

# Glencoe & Glen Etive Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019, 7-30pm held in St Mary's Church Hall

### Councillors Present

Alister Sutherland (Chair)
Ganes Dunlop (Treasurer)
Gwen McTaggart (Secretary)
Ian William McTaggart
Victoria Sutherland
Simon Meldrum

### Invited Guests

Emily Bryce, Scott McCombie (NTS)
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### Also Present

residents
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### Apologies

Natasha Dickson
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### Approval of Previous Minutes

Proposed VS, Seconded GMT.

### Matters Arising

None.

### Invited Guests

NTS – 14,000 acres in Glencoe. Management plan? “Glencoe and Dalness Property Statement 2016” <[https://www.nts.org.uk/Downloads/Properties/glencoe\\_approved\\_property\\_statement\\_2016.pdf](https://www.nts.org.uk/Downloads/Properties/glencoe_approved_property_statement_2016.pdf)> submitted to SNH as part of NNR designation. Property Management led by Scott McCombie + 2 other rangers. Planting of native species + areas of natural regeneration. Cooperation between local estates in consultation with SNH to manage deer numbers based on habitat assessments. Management of invasive species (rhododendron, ...). Surveying arctic-alpine species. Maintaining properties + archaeological sites. Access improvements & footpath maintenance. Income generation: guided walks, Land Rover safaris, venison sales, grazing lease, filming.

AS and others raised concerns about campers lighting fires in An Torr, Glen Etive, ... with attendant risk of hill fires. A forum to discuss Glen Etive littering/camping/traffic issues was proposed.

### Finance

The bank balance stands at £1,529.55.

## **Planning**

- Kingshouse – New sign
- Staff accommodation for Red Squirrel
- Glencoe House Old Lodge
- Extension to Gleann Fia

No objections.

## **Meetings Attended by Councillors**

VS: Community Bus Association – Proposal: 2 x 7-seater electric buses. Aiming to submit funding applications by September.

## **Correspondence Received**

- Zurich – Insurance renewal

## **Village Tidy-Up**

Well attended. Again disappointed at the degree of dog fouling.

## **Glen Etive**

Community Benefit negotiations with Dickins Hydro proceeding under Andrew Sutherland. Separately, while reinstatement works are an integral element of the approvals, it was asked how we could best guarantee reinstatement against unforeseen project difficulties.

## **Community Company**

Orbital Path – Productive discussions with NTS regarding signage. Funding: Highland Leader oversubscribed at present. Wildlife surveys.

## **Open Forum/AOCB**

VS has a metal signpost which can be used to sign the Massacre Monument, subject to approval.

Bridge of Coe – Parapet wire broken.

CC Facebook Page – Suggestion to create one. Noted.

Transport Forum – Further discussion regarding poor coordination of Kinlochleven/Citylink timetables.

Abbeyfield/NHS – Nearing resolution. Intend to retain nurses in Ballachulish. Agreement reached on price of 2 intermediate care beds.

## **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7-30pm.

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