

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 20th June 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 GD, seconded VS.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Community Warden – AS wished to understand legal framework under which Community Wardens operate. AS will raise with Highland Council. **Action AS.**

20mph Sign – Highland Council lighting engineer advised that proposed second site near Village Hall may be unsuitable. CC will engage regarding alternative sites.

Achnacon Pool – SEPA was unconcerned. AS exploring private testing.

A82 Summit with Transport Minister – AS submitted to Kevin Smith a paper with a number of points, including stressing the 7.3m width requirement for the Tarbet-Inverarnan improvement. A resident responded with additional concerns: smelter traffic and the need for the Caol Link Road.

Finance

The bank balance stands at £1,366.55. A £100 donation was received from Coe Contracts to buy plants, which has been spent. The village shop donated the compost.

Planning

West Highland and Islands Local Development Plan – CC suggestion for housing along the old road was assessed as “do not allocate”. AS will propose shifting suggested area slightly eastwards and respond to Highland Council objections. CC expressed continuing concern regarding lack of affordable housing, and suitable dwellings being used as holiday lets. The last houses to go up for sale in the village were purchased by a business. **Action AS.**

Meetings Attended by Councillors

None.

Correspondence Received

Elaine Mead, NHS Highland, in response to Kate Forbes, regarding the two intermediate care beds at Abbeyfield purchased by NHS Highland (“we do not intend to withdraw the contract”). A resident felt this was an inadequate response as the original question went wider than the two intermediate care beds, and the response did not address long-term sustainability. The resident proposes to raise at Kate Forbes surgery.

Community Company

“Heritage Trail” – (1) VS continuing to pursue Paths for All funding; also contacted Highland Council regarding grants for Gaelic signage. (2) It appears that the NTS now has funding to complete their section.

Flooding at Tighphuirst

Email from resident. IMT will contact Highland Council regarding clearing drains & obstructions/other remedial action. **Action IMT.**

Glen Etive Access

Complaint about locked gate at Alltchaorunn blocking access to the hills. VS will contact Access Officer. **Action VS.**

AOCB/Open Forum

A resident raised filming in the area, and film crews “taking over”. The resident said there is a need for Highland Council to develop a code of conduct. Felt that if causing disruption, residents should be contacted in advance, and a donation to the Community Council should be made.

Village Hall – Unsatisfactory committee meeting was held June 19th. Scheduling an open meeting is a possible next step. May consider professional fundraiser to pursue grants for rebuild/major refurbishment.

Car parking sign opposite Glencoe Inn down. **Action IMT.**

Car Park Bins – Bins need to be returned to bays and blue bins locked. IMT will contact Highland Council. **Action IMT.**

Date and Time of Next Meeting

7-30pm on Tuesday 8th August.

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