

**Present:** Duncan Gibson (Chair), Ingrid Henderson (Minute Secretary), John MacDougall (member), Eileen O'Rua (member), Joan Robertson (member), Jenny Thomson (Sec + Treasurer), Sgnt. David Campbell plus 11 members of the public.

**1. Apologies**                      Councillor Allan Henderson, Teeny Nielsen

**2. Chairman's Welcome**

D. Gibson welcomed everybody to the meeting and gave thanks for continued support throughout the year. Any suggestions for events or issues pertinent to the community were also invited at any time.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Jenny presented the account information to the group. The current balance is £5308.98. No 2 account holds £1306.38. This includes the Development Group funds.

**4. Business arising:**

**4.1 Railway Station**

J. Barnes informed us that main renovations are complete with just a short distance of path to be finished.

**4.2 Phone lines**

Glenfinnan-net set up to develop Broadband possibilities. Locheilnet leading on the project which has already completed a pilot stage with Wireless Broadband. Possibility of BT Infinity but no timescale in place.

**4.3 Road issues**

Various site meeting taken place re. speed limits, drop off points and Callop Bridge issues. Bus stops will be designated for upper and lower villages. Speed issues still being pursued. Sgnt Campbell suggested a need to collate complaints and issues in order to build a case.

**4.4 Hydro Schemes**

Ongoing communication from Dot Ferguson, Highland Council with local Hydro schemes regarding possible community benefit. Slatach Hydro has produced a successful result. Still awaiting reply from Glenfinnan Hydro Scheme.

**4.5 Defibrillator**

Equipment installed in a warmed box outside the hotel. Training for village residents will be forthcoming through the Lochaber Heartstart Group. Thanks to Marine Harvest for support.

**5. AOCB**

**5.1 Church renovation:** F. Whyte informed us that this is progressing well. Website up and running Glenfinnanchurch.org

**5.2 Iain Banks:** The Community wish to express their condolences at Iain's recent passing. It was agreed to continue the fireworks display in his honour and a tree will be planted in the Spring.

**5.3 Friends of the West Highland Line** – organising tree clearance close to viaduct. Glenfinnan Estate already carried out some clearance work. Request for contribution towards scheme.

**5.4 Winter Resilience** – Aid to Communities in path clearing throughout the Winter. Materials have already been offered for communities who are more self sufficient.