

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Minute of Council meeting held on the 10th September 2013 at 7.30pm
in St Mary's Church Hall.

Councillors Present

Alister Sutherland - AS - Chair
Gwen McTaggart - GW - Secretary
David Smith - DS - Treasurer
Jonny Henshall -JH
Thomas Janzen -TJ
Simon Meldrum -SM

Apologies

Iain McTaggart

Guest

Russell MacMorran - Police Scotland

Approval of 9th July 2013 Minutes

Proposed by GW and Seconded by TJ

Matters arising

AS had written to Mr & Mrs Parker expressing how upset the Council was at the distress caused by the removal of the bench placed at An-Torr in memory of their late daughter.

Finances

DS reported that The Highland Council had paid the annual grant into the CC account.
The money in the bank stands at £1317.69

Planning

The Council had no objections to any of the planning applications lodged this month.

Invited Guest

PC Russell MacMorran informed the council that there were a number of meetings arranged in Lochaber to give advice and guidance on crime prevention. Notices of the dates and venues for the presentations are on public display in and around Lochaber.

There had been a number of thefts in the area. The best advice is to be vigilant, keep doors locked and tell Police Scotland if you are going to be away on holiday.

DS reported that a motor bike had been seen driving at speed on the pavement to avoid waiting for oncoming traffic to clear in the village main street. Incidents like this should be reported to the police, a note of the registration number should be taken if possible.

Correspondence Received

1. Letter received from Mary Brown, Invercoe stating that since giving up driving she now uses a mobility scooter to go shopping in Glencoe & Ballachulish. She states that going to Ballachulish is no problem but trying to shop in Glencoe presents her with problems because there is a lack of dropped kerbs.

AS has answered Mary Browns letter and it was discussed at the meeting. DS to investigate and take up with Highland Council if necessary.

2. Letter from Energy Saving Trust inviting the CC to meeting in Inverness on the 26th September.

3. Letter from Highland Council giving feedback on comments received from 77 Community Councils on the Community Council Scheme Evaluation 2013.

4. Letter from Highland Council Licensing Board notifying the CC that the Glencoe Youth Hostel have applied for a Premises Licence. The CC have no objection to this application and add that it would provide a welcome service to the users of youth hostel.

5. SM had received enquiries through the CC website which he had answered.

Integrated Management

There is a further meeting planned this month. AS to email the date & time of meeting.

Lochaber Bid

There will be a ballot in November and all businesses with a rateable value of over £2,000 and whether paying business rates or not will be invited to vote. If a business does not cast it's vote that could effectively mean that the BID is more likely to go through.

If the vote is positive all businesses will have to contribute there is no opt out.

A Business Plan is to be made available at the end of this month.

The CC have heard that a number of businesses are very unhappy with the proposal and two large local businesses have threatened to re-locate outside Lochaber. This may cause problems for some employees or even unemployment.

The CC members object strongly to this very unfair proposal.

Community Company

AS is putting the final touches to the Articles of Association required by the Scottish Government to allow the company to register an interest in land owned by Scottish Water.

AOCB

1. TJ reported that Stagecoach were still using buses on the local route that made getting on and off the bus difficult for the elderly because of their step height. TJ to contact Stagecoach.

2. Mrs Moir had enquired why the flower tubs had been left empty. Could the CC pay for some perennials. The CC decided that as some of the tubs were rotten, took a great deal of time to plant and look after they would be removed.

3. Ann Marie Cameron treasurer of the ASLC had informed the South Lochaber Community Councils that the Bank wanted to close the account because of very little use.

The CC would like to see this account remain open. DS to email Ann Marie.

4. A request to local businesses and residents for donations towards the purchase of Xmas lights for the village will be made. SM to design a poster.

Date & Time of next meeting

Tuesday November 19th at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall