

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 23rd August 2016, 7-30pm held in St Mary's Church Hall

Councillors Present

Ganes Dunlop (Treasurer)
Gwen McTaggart (Secretary)
Ian William McTaggart
Natasha Dickson
Simon Meldrum (Chairing)

Apologies

Alister Sutherland (Chair)
Victoria Sutherland

Approval of Previous Minutes

Proposed GMT, seconded ND.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Bridge of Coe – The CC will email Mark Smith reiterating their request for a weight restriction. **Action SM.**

Invercoe Bridge Flooding – IMT did not see a problem in recent poor weather. Will monitor, as will GD.

Village Hall – GMT mentioned that she had spoken to locals willing to help with the Hall (grant application, form filling, beautifying, etc.). The Hall Committee should endeavour to follow up.

Finance

The bank balance stands at £2,287.91.

Planning

- Expansion of Lochan Car Park ([LINK](#))

The CC supports this application. Will write to Highland Council to indicate support and to request heavy traffic routed around Bridge of Coe.

Open Forum

None.

Compost Site

GD, GMT & ND have obtained quotes for clearing bays, removing concrete blocks, cutting hedges, and returning to open ground. Preparing funding application. Compost site tools in shed to be sold.

Broadband

Nothing to report.

Glencoe Trademark

Nothing to report.

Defibrillator

The box and batteries are proving more expensive than had been initially indicated. The British Heart Foundation grant cycle is currently closed until April 2017; this will push the project dates back, but does allow further time for fundraising. Donations to the collection boxes have been healthy. The CC particularly wishes to thank Fraser Watson and his band, who raised £200 towards the defibrillator.

Meetings Attended by Councillors

Patient Participation Group – Subject of surgery opening hours, e.g. Friday 4pm closure, was raised. NHS only pays for certain opening hours based on practice coverage, size of list, etc., though doctors are working until 6pm. No budget for longer hours. No complaints had been received by the PPG regarding opening hours.

20 mph Speed Awareness Lights

Cllr Baxter emailed Allan Bryce. Mr Bryce explained that HC had “had to significantly alter our programme of delivery to the limitations of our reduced budget.” Hoped that budget could be found later in this financial year or very early in the next. Offered to install the two signs individually as funding became available to expedite progress, commencing with the sign at the bottom of Lorn Drive.

Correspondence Received

1. Lochaber Housing Association – Notice of AGM, Copies of Summer 2016 Newsletter
2. Black Mount Deer Management Group – Notification of new Deer Management Plan, invitation to view and comment: <http://blackmountdmg.deer-management.co.uk/>
3. Patient Participation Group – Summer 2016 Newsletter

Community Company

VS and AS absent. Nothing to report.

Poppy Appeal

ND will speak to Jeanette Johnstone to see how the CC can assist. **Action ND.**

AOCB

Bus Shelters (Kinlochleven Road) – Not enough capacity and exposed to prevailing wind. Schoolchildren wet/cold waiting for bus. One shelter vandalized. Two new bus shelters to be installed. Thanks to Kathleen Grant, landowner on the shore side, for her permission, and to Cllr Baxter for his involvement.

Minutes – Question from a resident about the minutes. The minutes will be displayed, once approved, on the Village Hall and Car Park/Toilets noticeboard, and posted to the website.

IMT raised the worsening traffic situation in Fort William. CC will endeavour to speak to Cllr MacLennan regarding how they propose to address. **Action IMT.**

Glencoe Phone Box – Box displays a notice of impending removal due to lack of usage, but one resident complained to the CC that they had been unable to obtain a dial tone in recent months. Mobile phone signal is variable in the village. Box is a popular photo subject with tourists – a classic red telephone box with the Glencoe mountains behind. CC will make representations. **Action SM.**

Post Office – Glencoe Post Office displays a notice, “Closed until further notice due to technical issues.” IMT will enquire. **Action IMT.**

Grass Cutting – The regular cutter is backlogged due to wet weather. GMT is chasing up. **Action GMT.**

Date and Time of Next Meeting

7-30pm on Wednesday 28th September.