

## GLENFINNAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES      22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012

Present: Duncan Gibson, Ingrid Henderson, Eileen O’Rua, Joan Robertson, Jenny Thomson, Grahaeme Young, Cncllr. Henderson & one member of the public.

1. Minutes circulated and agreed.
2. Matters arising.
  - 2.1. Phone Lines/ Broadband: British Alcan have agreed in principal to HebNet proposal of bouncing signal from pipes. D. Gibson meeting with Jim Beattie (Communication & External Relations Manager.) Other options also being explored including Avonline Broadband whose tester van will be in the village at midday on Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Nov to demonstrate speed capabilities. All welcome to try it out. Still awaiting news from HIE about the possibility of being a trial area in their new Broadband scheme. Broadband Group to be re-constituted from old TV Club. G. Young and J. Thomson to take this forward
  - 2.2. Road Issues - A830: a public meeting has been arranged with Dave Thompson MSP to regarding road safety issues on the A830 between Glenfinnan and Lochailort. The meeting will take place on Fri 26 Oct at 6.30pm at Astley Hall, Arisaig.
  - 2.3. Village defibrillator and training: All the equipment has now arrived. To be installed at hotel in November. Eileen to set up Heart Start group and arrange training dates.
  - 2.4. Hydro Schemes: Ongoing. G. Young to contact D. Ferguson regarding developing schemes.
  - 2.5. Callop Bridge: Forestry Enterprise have been informed about concerns regarding small holes on the wooden walkway bridge.
  - 2.6. Work Party idea: Idea proposed to tidy up area in front of graveyard in Spring time. Further requirements/ reinforcement possibilities to be explored further thereafter. This will hopefully coincide with the Cheese & Wine event.
  - 2.7. Back Track: Bridge been reinstated and with slight alterations to the top drains. G. Young & J. Thomson to keep an eye on water flow down the path.
3. Correspondence
  - 3.1. Highland Council: Letter re. change to school catchment areas - Kinlochleven
  - 3.2. Forestry Commission: Letter re. planned forestry work on A82. Public display of plans available on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov at Alexandra Hotel
  - 3.3. Highland Senior Citizens Network letter regarding support.
4. AOCB.
  - 4.1. Global water work: Thanks to Charlie MacLennan & the Global team for their fine work upgrading the water supply in and around the village. G. Young to write to the company.
  - 4.2. Pathway – Road to the Isles: Angus MacIntyre exploring the possibilities of developing a pathway linking up the villages Fort William to Mallaig. We will be kept informed and feed into the process.
  - 4.3. Idea for a book exchange location for village proposed by Joan. Hotel to explore the possibility.

**Next meeting: Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 8pm Helios, Glenfinnan**

All welcome or pass your comments/ideas to a community council member in advance. Feel free to post ideas in our suggestion box positioned at Post Office.