

# Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 7-30pm held in St Mary's Church Hall

### Councillors Present

Alister Sutherland (Chair)
Gwen McTaggart (Secretary)
Ian William McTaggart
Victoria Sutherland
Simon Meldrum

### Also Present

Rev Sandy Stoddart
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### Apologies

Ganes Dunlop (Treasurer)
Natasha Dickson

### Approval of Previous Minutes

Proposed IMT, seconded GMT.

### Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Lochan Carpark Extension – IMT contacted Forestry Commission Scotland. They will update him when the contract is awarded. They agreed not to take laden lorries over the Bridge of Coe.

Belford New Build – Rev Stoddart had attended the 18<sup>th</sup> November Steering Group meeting and updated the CC. The process is restarting from square one, apparently as a result of Scottish Government changes.

Abbeyfield – AS had invited Trustee David Thomson to the CC meeting, but he was unable to attend. AS wrote to John McLaren, Chairman of Abbeyfield Ballachulish, on 29<sup>th</sup> July, but has not received a reply.

Remembrance Day Service, 13<sup>th</sup> November – The CC thanks all involved for an excellent service. Thanks especially to Rev Stoddart for presiding and Jeanette Johnstone for ordering the wreath. The poppy appeal raised £370.

### Finance

The bank balance as at 13<sup>th</sup> December was £3,880.15, of which £1,700 is a discretionary award from Highland Council towards clearing the compost site.

### Planning

- 24A Carnoch – Erection of extension ([LINK](#))
- Ski Centre – Amendment to zip line take off, landing and path to allow for manufacturers detailed design ([LINK](#))
- Glen Etive – Telecommunications apparatus, equipment cabinets & ancillary equipment ([LINK](#))

No objections.

Regarding the sewerage constraints, AS presented a petition which the CC endorsed and will be sending to Ballachulish and Nether Lochaber CCs in the hope of securing their support. **Action AS.**

### **Meetings Attended by Councillors**

None.

### **Correspondence Received**

None.

### **Community Company**

Broadband – At a meeting at the Clachaig, AS raised the subject of using the mast at Tòrr a' Chearcail, noting the access advantages and coverage of Loch Leven side, without response. VS had secured an agreement in principle to rent space on the mast from Police Scotland for £200/month. Locheilnet have now taken charge of the Glencoe project and will instead be pursuing a mast above the Clachaig.

Orbital Route – AS mailed Scott McCombie for an update, as one had been promised for November. Scott was still waiting to hear from the Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP). The CC understands that the NTS's commitment to the Orbital Route dates back 10 years. The lack of progress is disappointing. Rev Stoddart noted there was a safety issue for walkers trying to complete the Orbital Route as stands.

Maintenance of the existing section of the Orbital Route was discussed. VS will pursue funding and explore the possibility of engaging Community Service workers. Also investigate completion of formerly apportioned section. **Action VS.**

### **Open Forum**

Rev Stoddart had spoken to Stephen Pennington, Managing Director of Highland Home Carers, who wanted to speak to communities in the area and introduce his organization. The CC agreed with Rev Stoddart that ASLCC would be an appropriate forum.

### **AOCB**

Philip Rankin – The CC was pleased to note the overdue recognition for Philip Rankin in the form of Snowsport Scotland's Lifetime Achievement Award.

20 mph Limit – AS received a complaint about an overzealous resident challenging a driver who was diligently observing the speed limit. Very hard for bystanders to accurately judge speeds. 20 mph flashing lights, once installed, should resolve ambiguity.

Bus Shelters – The CC was pleased to note that the first of the two new bus shelters on the Kinlochleven Road has been installed.

Christmas Lights – Thanks to Taggy, Jamie, Owen, Logan & Jackson, Ian Nicolson and Chris Dickson for putting up the lights and to Mrs Christie for the tree. The CC will be aiming to purchase some more lights for next year.

Village Hall – AS will organize a VH meeting in the new year. **Action AS.**

### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

7-30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.