

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 19th January 2016, 7-30pm held in St Mary's Church Hall

Councillors Present

Alister Sutherland (Chair)
Gwen MacTaggart (Secretary)
Simon Meldrum
Victoria Sutherland
Natasha Cattanach (co-opted at this meeting)
Ian William MacTaggart (co-opted at this meeting)

Invited Guests

PC Martin Blair

Apologies

Ganes Dunlop (Treasurer)

Co-options

The CC welcomed two new councillors:

Natasha Cattanach (proposed VS, seconded SM)
Ian William MacTaggart (proposed AS, seconded SM)

Approval of Previous Minutes

Proposed VS, seconded GMT.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

None.

Finance

The bank balance stands at £1,097.59.

Planning

- 22A Carnoch 'Erection of a small outbuilding to display, store and sell artwork' ([LINK](#))
- Kingshouse Redevelopment ([LINK](#))

No objections.

Glencoe Trademark

The CC has written in support of the NTS application. Awaiting decision from the IPO. [The trademark was approved on January 22nd ([LINK](#)).]

Broadband

Awaiting cabinet installation.

New and Forthcoming Legislation

AS drew our attention to the [Land Reform Bill](#) and the [Community Empowerment Act](#), and spoke briefly about the [Highland Third Sector Interface](#).

20 mph Speed Awareness Lights

Ongoing.

National Scenic Area

AS said that there had been some discussion of a report prepared by consultants to SNH on the views from the A82 being obscured by roadside trees. The report dated from 2005, however, and nothing had been done.

Next meeting 1st February.

Meetings Attended by Councillors

None.

Correspondence Received

Letter from Kath Small: Second right turn into Glencoe village from A82 often missed. Can signage be improved? IMT will make enquires with Iain Bruce-Low. **Action IMT.**

Community Company

Hydro – MNVl's plans have been adversely affected by revisions to the feed-in tariffs. AS will enquire with MNVl about the possibility of them relinquishing their option if they don't intend to proceed. **Action AS.**

Orbital Path – After a very wet 2015, the path has been washed away down to plastic matting base material near where the horses are kept. IMT will take a look. **Action IMT.**

AS is looking into the viability of tidal power generation on the loch bed, perhaps near Caolasnacon.

The company is calling a meeting to elect a chair.

Highland-wide Local Development Plan

The deadline for submission is January 29th.

The items the CC wished to raise were:

- The possibility of using the Forestry Commission Scotland land on the old road for affordable housing, to which FCS had indicated they may be amenable.
- Possible sites for a new village hall, either by the Primary School or using the FCS land.
- Adjusting the boundaries of the safeguarded open space near Strathnaver.

Action AS.

AOCB

Post Office – There is concern that the current operators of Glencoe Post Office may not be intending to continue. VS reports that she has found no desk or staff present during the advertised hours. She has spoken to Andrew Baxter and will also contact David Duff at Post Office Ltd. **Action VS.**

Water Supply – A resident complained that water quality has deteriorated since the supply was switched to Fort William, and that scaling is damaging boilers, etc. Could the CC raise with ASLCC?

Christmas Lights – Thanks to IMT, GMT and Jonny Henshall for putting up the Christmas tree and lights. Thanks to AS for donating the tree.

Christmas Lights #2 – The Christmas lights need replacement/electrical attention. VS is to produce a fundraising flyer. **Action VS.**

RBS – A mobile bank service is to be introduced on February 5th, after the closure of the Ballachulish branch. There was some surprise that the Glencoe stop was at Invercoe. GMT will see if it is possible to organize a more central location. **Action GMT.**

Village Enhancement Discretionary Fund – The CC felt that the money from the last award was put to good use and proposes applying again this year. **Action GMT.**

Date and Time of Next Meeting

7-30pm on Wednesday 2nd March.