

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 7th March 2017, 7-30pm held in St Mary's Church Hall

Councillors Present

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

Also Present

2 residents

Apologies

Ganes Dunlop (Treasurer)

Approval of Previous Minutes

Proposed ND, seconded VS.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Repairs to Bridge Parapet – Mark Smith confirmed (1st March) that there is now a works instruction in Highland Council's system.

A82 Inverarnan to Tarbet Works – Kevin Smith has drafted a letter on behalf of the ASLCC opposing the proposed 6m road width.

Ben Nevis and Glencoe National Scenic Area Group – We understand that the group is to be wound up.

Tighphuirst Grazings adjacent Loch Leven – AS will contact the owner to express interest in a community purchase. **Action AS.**

Bus Shelters – Timetables have been printed off and displayed. Thanks to Jim Burt for his assistance.

Finance

No update this meeting.

Planning

Nothing to report.

Meetings Attended by Councillors

Fort William New Build Steering Group – Process is restarting. New timeline has the facility operational in 2022.

Correspondence Received

- Variation of Premises Licence for Glencoe House to cover six new guest suites. No objections.

- Dales Surveying Ltd on behalf of EE – New site proposals for Glen Etive masts. AS had previously placed a questionnaire in the village shop to gauge opinion. At the time of writing there were 35 local responses, all indicating support for the ESN/4G network extension.

Community Company

Orbital Route – Orbital Route remains non-orbital, with no progress on NTS leg. VS set out a proposal to rename it a Heritage Trail and seek funding for, e.g., Gaelic signage to places of interest, which the CC endorsed.

Regarding maintenance, VS has had productive contact with Paths for All. Indications that funding for maintenance may be available.

Open Forum

Dog Fouling – A resident complained about dog fouling, particularly around Lorn Drive and Lower Carnoch and up at the Lochan. Notices warning of a fine are clearly displayed in the village, but have failed to deter some dog owners. GMT will contact the Community Warden, who recently emailed the CC asking about dog fouling among other things, and also the Dog Warden. If the situation persists, grass cutting in the village will be discontinued as it is very unpleasant for the strimmer operator. **Action GMT.**

Decrofting Application – The application, published in the Oban Times, to decroft in their entirety crofts 23 and 24a was raised. The CC was concerned about the threat to the character of the village were a precedent to be established for crofts being sold off for housing development. AS will respond. **Action AS.**

AOCB

20 mph Limit – The first sign is at the Carrs Corner depot, awaiting installation.

It is with sadness that the CC offers their condolences to Gwen and Ian on the loss of their mother, Hilda, who will be much missed in the village.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

7-30pm on Tuesday 9th May. Regular meeting will be preceded by AGM at 7-00pm.