

Glenfinnan Community Council AGM 8th November 2009 Prince's House Hotel

Present: Duncan Gibson (Chair), Ingrid Henderson (Minute Secretary), Grahaeme Young (Sec + Treasurer) Joan Robertson (member), Eileen O'Rua (member) plus 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Ronnie MacKellaig and Councillor Allan Henderson

2. Chairman's Welcome

D. Gibson welcomed everybody to the meeting and commented on the eventful year that has passed. Various road issues have dominated the 2009 work agenda and remain ongoing.

3. Treasurer's Report

G. Young presented the account information to the group. The current balance is £2200

4. Business arising:

4.1 Railway Station

J. Barnes informed the group that expansion and improvement plans are to begin in Spring 2010. He is still trying to clarify the bus shelter positioning with Transerve and Hi Trans.

4.2 Phone lines

Poor phone lines and Broadband problems are still ongoing.

4.3 Road issues

Issues regarding speed limit, passing places and crash barriers is still ongoing and the council's main priority.

4.4 The Castle

F. Whyte informed the group that the Catholic Church is considering a sale of the Castle and Chapel House in 2010.

4.5 Community Development Group

Unfortunately no one was present at the meeting to comment. It was agreed to invite Eric McKenna to a future meeting to discuss the plans of this group.

4.6 Phone Box: John Barnes informed the group that this cannot join the 'adopt a phone box' as first thought. Ongoing problems with maintenance including only taking reverse call charges and light not working. GY to write to BT.

4.7 Church Footpath

A request to properly grade the new houses access road to the church path was raised. Duncan Gibson and Eileen O'Rua are happy to rectify this. F. Whyte has also noticed a shift in the foot bridge at the top. The Community Council will take care of repositioning the bridge and trim rhododendrons where necessary.

5. AOB

5.1 Church restoration

F. Whyte informed the group of a set back in plans to restore the Church. Although a lack of match funding for the Heritage Lottery Fund caused the hold up, there is a chance to bid again should this position change.

5.2 Village Plan

I. MacFarlane raised the idea for re-working the village plan in order to aid emergency services and deliveries. J. Robertson is already undertaking this work on behalf of the group.

5.3 School Transport

Both I. MacFarlane and E. O' Rua asked the Community Council to support village parents with school transport issues. Eileen highlighted safety concerns and a clear request to reinstate a dedicated school bus to avoid problems. GY to write to relevant people at Highlands Council TEC services.

5.4 Christmas Party

The new idea for a Village Christmas Cèilidh Dance is to be trialled this year. A date is yet to be confirmed but all are welcome to attend. A flier will be sent round the village with details of all Christmas events.

5.5 Deterioration of back track

A number of people commented on the drainage problem which is leading to erosion on upper back track. The Community Council will approach E. McKenna and the Cunninghams with regard to a solution.

5.6 Community Council Communications

There appears to be a problem with some people not receiving information about village events. To help alleviate these problems the following was agreed:

- We will decide event dates further in advance so less fliers need to go out.
- The AGM date is to be standardised and held on Remembrance Sunday afternoon every year.
- An email database will be created to disseminate information on community events.
- New notice boards will be considered.