

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 2nd March 2016, 7-30pm held in St Mary's Church Hall

Councillors Present

Alister Sutherland (Chair)
Ganes Dunlop (Treasurer)
Gwen McTaggart (Secretary)
Ian William McTaggart
Natasha Cattanach
Victoria Sutherland
Simon Meldrum

Invited Guests

None.

Apologies

None.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Proposed VS, seconded IMT.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

RBS Mobile Bank – Concerns about Invercoe location. Steps may be difficult for elderly/disabled. Nowhere to wait in the rain. GMT spoke to one of the branch managers about the location. AS will write to Paul Dykes at RBS. [Action AS.](#)

Signage for turn-off from A82 to village – IMT spoke to Highland Council regarding Kath Small's letter. No money at present. IMT will phone again in May. [Action IMT.](#)

Christmas Lights – VS will take two of the failed lights to see if they can be repaired. GMT spoke to Robbie Milne, who could organize some further Christmas lights near the carpark and had some helpful suggestions regarding lights that may be more suitable for the area. [Action VS/GMT.](#)

Finance

The bank balance stands at £1,082.59.

Planning

- 4 dwellings to serve the Kingshouse Hotel ([LINK](#))
- Installation of 1 x DSLAM cabinet measuring 1600mm x 450mm x 1200mm ([LINK](#))

No objections.

Iain Boyle's application ([LINK](#)) has been approved.

Invited Guests

None.

Broadband

BT Openreach has submitted a planning application for a fibre cabinet. This should provide very good speeds for those within 1.5 km of the cabinet.

For those further from the cabinet, VS has previously spoken to [Locheilnet](#) about the possibility of using the TV retransmission mast for broadband. Guy Daynes is taking this forward. Locheilnet's expansion to a mast in Onich is already funded (target date midsummer). The Onich mast should be suitable for sending to the TV retransmission mast (or more likely, a new mast on that site), which is well-placed to cover the 'left out' properties. Locheilnet are intending to do a local survey in the next couple of weeks.

Glencoe Trademark

AS attended a meeting with Scott McCombie and Steven Small of the NTS, Councillor Bren Gormley, and Kevin Smith of Ballachulish CC.

AS noted that the St Kilda trademark is shared between the NTS and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and questioned whether a similar arrangement could be employed, but the NTS did not envisage this for the Glencoe trademark.

The NTS are drawing up a proposal. The CC would like to see (a) a Community Benefit Payment instituted so that the Glencoe community can share in the benefits to the NTS of the Glencoe trademark; (b) that any management group set up for the trademark is not so broad that the voice of the community is drowned out by other interests.

Defibrillator

GD attended a meeting with Alan Knox, Area Service Manager, Scottish Ambulance Service. The intention is to establish publicly-accessible defibrillators in Ballachulish, Onich and Glencoe (outside the ambulance station). The cost for each defibrillator is approximately £1,000, of which £600 would be covered by a British Heart Foundation grant. The favoured installation would be a cabinet that unlocks with a 4-digit code supplied by the 999 operator. NC or GD will attend the Patient Participation Group on March 16th to discuss further. **Action NC/GD.**

20 mph Speed Awareness Lights

Ongoing.

National Scenic Area

Meeting cancelled due to adverse weather.

Meetings Attended by Councillors

AS and VS attended a consultation in Glencoe on the 'Lochaber Community Development Plan' organized by Helen MacGillivray of Voluntary Action Lochaber. Further information is available on the Highland Council website ([LINK](#)).

AS attended a meeting on the Belford Hospital replacement. NHS Highland is currently talking of a possible start in 2019/20. Next meeting 27th May.

Correspondence Received

Ballachulish Medical Practice re: Patient Participation Group

Community Company

Still awaiting the election of a chair.

IMT will look at the damaged sections of the path. **Action IMT.**

Highland-wide Local Development Plan

AS/VS made a submission. It should be noted that the request at this stage was for comments on the overarching master plan, not on the local detail.

AOCB

GD had an enquiry about whether Highland Council was organizing additional parking outside Duror Cemetery. GD will email Jonathan Baxter. **Action GD.**

CC donation of £100 to senior citizens.

NC suggested asking if P6 and P7 would like to be involved in planting the tubs. **Action NC.**

There was a discussion about how to increase engagement with the CC. A Facebook page was suggested, but at the present time no one is keen to moderate a Facebook page. Currently the [CC website](#) is the forum for dissemination of minutes and for electronic contact.

Village Hall – Is a new hall realistic (Is there someone to drive this forward? Is funding available?) or should we instead be looking to make repairs to the existing hall? The state of the roof, particularly, means a decision is required increasingly urgently. **Action VS/SM.**

Date and Time of Next Meeting

7-30pm on Wednesday 20th April.