

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Minute of Council meeting held on the 19th November 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
Iain McTaggart - IM

Apologies

Simon Meldrum - SM
Thomas Janzen - TJ

Guests

Russell MacMorran - Police Scotland
Ruth Cairns - Highland Council - Health & Social Work Department

Previous Minutes 10th September 2013

Proposed as a true record by GW and seconded by AS

Matters Arising

DS reported he had met with Highland Council Tech Services to discuss the dropped kerbs in the village. Iain Bruce Lowe said after inspection that the kerbs are not user friendly for the use of wheelchairs or motability scooters used by disabled persons. The kerbs will be replaced when money becomes available.

Presentation by Ruth Cairns

Her remit was to map out the services which already exist in the village such as play groups or youth clubs. She would also like to set up workshops with young families to see if any other services could be provided that would be benefit to the community. Posters will be displayed in the village to gauge interest.

Police Scotland

The councillors expressed their concern at the possible closure of the counter at the police station. Russell MacMorran said that a final decision on closing the counter had not been taken and consultation was still taking place. Russell also reported that there were 5 police posts in Glencoe.

Finance

The treasurer reported that the bank balance stood at £1302.81.

Christmas Lights

JH had tested all the lights and 2 defective lights had been dropped off at HC for repair.

GW will contact the lighting company to purchase 2 new lights.

AS had written to 3 landowners asking for a contribution towards new Christmas lights and Robert Fleming of Black Mount had sent a cheque for £250. AS has sent a thank you letter.

SM has donated £50 and GW £20.

Planning

The CC have been notified by Highland Council that Mr & Mrs M Hall have asked for a review of their planning application for a proposed Croft House at Croft 12c, Glencoe. The CC have nothing to add to their previous comments.

Correspondence Received

1. Letter received from the War Memorial Trust indicating funding is available for the upkeep of war memorials. Next year will be the centenary of the start of World War 1 and war memorials will play a central role in remembering significant moments of that conflict.

The letter will be passed to Jeanette Johnstone who organises the collection for the wreath and donations to the Erskine Hospital.

2. Letter from Highland Council notifying us that the dates for Community Council Training Sessions had changed.

Integrated Management

The meeting in October was not attended.

Bid Lochaber

Voting by businesses is now in progress. Results to be announced in December.

Community Company

The Orbital Route is progressing well. The Company had taken out public liability insurance to cover use of the path.

AS was still working on the new Articles of Association for the Company.

DS has a meeting with Forestry Commission to discuss the continuation of their path to join up with GORT.

A82 Working Group Meeting.

DS attended the meeting and reported that the traffic light warning beep was not working and the ditch east of the garage needed clearing of the scrub and trees. Bob Mitchell Transport Scotland said he would look into these two problems.

DS also asked if signs indicating the number of fatalities on the A82 could be displayed in certain locations- Bob Mitchell said it was not policy to do this.

NTS Management Plans

AS had asked for the plans but had not received them before the meeting.

AOCB

1. DS had asked HC Tech Services about the problem residents were having with parking in Lorn Drive. Residents felt that the problem is made worse by staff and customers attending the dentist. HC Tech Services said they were not responsible for the car park in Lorn Drive but would assist residents with off road parking.
2. DS also reported to HC that the play park gate leading to the Kinlochleven Road was in need of urgent repair.
3. AS attended the Lochaber Transport Forum. He told the forum that it was annoying that the bus from Fort William misses the train at Bridge of Orchy by a few minutes and could this be looked into. The response was that the bus company representative said "that the buses and trains are in competition."
4. Care Lochaber Scheme are promoting a car sharing scheme which could be organised to cover Glencoe.
5. AS will donate a Christmas Tree.
6. The Christmas lights will be put up on Saturday 30th November.

Date & Time of next meeting

Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall.