

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Minute of Council Meeting held on 20th May 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
Jonny Henshall - JH
Iain McTaggart - IM

Also Present

Martin Faulkner - Scottish Natural Heritage
Rosalind MacDonald - Glencoe Heritage Trust
George Grant - Glencoe Heritage Trust
Paulette Weir - Glencoe Heritage Trust
Vicky Sutherland - Glencoe & Loch Leven Marketing Group
Russell McMorran - Police Scotland
Iain MacLennan - Police Scotland

Apologies

Thomas Janzen - TJ

Invited Guest

Martin Faulkner outlined how Integrated Management for the National Scenic Areas of Ben Nevis & Glencoe could work and the benefits it could bring.

Questions were asked by councillors and representatives of the groups present.

AS asked Martin to send a summary of the proposal.

No decision or discussion took place after Martin had left the meeting.

Open Forum

Russell McMorran - Police Scotland reported that burglaries in the area had died down. The Community Safety Officer had been replaced by an officer in Badenoch. It was also said that there had been a problem regarding people phoning the Mountain Rescue Team for assistance. Calls could go directly to the police or to the rescue team, this is being looked into. It was felt by the council that it was important and useful that walkers used forms giving their whereabouts. Russell said he would obtain and distribute forms.

Minute of previous meeting 4th March 2014

Proposed by AS and seconded by SM

Matters arising from minute

1. Dog fouling is still a problem in the village
2. JH reported that the mud on the Cycle track between Glencoe and Ballachulish had been cleared up, but the problem had not been solved.

Finance

The Treasurer reported that £855.64 was in the council account.

Planning

Nothing new.

Correspondence

1. NHS Highland - Violence Against Women Partnership. Have asked the council to display a Rape Crisis Scotland Poster. DS to action
2. A letter from Bill Strachan Chair of the Patient Participation Group, Ballachulish Medical Centre asking if the council would consider having a representative on the group.
3. Highland Council informing the council about the 20mph speed order for the village. DS to reply confirming our support for the traffic order.
4. Highland Council information about dates for road surface dressing on the Old Glencoe Road.

Community Company

The path alongside the Old Glencoe Road was officially opened by Dr Jim Hunter on Saturday 17th May. The opening was well attended.

A82 Drains & Ditches

DS reported that he had emailed again requesting information on the maintenance of the ditches.

Boat Shed at Lochan

A proposal from Forestry Commission to revamp the old boat shed was welcomed by the councillors.

Police Scotland

Andre Baxter Highland Council Member has asked the council to comment on the participation of the police in community matters. Russell McMorran from police Scotland attends council meetings on a regular basis. On balance the council feel there has been an improvement in communication. AS to reply.

AOCB

1. Ballachulish Village Hall are holding a 2 day event on 31st July and 1st August to commemorate the 100 years since the First World War. Local servicemen who served in the war will be remembered. Anybody with any memorabilia, photographs or press cuttings that could be displayed should contact Joe Watt on 07766562600. DS will make a poster if one is not available.
2. The council will ask Alister Jack to carry out grass cutting and weed killing at the bottom of the village.
3. The council would like to thank the Clachaig staff and others for organising a litter pick along the Old Glencoe Road.

Date & time of next meeting

Tuesday 1st July in St Mary's Church Hall at 7.30pm.