

Minutes of meeting held on 4th September 2006 at Glenfinnan House Hotel

Present: D. Gibson, E. O'Rua, G. Young, J. Robertson

Absent: E. Mc Kenna

Also present: D. Donnelly, Access Lochaber

1.0 Minutes of previous meeting circulated

Amendment made to last minute at item 2.1 War Memorial Quote from I. McKellaig £200.50

2.0 Business Arising

2.1 War Memorial

I. McKellaig has completed the fence work.

I. Blyth came to D. Gibson with the idea of chopping down the big tree, have it cut into planks by A. Gibson and made into benches. We all thought this was a good idea.

D. Gibson will speak to A. Gibson and C. MacFarlane.

2.2 Bridge over the Callop

D. Donnelly came to update us on the project.

The boardwalk is in the process of being constructed but the two approaches to the bridge can't be done until the bridge is in place.

The bridge went out to tender for a second time but was not awarded until the Council Auditor got a letter from Enstone Thistle stating what they were going to do. Enstone Thistle said they would build the bridge as per Scott Wilson's design. Enstone Thistle have cut back on the grade of steel to be used. It now looks like John Jones will be the contracts manager. The contract was awarded today on the condition that they build it to the original design.

There is no start date as yet.

The Forestry Commission are going to take care of future maintenance of the boardwalk and bridge.

2.3 Road issues

On the approach to Glenfinnan there is a need to cut back the heavy trees so people can see that they are driving in to a village. The trees are on R. MacKellaig's ground so we would need to ask him. The problem is that no-one sees Glenfinnan, there is a sharp corner then once they reach the grass they slam on the brakes.

We could contact Ian Bruce Low or Jim Tolmie at the HC Roads Department. D. Gibson to follow-up.

No news on road signs as E. McKenna not here. D. Gibson to follow-up.

Issue raised by a villager: There are no sign-posted passing places on the road to Slatach. Also there is no sign stating 'Single-track road please use passing places.' D. Gibson to follow-up.

No progress on speed reduction on A830. Secretary to reply to C. Kennedy MP and write to the press. We will put this issue on the back burner as we have no support from any of the relevant authorities.

2.4 Recycling

Received reply re plastics recycling. It is not available and there are no current plans to provide this service. We will place recycling on the agenda at the AGM.

2.5 Glenfinnan 07 (sub-group of CC)

No update

2.6 Sewerage

Scottish Water will respond to us soon.

2.7 Cycle Path

No update. Joan will contact secretary of Kilmallie CC for minutes.

2.8 Website

Secretary read email from R. Hawkes with points to consider for revamping the website. To be discussed at next meeting.

2.9 Phone box

Secretary has contacted BT re maintenance requirements.

2.10 Verge Trimming

D. Gibson will bring up with the council.

3.0 Correspondence

- Email from Council requesting contacts for landowners re local plan. Sec has responded.
- Letter from Council for BACS details to give us funding.
- Leaflets from Am Baile
- Scottish Water Enabling Development
- Highland housing Association housing stock transfer info
- Invite to Lochaber Housing Association AGM 18/9/06. No one available to attend. Pass on to C. MacFarlane.
- Highland Council public holiday dates
- Highland Council Commando crystal bowl award request for nominations – G. Young to follow-up
- NHS Highland Team updates
- UHI News 06
- Invitation from VAL to lunch received after the date of the lunch
- Highland Council proposed shellfish farm modification
- Paths for All Partnership newsletter
- Highland Council list of JPs. Alistair Gibson is our local Justice of the Peace
- Local Government Boundary Commission Review of Electoral Arrangements
- Fire Brigade union info on fire services
- Assoc of Lochaber Community Councils request to renew membership £10 – G. Young to follow-up
- Age Concern Scotland newsletter
- Highland Council request for nominations Quality Awards 2006.
- Poppy Wreaths price list and order form – G. Young to follow-up
- Booklet from SNP
- Lochaber Environmental Group newsletter
- Planning application land south of Corrie Dubh, Glenfinnan
- Flyer from Highland Hospice re 'It's a Knockout' in Inverness
- Letter of thanks from L. Gibson
- Letter of thanks from K. Colman
- Baillie Brothers glass collecting and recycling no longer. The tender is uneconomical and they were not awarded it. Thanked us for our business.
- Vindor Glass Recycling letter to inform us they will be providing the service.
- Bord na Gaidhlig National Plan for gaelic.
- Shiel Rovers – received emails of support for using the money to benefit local youth.

4.0 AOCB

4.1 G. Young raised an accounting concern about some receipts that are missing. It is okay as there is still a paper trail.

4.2 Halloween party Tuesday 31st October in Glenfinnan House Hotel

4.3 Speak to Les MacFarlane about fireworks for Guy Fawkes night.

4.4 AGM Sunday 26th November in Glenfinnan House Hotel.

Date of next meeting Monday 2nd October, 7pm at Glenfinnan House Hotel

