

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Minute of Council Meeting held on 26th August 2014 at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall.

Councillors Present

Alister Sutherland - Chair - AS
Gwen McTaggart - Secretary - GM
David Smith - Treasurer - DS
Thomas Janzen - TJ

Others Present

Andrew Baxter - Highland Council Member
Scott McCombie - Lochaber Environmental Group
Lewis Fife - Lochaber Environmental Group
Vince Fisher - Glencoe Resident

Apologies

Simon Meldrum - Councillor
Jonny Henshall - Councillor
Iain McTaggart - Councillor

Minute of previous meeting 1st July 2014

Proposed as a true record by TJ and seconded by GM

Matters arising from Minute

1. GM had contacted The Forestry Commission accepting their offer to meet and discuss their plans for the Lochan Shelter. They had not replied yet.
2. Damaged picnic benches had not been removed. TJ to action.

Finances

DS reported that the Highland Council Grant had been received and the money in the account was £1,602.00.

The Council made a donation of a raffle prize for the Glencoe Flower Show of £14.72.

Planning

AS will write to the Planning Department and lodge the Council's concerns with the planning application submitted by Mr Mike Hall. Concerns are; 1. Outwith the Local Plan, 2. Increased traffic danger on the A82, 3. More congestion in Glencoe Village.

Compost Site

The guests from LEG briefed the Council as to why the Glencoe Compost Site is closing.

The Highland Council had withdrawn funding for compost sites because they did not meet European Standards. The funding was used to pay the wages of a compost site worker.

The site could continue to operate if funding could be found or it was run by volunteers.

The Council thought that every possibility should be explored to keep this important community asset open. The local resident present said it was not only used by Glencoe people but also served a

wider community and he suggested that a public meeting should be held to discuss the options for keeping it open.

The meeting is to be held on Friday 12th September at 7pm in St Mary's Church Hall.

TJ will design a poster and these will be displayed in the surrounding areas.

AS thanked the representatives from LEG for attending.

Community Company

1. The Company have a meeting with Glencoe Heritage Trust to discuss the unused Scottish Water facility.

2. DS and Project Manager (Claire Thomson) walked the path today to note any snagging that needed to be carried out by Fion Construction.

3. TJ asked if some form of traffic calming could be introduced on the Old Glencoe Road to deter motorists from speeding, the perception is that since the path has been constructed the speed of vehicles has risen. It was also pointed out that there are no warning signs for motorists to be aware of pedestrians crossing or walking on the road. The path crosses the road in two places and at two other locations pedestrians have to be on the road.

Highland Council Member Andrew Baxter said he would take our concerns forward.

4. The Community Company AGM is to be held on Wednesday 3rd September at 7.30 in Glencoe Village Hall.

Drains/Culverts A82 & Dropped Kerbs

1. DS & Donald Young met with Duncan Crilley from BEAR to discuss the state of the Drains/Ditches both sides of the A82 east of the Claymore Filling Station. DS to contact BEAR for an update.

2. DS had been in contact with the Roads Department expressing the concern of the councillors and residents that a lot of money had been spent on the dropped kerbs but had not achieved the desired effect of improvement for the disabled and pushchair users. Andrew Baxter said he would convey our concerns to the Roads Department.

Glen Etive

A meeting was held on the 23rd July to discuss the residents' concerns about the mess and anti social behaviour of people camping in the Glen. Andrew Baxter reported that the meeting was attended by residents from Glen Etive, the NTS, Highland Council and Police Scotland. HC and the Police were very supportive of the complaints made by the residents. A programme of action was drawn up and will be put in place if feasible.

20mph Village Speed Limit

Still to be approved by HC. Andrew Baxter will inform us on its progress.

AOCB

1. AS attended the transport forum. It was reported that a consultant had been hired to look at planning a cycle route from the Ballachulish Bridge to the Corran Ferry.

2. The council would like to express their thanks to Marion Moir for the hard work she does on the flower beds and tubs in the village.

Date & time of next meeting

28th October 2014 at 7.30 in St Mary's Church Hall.