

# Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 7-30pm held in St Mary's Church Hall

### Councillors Present

Gwen MacTaggart (Secretary)
Ian MacTaggart
David Smith (Treasurer, Acting Chair)
Thomas Janzen
Simon Meldrum

### Glencoe Residents Present

Donald Stewart
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### Apologies

Alister Sutherland (Chair)
Jonny Henshall

### Approval of Previous Minutes

Proposed IMT, Seconded TJ.

### Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

None.

### Finance

£300 has been donated to the Community Company towards audit costs relating to the construction of the Orbital Track and insurance.

The treasurer reported that the bank balance stood at £2,962.17.

### Planning

Nothing to report.

### Invited Guests

None.

### Compost Site

Nigel Womble no longer has time to continue at the site. Alister Jack and Andrew Charge will keep an eye on the site for the time being. Posters will be displayed requesting money from site users towards upkeep. It is hoped that users will feel donating to keep the site operational is worthwhile when set against the cost of driving their garden waste to Fort William.

### 20 mph Limit

TJ has identified funding for flashing speed indicator lights and has liaised with Marilyn MacDonald regarding the best location for the school. Propose lamppost by village hall westbound and lamppost opposite ambulance station eastbound. SM will prepare a diagram for Alan Bryce. The primary

school is expecting a large intake of pupils in the new school year and we hope to have the lights installed before the year commences.

### **Open Forum**

Donald Stewart raised the death of Charles Kennedy, announced yesterday. The CC wished to minute their sadness at his passing after 32 years of service and to extend their condolences to his family.

### **ASLCC**

GMT and AS attended Kinlochleven CC on May 18<sup>th</sup> and a Ben Nevis & Glen Coe National Scenic Area steering committee was appointed. The committee is to meet again on June 15<sup>th</sup> in Ballachulish village hall.

### **Discretionary Fund**

We have purchased 2 replacement picnic benches from Fusion Marine at a cost of £900 which are solidly constructed and expected to have a long useful life. GMT is organizing some new tubs.

### **Correspondence Received**

1. An email from a visitor to the area commenting on fly-tipping from a layby on the Kinlochleven Road. The CC will raise with Highland Council (Iain Cameron).

### **Community Company**

The Community Company thanked the CC for the donation minuted above.

David Smith has set up a meeting with representatives of Ballachulish & Nether Lochaber community companies to discuss their experiences with community hydro schemes.

Donald Stewart relayed a conversation with Malcolm Crosby of Forestry Commission Scotland in Edinburgh regarding the Inveriggan (Allt Fhiodhan) Hydro Scheme. The contract has gone to MNVl, a collaboration between Callander-based MNV and vento ludens, a German renewables developer with offices in Edinburgh. The application is for a 150kW scheme, and the community would be in line for a payment of £750 per annum. Based on the [current feed-in tariff of 12.67p/kWh](#) and a [load factor assumption of 35%](#), the gross annual revenue would be approximately £58,000.

### **Broadband**

“Next Generation Broadband” has now gone live in Ballachulish. The Ballachulish exchange serves Glencoe, but the Glencoe cabinet has not yet been upgraded. We enquired with Nick Scroggie of Highlands and Islands Enterprise and received a prompt and helpful response. Regarding Glencoe specifically, he wrote:

*With Glencoe village the initial modelling from BT hasn't produced as good coverage as we would have expected so it is currently back with BT planning while they look at it again. This will mean a delay on delivery of the Glencoe cabinet but should produce a much better result for the wider community in the longer term. I would expect work to commence on this cabinet this year, once the planning and survey work has been complete, and certainly before the end of this first phase of our project which ends in 2016.*

### **AOCB**

Invite Forestry Commission Scotland representative to next meeting to discuss benches around the Lochan and the removal of the picnic table. Also signage on FCS land indicating core paths near the Lochan.

Donald Stewart mentioned that the bins in the car park were overflowing and asked if more could be provided. David Smith believed this had been raised with Highland Council before and they were not agreeable.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm