

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 11th April 2005
at Glenfinnan House Hotel

Present: S Coffey
J Robertson
D Gibson
R Dewar

Absent: D MacFarlane

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

2.0 Business Arising

2.1 Forestry
No update

2.2 Road Issues
No further correspondence has been received from BEAR regarding the Bridge over the River Finnan, the Hotel sign nor the speed surveys. Secretary to chase via e-mail, letter and phone.

2.3 Bus shelter
This issue has been removed from the minutes at present.

2.4 Social events
The cheese and wine evening at the National Trust was a success with all who attending having an enjoyable evening. An agreement has been made with the local manager to hold two of these evenings each year. Just prior to the season starting and shortly following the season end. The annual Glenfinnan Fun Day will be on Saturday 4th June 2005. J Robertson is to secure the venue and a meeting will be held to discuss the events planned for the day.

3.0 Correspondence

Correspondence that affects the village.

Letter received from BT stating that the remaining phone box in Glenfinnan, at the bottom of Station Brae will be converted to a cashless one. Emergency phone calls, Reverse charge calls, BT phone-card calls or connection via the operator will be available.

Letter received from Scottish Natural Heritage informing that the Ardgour Pinewoods have been designated as a special Area of Conservation with effect from the 17th March 2005. A copy of the letter and Map may be seen via prior arrangement with the Secretary.

Community Council Insurance policy received. Filed.

4.0 A.O.C.B

4.1R Dewar mentioned that on the 11.4.05 he and two others tried to get on the Shiel bus at 1.00pm. It was unfortunately full and they were not allowed on. At Slatach road end another three villagers wanted to get the bus but were unable to. Secretary is to write to the Bus Company requesting that in these circumstances that another bus is allocated. The bus itself would probably have been full at Lochailort and a second bus could have been requested. Hopefully this is an isolated incident, but a contingency arrangement should be in place.

4.2 A Stakeholders workshop was held in Fort William on the 21st March to discuss the plans for the new Lochaber Local Plan. C MacFarlane attended on behalf of the Community Council. D Gibson is to liase with C MacFarlane regarding the content of the meeting.

Following this the meeting was closed and a further one arranged for Monday 23rd May at 7.30pm at Glenfinnan House Hotel.

