who lost her life in the River Coe was placed overlooking the river at An-Torr. The bench was sited at this spot with the full permission of The National Trust. Through the Trust's web site a complainant felt that the siting of this bench on National Trust land may contravene the Unna Principles. The bench was subsequently removed causing great distress to the family.

### **Community Company**

The Company are still trying to raise funding for the Orbital Route.

The Company are registering an interest the old Glencoe Water Supply.

## **AOCB**

1. IM had contacted Robert Patton from The Highland Council about the dangerous trees along the Old Glencoe Road.
2. IM informed the Council that The Highland Council will put a seat in the bus shelter on the Kinlochleven Road.
3. AS e-mailed the family of Emily Parker the young canoeist who lost her life in the River Coe in April 2010. The Council expressed its disgust at the family's treatment by The National Trust removing their memorial bench at An-Torr.  
AS will write a letter to Mr & Mrs Parker saying how upset the Council is at the distress this has caused the family.  
The Council also feel this incident has reflected badly on the hospitality of Glencoe. The Council have tried to find an alternative site for the bench.
4. SM reported that last month a meeting was held by Sustrans to discuss the Oban to Fort William cycle route. It seems other Community Councils were notified of this meeting but Glencoe were left off the mailing list.  
At the Sustran's meeting it was pointed out that maintenance of the path between Glencoe and the Ballachulish Bridge is carried out by BEAR.

## **Date & Time of next meeting**

**Tuesday 10th September 2013 at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall**