

# Minutes of meeting held on Monday 4th July 2005 at Glenfinnan House Hotel

Present: S Coffey  
J Robertson  
D Gibson

Absent: D MacFarlane  
R Dewar

Committee members met at the War Memorial to look at the state of the site. It was decided that we would look into improving the area and the memorial, perhaps siting a bench; re-fencing, cleaning and cutting back some excessive tree growth. Hopefully we could attract a grant to do some of the work with a contribution from Council funds. This is to be investigated further.

Following this the meeting continued in Glenfinnan House Hotel.

1.0 The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and agreed.

## 2.0 Business Arising

### 2.1 Forestry

Letter sent to forestry regarding felling at Scammadale. No reply has yet been received.

### 2.2 Road issues

Once again despite being promised, the sign at the end of the road has not been moved and no information has been received concerning the issues of the Bridge over the Finnan. It appears that there are some cables at the top of the village which may be there to analyse the speed of vehicles. A letter is to be sent to BEAR asking for further information. This letter will also express disappointment that the work promised has not been carried out. Photographs are to be taken of the sign and bridge condition and forwarded with the letter. A copy will also go to the Scottish Executive and also to C King, local councillor. The National Trust (head Office) has also expressed concern over the speed limit at the visitor's centre, D Gibson to ask Manager to get a letter from the Head Office, so that we can use this in our efforts to reduce the speed limit through the village.

### 2.3 Social events

The fun day proved to be a success although the events were cut short by the weather. It has been discussed that we change the format next year so as to attract more villagers. Other social events will take place later in the year. It was decided that the CC would ask for permission from the games committee to hold a formal raffle at this year's Highland

Gathering. Any funds raised could be used to renovate the war memorial along with any grants available.

### 3.0 Correspondence

Letter from the University of Aberdeen has been received asking the CC to take part in a questionnaire concerning the NHS out of hours Service. J Robertson is keen to provide feedback to them.

Booklet from Highlands & Islands Enterprise entitled 'A smart, Successful Highlands and Islands' an enterprise strategy, has been received.

Newsletter from Highland Stroke Matters

Newsletter from Postwatch Scotland

Advice of VJ/VE day march in Fort William on the 10th July.

Minutes of ALCC AGM held on 21st May 2005.

Draft strategy paper entitled 'Anti Social Behaviour strategy' a multi agency approach.

NHS Highland team update June 2005

Letter from the Highland Council outlining the expense and provisions of the Community Council Insurance policy. A premium for this is deducted from our Grant, prior to us receiving it. Filed for future use.

Letter from National Trust giving information as to the redevelopment of the Facilities at Culloden Battlefield site.

### 4.0 A.O.C.B.

4.1 D Gibson informed the CC that along with the bottle banks already in situ at Glenfinnan House Hotel a formal can bank will be provided by the Highland Council and will be picked up along with the bottles. This will hopefully ensure that the site remains clean. The Highland Council have also agreed to supply a paper bank for the village. Again they will arrange pick up of this. A flyer will be posted stressing to villagers that it will only accept paper and not cardboard. The cost of providing pick up for cardboard is too expensive.

4.2 The question of the funds held in the account of Shiel Rovers FC was raised. The secretary is to send out a flyer asking for suggestions as to the disposal of these funds. The club was set up many years ago for the benefit of local children. These children have now grown up and the club has not been used for over 7 years.

4.3 The progress of the Glenfinnan Community Development group was discussed and it was suggested that a member of the CC attend their next meeting. Secretary will arrange to attend.

Following this the meeting was closed and a further arranged for Tuesday 30th August at 7.30pm at the Glenfinnan House Hotel.