

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 15th January 2019, 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

Invited Guests

Wilma Allan & Louise Duffy (Abbeyfield)
Emily Bryce (NTS)

Also Present

Kevin Smith
Iain Thornber
+ residents

Apologies

None.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Proposed VS, Seconded GD.

Matters Arising

AS to write thanking HC for path repair (carried forward from previous minutes).

Invited Guests

Abbeyfield – As a condition of closing Glencoe Hospital, NHS Highland agreed to fund a number of beds at Abbeyfield. Abbeyfield is a charity (and a significant local employer). Cannot afford to retain beds at rate contracted 10 years ago and is in discussions with NHS Highland. Community anxious that provisions originally agreed remain in place. Kevin Smith has written to Kate Forbes and is awaiting a reply. AS suggested a meeting between Abbeyfield, Kate Forbes, and community representatives.

Emily Bryce, NTS – At the request of AS, updated the CC on bridge works. AS particularly wished to confirm that footpath would not encroach upon 7m highway width.

Finance

The bank balance stands at £1,685.38.

Planning

- Clachaig – Change of use of chalet to staff accommodation.

- Inverrigan Hydro Scheme (Subsequent to Oban Times article, developer wrote to VS about land ownership. They are hoping to reach an amicable agreement with the relevant landowner.)

Some vocal opposition at the meeting to the Inverrigan Hydro Scheme ([LINK](#)). Impact assessments were requested. The developer had submitted an Ecological Assessment and a Landscape and Visual Appraisal with the planning application. A request was made for an Archaeological Assessment.

The CC has been supportive of the application – the Community Company had in past years explored the possibility of developing this site themselves.

VS will write to the developer asking that they give a public presentation in Glencoe to discuss the proposed development and allow local concerns to be heard.

Meetings Attended by Councillors

- AS – Abbeyfield
- VS – Transport Forum (Shiel Buses considering axing Fort William to Kinlochleven late service after only 3 weeks, VS voiced opinion it had not been given time to establish itself.)

(CC meeting subsequently discussed community bus, Abbeyfield mentioned Highland Cross as an effective fundraising scheme.)

Correspondence Received

None.

Community Company

Bo Hickey, Sustrans meeting with VS to walk path and discuss remedial work.

VS had positive talks with HC Access Officer about improved path signage.

VS asked NTS for clarification regarding CC understanding that once circular route is complete, NTS will maintain path in its entirety.

AOCB

Village tidy-up on Saturday.

A request was made that the agenda be made available ahead of CC meetings. This was agreed.

The CC would like to extend their thanks to Christopher Dickson, Ian Boyle and Stevie Chomiak for their hard work putting up and taking down the Christmas lights.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th March 2019

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