

Glencoe and Glen Etive Community Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 4th February 2015
in St. Mary's Church Hall, 7-30pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

AS	Alister Sutherland (chair)	DS	Dave Smith (treasurer)
GMT	Gwen McTaggart (secretary)		
IMT	Ian McTaggart		

APOLOGIES FROM

TJ	Thomas Janzen
SM	Simon Meldrum

INVITED GUESTS

MB	Martin Blair - Police Scotland
	Jeanette Johnstone

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of meeting 9th December 2014 – proposed GMT, seconded IMT

Matters Arising

Covered in Agenda

Finance

The treasurer reported that the bank balance stood at £947.19

Planning

No issues raised.

Open Forum

Jeanette Johnstone asked for help with collecting money from the residents of Glencoe. The collection takes place at the end of October/early November.

The money collected pays for the wreath which is laid annually at the War Memorial during the remembrance day service. The extra money collected is sent to the Erskine Hospital, this year a cheque for £438 was donated. A letter of thanks from Erskine Hospital will be displayed on the notice board.

The council thought we could ask businesses to donate. Jeanette said she would ask Erskine Hospital if they had a standard letter of appeal that could be sent to businesses.

Snow Clearing (Ski Centre)

The council were concerned at what happened at Glencoe Ski Centre recently. Because the road to the centre was not cleared of snow by HC, this caused cars to park on the A82 which resulted in considerable danger to other road users.

Also the council were not happy about the proposed cuts in gritting of roads where buses take children to school. The road network under HC control has been poorly served this year resulting in school closures. This causes disruption to the schools and parents. AS to invite Andrew Baxter HC Member to attend the next CC meeting to discuss these issues.

20 Mph Limit

DS reported that more 20mph signs would be available in the next financial year. DS to ask about Flashing speed indicator signs for the village. Martin Blair - Police Scotland informed the council that a person had been warned about speeding through the village. The council asked if the top of the village at the Bridge of Coe could be monitored for speeding. MB was also asked if he could speak to the owner of the car which is constantly parked on the pavement at Lorn Drive.

ASLCC

The recent meeting discussed the imminent closure of the RBS Branch at Kinlochleven. AS reported that the bank had not consulted the public. People would now have to travel to Ballachulish or Fort William for their banking needs as the local Post Office cannot carry out all the services that the bank provided. The community councils agreed support for the National Scenic Area with the proviso that each CC had 2 representatives on the committee.

The loss of mobile phone signal for a week was criticised strongly by all councils as it caused many problems.

Nominations for the National Scenic Area (Nevis & Glencoe)

To be discussed at the next full council meeting.

The NSA are holding a presentation meeting at Kinlochleven on the 24th February.

An-Torr tree felling

Still awaiting to hear.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Email correspondence.

1. Ward Meeting - West Highlands & Islands Development Plan - Councillors felt that there was a need for low cost housing and maybe the FC land along the Old Glencoe Road would be suitable. AS or DS to attend meeting on the 9th February.

Community Company

The company are in email contact with the developer who was awarded the contract by FC to build a hydro plant at the Allt Fhiodan burn. The company hope to meet with the developer to discuss how the community of Glencoe could benefit financially from such a scheme.

Hydro Scheme

No more information on the development of the old Scottish Water site.

AOCB

1. IMT will contact HC about the dangerous state of the pavement in Glencoe Village.
2. A82 Tarbet to Inverarnan road widening, councillors agreed that the road should be as wide as possible, bends should be taken out where possible and building out over the loch should be avoided.

Date & time of next meeting

Wednesday 1st April in St Mary's Church Hall at 7.30pm

