

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 24th January 2017, 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

Rev Sandy Stoddart
+ 2 residents

Apologies

None.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Proposed VS, seconded IMT.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Lochan Carpark Extension – AS received an email to say work had started.

Belford New Build – It came up at the ASLCC meeting that there had been concern about A82 congestion and ambulance access to the Blar Mhor site. There are still questions about the nature of the facility.

Highland Home Carers – Having heard positive reports about the care provision in Appin, ASLCC would be interested in hearing from the company, as the company MD has offered, at an ASLCC meeting.

Abbeyfield – 6 beds agreed by NHS as condition of Glencoe Hospital closure, of which 2 intermediate care beds contract shortly to expire. CC will write to District Manager and Chief Executive of NHS Highland. **Action AS.**

Bus Shelters – The CC is pleased to note the replacement of the second of the bus shelters on the Kinlochleven road. Residents have asked the CC why no timetables are displayed. The CC contacted Highland Council, but did not receive a response. The CC will find a suitable tool to open the display panel and print timetables off the web. **Action SM.**

Finance

The bank balance was £3,838.57, of which £1,700 is a discretionary award from Highland Council towards clearing the compost site.

Regarding defibrillator fundraising, the Clachaig Inn donated the proceeds of a raffle (£200) to the PPG, and is planning another raffle. The CC would like to note their thanks.

Planning

- Clachaig Inn – Replacement and upgrade of existing sewage treatment plant with outfall as existing ([LINK](#))

No objections.

Numerous press reports on Mountaineering Scotland's opposition to the telecoms masts in Glen Etive proposed by EE (e.g. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-38704345>). Although the CC of course recognizes the need to preserve the character of this special landscape, we are aware of local support for EE's extension of the Emergency Services Network (ESN) and 3G/4G network. A resident of Glen Etive attended the CC meeting to state his support. The CC will draw up a response to the planning application ([LINK](#) to application). **Action SM.** [A few days subsequent to this meeting, when the CC submitted their response, it was learned that EE had withdrawn the mast applications. We are told that EE intend to review siting and resubmit.]

Petition demanding action on sewerage constraints revised after feedback from Ballachulish and Nether Lochaber CCs. The revised petition was endorsed by the CC.

Meetings Attended by Councillors

ASLCC, attended by AS.

Correspondence Received

- Lochaber Housing Association share certificate
- Letter of thanks from Senior Citizens for donation

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Orbital Route – VS is investigating completion of the formerly apportioned section. Regarding erosion, VS is contacting the original engineer, Donaldson Environmental Consultants. VS is in discussions with Paths for All regarding funding and maintenance. It was also noted that Nether Lochaber may be obtaining some path cleaning equipment, which the Community Company may be able to use. (**Action Community Company.**)

Open Forum

At the last meeting of the A82 Partnership, it emerged that a road width of 6m rather than the desired 7.3m is planned for the Inverarnan to Tarbet section. AS has previously made a submission on this point to the consultation.

A resident raised the damaged condition of the stone wall continuing the Bridge of Coe parapet and suggested the CC write to the Highland Council Area Manager. **Action AS.**

AOCB

Compost Site – GD wanted to make a start on the compost site and engage a contractor.

Roadside Tree Clearance – AS suggested it might simplify obtaining permissions if the crofters exercised right to buy in respect of the common grazing land on the loch side past Pier House. It is thought, however, that this is Tighphuirst common grazing land, Tighphuirst being a distinct crofting community from Glencoe (Carnoch), believed to be in abeyance. AS will mention to Carnoch grazings clerk. **Action AS.**

Date and Time of Next Meeting

7-30pm on Tuesday 7th March.