

Glenfinnan Community Council Annual General Meeting – 5pm, 26th June 2016 Glenfinnan House Hotel

Present: Duncan Gibson (Chair), Jenny Thomson (Treasurer), Fiona Gibson (Secretary), Stephen Carruthers and 8 members of the community.

Apologies: Ingrid Henderson

1. Chairman's Welcome

D. Gibson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked people for their continued support and participation in events over the last year.

2. Minutes of AGM 2015

The minutes from the last AGM on 10th May 2015 were agreed. The Chair updated those present on the issues noted in the previous minutes:

Road issues – Highland Council are aware of the collapsed culvert causing localised flooding on the road to Slatlach although this is still un-actioned. The graffiti on Callop Bridge is still with Bear Scotland. The Community Council members will follow these up during 2016.

Defibrillator – The Community Council will make contact with the British Heart Foundation for a refresher course. D. Gibson explained that a fortnightly visual check is done on the equipment with the recording of this check done via a QR barcode app.

3. Treasurer's Report

J Thomson presented the account information to the group. The Highland Council grant was reduced slightly from the previous year but this was expected in light of budget cuts. The Community are grateful for the grants from Slatlach and Broadland Renewable Energy. Balances as at 31 March 2016 were £11985.67 and £306.42 (held in a saving account).

4. Matters arising

A830 junction - Removal of overhanging branches obscuring drivers' view onto A830 junction – landowner has given permission and Community Council will progress the work shortly.

Signage – The residents present wondered if the "Slatlach" sign erected in the Games Field could be reduced in size in line with the one for "Torr An Eas".

Loose gravel – The Community Council will ask Highland Council to clear the loose gravel and debris caused by traffic on the A830 covering the pavement from the station to the NTS as well as the possibility of a road sweeper to do the same on the unclassified road to Slatlach.

Glenfinnan™ - D Gibson had a meeting with representatives from the NTS (National Trust for Scotland) and he has a letter for use for any resident setting up a new business using Glenfinnan in its title. The NTS acknowledged that they should have consulted the village regarding its intentions and it is hoped, after seeking legal opinion, that the letter wording will be agreed and binding.

Village Hall proposal – D Gibson explained that discussions are under way regarding the sub-lease of the Marine Harvest shore base for use as a multi-purpose community facility. This news was positively received and the Community Council will explore the legalities of the lease to ensure the sustainability of the building and the land connected with it. A sub group will be set up to progress this project once the lease arrangements are agreed.

Firework display 2016 – The Community Council will continue to support the village annual firework display as it is very well attended and receives generous donations by those watching. The Community Council is aware of changes to the lawful running of such displays due to be implemented next year.

5. AOCB

There was no other business.

The next meeting of Glenfinnan Community Council is on Monday 12th September 2016 at 8pm in Glenfinnan House Hotel. All residents are welcome to attend.