

Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 17th April 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
Simon Meldrum

Invited Guests

William Dickins, Dickins Hydro
Emily Bryce (NTS)
Andrew Sutherland

Also Present

residents

Apologies

None.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Proposed VS, Seconded GMT.

Matters Arising

20mph Sign – IMT contacted HC, they said they would fix, will contact again...

Invited Guests

William Dickins, Glen Etive Hydro – Granted permission on all 7 schemes. 3 of 7 (Chorainn, Fhaolain, Charnan) to be constructed this year. Heavy equipment arriving via jetty & forestry road. Drawing up traffic movement plan. Discussing grid upgrade with SSE – current intention is to reuse existing poles (of 240 poles, 90 to be upgraded, 40 to be eliminated) & upgrade cables. Will keep residents informed. William has submitted a Community Benefit Proposal, CC gratefully accepted Alister's suggestion that Andrew Sutherland act for the CC in negotiating terms.

Emily Bryce, NTS – Visitor Centre now open following refurbishment (opening celebration 31st May). Residents of Glencoe & Glen Etive can purchase a Local Supporters Pass (£10/yr) for unlimited access without the regular £4 car parking charge. Easter Egg Trail this weekend!

Finance

The bank balance stood at £1,174.98 at financial year end (31st March). Subsequently £250 donation from Adidas for filming. Two more Christmas lights have been ordered.

Planning

Nothing.

AS expressed disappointment that complaints regarding Glen Etive Hydro were raised with Cllr Baxter rather than CC.

Meetings Attended by Councillors

VS: HC Bus Users Forum – Forum to be disbanded.

VS: New Community Bus Association (meeting in Ballachulish Shinty Pavilion) – Considering purchasing two 7-seater electric vehicles (which don't require a PSV licence to drive). It was suggested that South Lochaber Community SCIO take over existing bus from failed Kinlochleven scheme and get running in interim. (Resident at this juncture raised poor coordination of Citylink Glasgow summer timetable & Shiel Buses Kinlochleven timetable. Separately, VS will write to HC regarding 44 service.)

Correspondence Received

- HC Community Council Scheme 2018-19 – Boundary changes, but not this CC
- Flat Earth Society mailshot on Climate Change

Village Tidy-Up

Next date Saturday 27th April, resident is in discussion with HC regarding waste uplift.

Community Company

AGM – Office bearers were re-elected. Financial situation remains “dire”.

IMT will lend strimmer for Orbital Track.

Open Forum/AOCB

Recording CC meetings – CC obtained advice from HC. HC advised that meetings must not be recorded without the consent of the CC.

Letter from Abbeyfield regarding Harley-Davidson Ride Out, April 20th.

CC received a complaint regarding new Glencoe House “Residents Only” signs. CC will contact Access Officer.

NTS will support CC's efforts to list/recognize historic significance of Bridge of Coe.

CC would like to thank those who assisted in the tidy-up along the old road.

Abbeyfield/NHS Highland – Further meeting next week, indications NHS and Abbeyfield “not a million miles apart”, hopeful that Abbeyfield facilities (beds, nurses) will indeed be retained.

Belford Steering Group Meeting on 9th May.

Resident raised condition of benches at top end of village (CC has replaced benches at bottom end of village). Unclear who owns these benches – CC will enquire.

A resident wished minuted their thanks to the CC for their work.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 21st May at 7-30pm, preceded by AGM at 7-15pm.

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