

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 31st May 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 Dickson
Victoria Sutherland
Simon Meldrum

Also Present

Andrew Baxter, Highland Council
Rev Sandy Stoddart
Jane Young

Apologies

None.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Proposed GD, seconded IMT.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Christmas Lights – With VS, progressing. [Action VS/GMT.](#)

Signage for turn-off from A82 to village – IMT has spoken again to Highland Council and is waiting to hear back.

Damaged section of Orbital Path – VS spoke to Paths for All about funding and will pursue on behalf of Community Company. [Action Community Company.](#)

RBS Mobile Bank – A resident has been in contact with Paul Dykes at RBS and informs the CC that the location will be switching from Invercoe to Glencoe Village on Fridays starting mid-June, subject to security checks.

Duror cemetery parking – Ongoing. [Action GD.](#)

Planting the tubs – Planting has commenced, with the involvement of Glencoe Primary School.

Village Hall – A decision on whether to repair or rebuild is needed urgently. Funds awarded by Highland Council towards repair will need to be returned if not spent by 1st September. It would be unfortunate to return this award and then establish that funding for a new Hall is not available. It was suggested that a further report to assess the roof and harling be obtained.

SM asked how the potential consolidation of area primary schools affects the idea of siting a new Hall next to Glencoe Primary School, but Cllr Baxter felt such a consolidation was very distant. **Action Village Hall Committee.**

Defibrillator – GD has attended a further meeting. The cost of the defibrillator is £1,000. £600 is covered by a British Heart Foundation grant, for which GD has submitted an application, and Guy Daynes has indicated the Clachaig may be able to make up the remainder. Additional to this, there is a £400 cost for the defibrillator cabinet. The surgery will put up £250, leaving £150 which the CC agreed to meet should alternative sources of funding prove unavailable. Wiring & installation costs will be met by the Ambulance Station.

Finance

The bank balance as of 1st May stands at £825.71.

Planning

- Extensions to Hill View ([LINK](#))

No objections.

The unauthorised development south of the A82 opposite the former bistro remains. The matter is with Highland Council.

Open Forum

Jane Young raised the issue of overgrown trees around the Strathcona Cottages parking and paths, contributing to blocked drains. Cllr Baxter offered to look into this.

Glencoe Trademark

The CC discussed the proposal from the NTS.

The NTS had previously made it clear that existing users of the Glencoe name would not be impacted (see October 2015 CC minutes ([LINK](#)); Cllr Baxter had also recorded this in the notes of his meeting with the NTS solicitor), and the CC supported the trademark application on that basis. AS and VS queried whether the wording of the agreement deviated from that position. To be confirmed.

The NTS proposes to consult the following CCs regarding management of the trademark: (1) Glencoe & Glen Etive, (2) Ballachulish, (3) Kinlochleven, (4) Nether Lochaber, (5) Duror and Kentallen. It was remarked that were contentious issues to arise, any cheapening or abuse of the Glencoe name would be felt most sharply by the residents of Glencoe village and the glen ('Glen Coe'), and they would justifiably resent their objections being dismissed by those without such a direct stake.

20 mph Speed Awareness Lights

ND has got the information from Thomas Janzen and emailed Allan Bryce at Highland Council. Waiting for reply. Cllr Baxter offered to chase up if necessary.

Compost Site

There was a poor response to last year's call for payments to maintain the site and consequently it is not currently being maintained. Natasha will contact LEG about cleaning up the site. **Action ND.**

National Scenic Area

GMT attended. Discussion of new name and roadside tree cutting. Applying to Highland Leader for funding for Project Manager.

Meetings Attended by Councillors

GD – Patient Participation Group regarding defibrillators.

AS – Glen Etive meeting. Highland Council have installed bins. So far this year, littering and anti-social behaviour has been less of a problem. If the problem re-emerges, HC may consider applying for drinking byelaws.

Correspondence Received

Nothing.

Community Company

Officers now: VS Chair, AS Secretary. Broadband discussed at last meeting, path to discuss.

Local Plan

The CC organized a village meeting, attended by Tim Stott of Highland Council. There was an excellent turnout and a positive discussion resulted. AS drafting CC submission based on input to meeting.

AOCB

GD raised Core Paths. AS has spoken to Stewart Easthaugh who has confirmed that Core Paths will not be changed without CC consultation.

AS noted an article in Lochaber Life on the Brecklet Forest Management Plan. This forest area extends down the Glencoe side of the hill up to the A82. Iain MacEchern of Forestry Commission Scotland had briefed the CC on the plan at our September 2015 meeting. The plan is available on the web ([LINK](#)).

IMT raised the use by construction traffic of the Bridge of Coe, a listed building dating from 1785, and questioned whether a weight restriction should be in place.

The date & time of the Glencoe Primary School Summer BBQ is 24th June at 5-30pm.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

7-30pm on Tuesday 26th July.