

# **Glenfinnan Community Council**

**AGM 7<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

## **Held at The Prince's House Hotel**

Present: D Gibson (Chair), Ingrid Henderson (Minute Secretary), Grahaeme Young (Sec + Treasurer) Joan Robertson (member), Eileen O'Rua (member) plus 5 member of the public.

### **1. Apologies**

Isobel & Charlie MacFarlane, George MacNeil and Frances Whyte.

### **2. Chairman's Welcome**

D. Gibson welcomed everybody to the meeting. He thanked all those involved in social events over the year and noted a good attendance at all.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

G. Young presented the account information to the group. The current balance of the No. 1 account is £1122. A discussion followed regarding individual items listed.

A. Gibson suggested that the skip cost was high and special collections or use of the recycling centre would be preferable.

G. Young is to investigate the income amount from the Cheese + Wine event. Due to the event date it is most probably in the 08/09 accounts.

### **4/ Business arising:**

#### **Railway Station**

J. Barnes informed the group that planning permission has been granted for their expansion and improvements. He is still trying to address the railway road-end issue regarding a car park and bus stop with shelter and is currently in talks with Transerve.

#### **Phone lines**

Poor phone lines and Broadband problems are ongoing with little or no response from BT.

#### **Road issues**

Progress regarding crash barriers, signage and vision is slow but ongoing. 'Slow' markings have been painted on the lower road. Crash barriers are being erected above Tor an Eas. Still awaiting response on passing place sign renewal.

#### **Callop Bridge**

D. Gibson informed the meeting that the Callop Bridge and interpretive signs are all now complete and in place.

#### **War Memorial**

The bench is now in position.

Thank you to J. Barnes, A, Gibson and G. Moss for all their efforts.

### **5/ Community Development Group**

D Gibson began by clarifying point 6 of the last AGM minutes. A subsequent meeting in early 2008 confirmed the actual members and their position within the Development Group.

E. McKenna spoke on behalf of the group but felt that due to illness and personal circumstances within the group no progress had been made. He informed us of his own plans to raise further funds with Marathon runs. Further information will follow on this.

## **6/ The Castle**

J. Barnes raised concerns about the state of the Castle building and it's deterioration. Despite the negative response from the Church in the past, it was suggested that the issue should be raised again especially regarding the safety and protection of the building. J. Barnes agreed to speak to retired Planning Officer, Ken Johnston and enquire about this issue.

## **7/ AOB**

Thank you to Frances Whyte for being the returning officer for the Community Council Election in 2008. All the same members were re-elected.

Ice Problems on the roads: Station Road

J. Barnes asked that GF Community Council write to First Scotrail to ask that the Station Brae is included with the platform salting they currently carry out. G. Young to compose a letter.

New Projects for 2009:

- Shore Path – proposed tidy up and look into possibilities for a walkway. Funding to be explored.
- A picnic area to be created on the Glenfinnan side of the Callop bridge. A. Gibson kindly offered Glenfinnan Estate's support in tree cutting and shipping should the plan go ahead.

Church Footpath: E. McKenna raised a problem regarding access where the path meets the new road. E. O'Rua and D. Gibson assured him that this was a one-off during building work and overall the builders have been very mindful of access.

Games facilities: E. McKenna's point will be referred to the Games Committee.

Phone Box: J. Barnes suggested that the Station would be happy to adopt the phone box and maintain it. The Community Council are happy to support this. J. Barnes will contact BT regarding their adopt a phone box scheme. G. Young will write to BT regarding the broken light.

A. Gibson informed the group of the successful applications for Church restoration.

Cheese and Wine: A. Gibson suggested hosting another event following on from the success of the last year. Kieron kindly agreed to host the event at the Prince's House on the afternoon of Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Christmas parties: J. Robertson suggested a change in format for Christmas events. We would keep the children's party as before but host a village ceilidh where all would be welcome to attend and participate.