

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Minute of Council Meeting held on the 21st January 2014
at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall.

Councillors Present

Alister Sutherland - AS - Chair
Gwen McTaggart - GW - Secretary
David Smith - DS - Treasurer
Simon Meldrum - SM
Iain McTaggart - IM
Jonny Henshall - JH

Apologies

Thomas Janzen

Previous Minutes 19th November 2013

Proposed as a true record by JH and seconded by GW

Matters Arising

DS reported that the play park gate had been repaired.

Finance

The Treasurer reported that the bank balance stood at £1025.54
The Christmas light funding appeal had raised £400. The Community Council thanked all those who gave so generously.

Planning

There were no objections to the planning application lodged by the Glencoe Mountain Rescue.

No objection was raised concerning the planning application by Glencoe House, but the Council will send a letter to the Planning Department saying the route of the Core Path should be protected. AS to write letter.

Correspondence Received

1. Letter of thanks for the donation made by the Council towards the children's party.
2. Scottish Fire & Rescue Service have asked the Council to give feedback to their consultation. Councillors will look at the consultation paper.
3. Community Council Website received two enquiries:
 - a. A Resident had asked when super fast broadband is expected to be extended to the area. SM has replied. SM did report that the exchange is scheduled to be upgraded in 2014.
 - b. A business in Duror had asked if a link could be put on our website. The Council had no objection to this.

Integrated Management

The Council are still awaiting news on this proposal.

Bid Lochaber

The ballot defeated the proposal by a huge majority.

Community Company

The Old Glencoe Road Path is almost complete.

The Company will have an official opening at the end of March. A high profile person is being sought to open the path.

Glencoe Heritage Trust

Peter Daynes is now playing an active role in the GHT. He wanted to report to the Council about the condition of the large trees along the back lane and The Old Glencoe Road.

Back Lane - Bridge of Coe towards Invercoe, four trees have been examined and x-rayed by experts and their condition is such that they will have to be felled.

A fifth tree will be left exposed and could be a danger to a house on the other side of the river, this needs to be assessed by experts. Also two other trees will need to be assessed.

The Old Glencoe Road - The large trees along the river bank and road also need cosmetic work to make them safe, further advice is being sought.

The Highland Council tree specialist will attend a meeting on site with GHT representatives on the 27th January at 10.30am. The Community Council have been invited to this meeting, DS will attend.

The Forestry Commission would help and advise with replanting.

AOCB

1. The Council thanked AS for the donation of the Christmas tree.
2. DS asked Bob Mitchell Transport Scotland if he would ask BEAR to look at the drainage ditches alongside the A82 east of the Claymore Garage. There is a history of flooding in this area and the ditches seem to be overgrown with brambles and scrub and filled with rubbish of all sorts.
3. DS reported that Tigh Phuirt residents were meeting with the Community Safety Officer to see if a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme could be established.
4. JH to contact BEAR about the state of the cycle path Tigh Phuirt side of Ballachulish.

Date & Time of next meeting :

Tuesday 4th March at 7.30pm St Mary's Church Hall

