

Glencoe and Glen Etive Community Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 9th December 2014
in St. Mary's Church Hall, 7-30pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

AS	Alister Sutherland (chair)	DS	Dave Smith (treasurer)
GMT	Gwen McTaggart (secretary)	SM	Simon Meldrum
IMT	Ian McTaggart	JH	Jonny Henshall

APOLOGIES FROM

TJ	Thomas Janzen
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INVITED GUESTS

Russell McMorran - Police Scotland

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of meeting 28th October 2014 – proposed GMT, seconded SM.

Matters Arising

DS reported that additional signs for the 20mph were still ongoing.

Finance

The treasurer reported that the bank balance stood at £1,097.05.
New Christmas tree lights and 1 new lamppost light had been purchased.

Planning

No issues raised.

INVITED GUESTS

Russell McMorran - Police Scotland. Russell brought to the council meeting " Going to The Hills" forms. DS will distribute to accommodation providers in the area. It was reported that burglaries and thefts in the area had fallen. DS asked if the police could have a word with the residents who continually park their vehicles on the pavement at Lorn Drive. GMT mentioned that parking in the village street is getting worse this was due to number of vehicles per household. Although vehicles are parked legally they do present problems to people trying to enter or exit their drives.

ASLCC

The meeting of the association took place on the 25th November 2014.
Minutes have been circulated to councillors. The items discussed were:

1. Royal Bank of Scotland closure in Kinlochleven - AS to write a robust letter of objection.
2. Compost Site - Still ongoing, individual community councils will discuss with their members.
3. National Scenic Area - AS said the consultation was still in progress and he would be attending a meeting in the Onich Hotel on the 5th December.
4. A82 Tarbet to Inverarnan road widening consultation, all members welcomed this.
5. Pharmacy services at Ballachulish Medical Practice. Ballachulish Community Council Chair Kevin Smith said NHS had fallen short in not covering holidays taken by pharmacy staff at the surgery.
6. Change of Office Bearers - Kinlochleven or Duror & Kentallen will be asked to take over.

7. Next meeting 17th February 2015 at 7pm.

National Scenic Area (Nevis & Glencoe)

AS attended meeting in the Onich Hotel on the 5th December. Kinlochleven still fear that a National park will be the final outcome of this project and Ballachulish CC still have reservations. Another meeting to be arranged.

Compost Site.

Item covered in agenda under ASLCC.

An-Torr tree felling

Still awaiting to hear.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A letter from the Community Housing Scheme asking if the CC wanted to join as member. The CC accepted the invitation.

Community Company

The company were looking into ways of raising money for repairs and maintenance for the Orbital Track. The company having registered an interest in collaborating with an energy firm in the development of a hydro scheme using the Inveriggan Burn. The energy firm were not successful with their tender. The company are now going to contact the Forestry Commission to find out where the community stand now on this project.

Kinlochleven CC had said that Community Benefit from Hydro Schemes may end up in Fort William and not the local community. AS to contact Andrew Baxter to find out if this is true.

A82 Culverts/Drains & Village Kerbs

A82 culverts and drains have been cleared. Ditches have been cleared out as far as the NTS on the south side of the A82. We are trying to ascertain if the same will happen on the north side of the A82. Dropped kerbs in village street, Andrew Baxter has taken this up on our behalf with HC Roads Department.

Glen Etive.

TJ and DS attended a meeting at the NTS. The action plan has been circulated to the councillors.

AOCB

1. DS attended the Ward Forum Meeting in Caol. The evening was devoted to Ward Matters - from a young person's perspective.
2. AS attended the A82 meeting at the NTS, minutes circulated to councillors.
3. Donation to Senior Citizens of £100 agreed. Proposed by GMT - seconded by DS.
4. It was agreed to pay the Piper at the Remembrance Day Service a sum of £25.
5. GM had received an acknowledgement letter for the discretionary funding form sent to HC.
6. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Xmas lights and tree in the village.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT CC MEETING

Tuesday 3rd February in St Mary's Church Hall at 7.30pm.