

Minutes of meeting held on Friday 16th September 2005 at the Glenfinnan House Hotel

Present; S Coffey
D Gibson
D MacFarlane

Apologies: J Robertson, R Dewar

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and agreed.

Business Arising:

2.1 Forestry

Letter received from A MacKenzie, Forest Enterprise acknowledging CC letter concerning felling at Scammadale. He states that both sites in that area are still being worked and that there are plans to instigate remedial work once complete. He will keep us informed. He also requests that he be advised of the next meeting so that he can come along and discuss Forestry issues. Will let him know convenient dates following CC elections.

2.2 Road Issues

Following Secretary's letters and pictures to Scottish executive and to BEAR, the sign at the end of the road has now been moved and the surrounding area landscaped. The old railings at the Bridge over the Finnan have now been replaced. The only outstanding issue is the speed limit monitoring, which is an ongoing and long process.

2.3 Social Events

The raffle held on games day raised £444.15. After taking into consideration printing costs that relates to a profit of £342.72. It has been decided to place these funds into the CC no 2 account for special projects along with Morag Hughes sponsor monies. The invoice from Print Smith for £83.43 has been paid.

2.4 War Memorial renovation

John Hutchison, Highland Council sent a letter concerning the statue at the War Memorial. He had been approached by the Chairman of the British Legion regarding the name stone which was left facing the wrong way when the new road was constructed in the 1960's. He asked for permission to contact Scottish executive on our behalf. Consent given. Almost immediately a response was received. The Scottish Executive feels that Community consent would have been requested at the time and that unless we can provide proof that consent was not given they are unable to move the stone. Secretary is

to look at any archives for the CC but it is doubtful that records concerning this would be found. Secretary has written to the British Legion regarding any grants that might be available for renovation of war memorial. Highland Council has no funds for projects that are not on Council land.

2.5 Paper Bank

There is no further update as to the delivery of the new paper Bank.

2.6 Community Development Group

The recent meeting held to discuss the future of the group took place in August and the turnout was extremely poor. As there was insufficient representation from the community it was finally decided to attach this issue to the Community Council AGM in November and discuss the future then.

Correspondence:

Book received. Modernising the Planning System.
Filed

Reminder that subscription for Association of Lochaber Community Councils is due. Cheque sent for £10

Letter from Local Government Boundary Commission received. This states that the wards for elected representatives are changing. Glenfinnan would fall into the ward of Caol, Mallaig and Lochalsh. The Highland council however are looking for a further review and have included a letter that has been sent to the Commission before a final decision is made.

Grant declaration received from the Highland Council setting out the requirements for receipt of a Community Council grant. All office bearers have signed to agree to this and it has been sent with a copy of the audited accounts.

Poppy Wreath list has been received and the standard wreath has been ordered.

A.O.C.B

4.1 Fireworks

Les Macfarlane has requested a cheque for £674.90 in order to purchase this years fireworks. A Donation of £340 has already been received from Iain Banks. It was decided that the Firework display would be on Saturday 5 th Nov at 7.00pm. D Gibson is to contact DA Gibson regarding venue.

4.2 Bridge over the Callop

D Gibson and S Coffey attended at meeting at

Glentinnan House Hotel with Donald Donnelly of Access Lochaber. 3 Years ago we were approached by the Royal Engineers who requested that as a training exercise they would build a bridge over Callop close to the old boatshed. Unfortunately the Royal engineers were called away for duty and the project was shelved. It has however been taken up by Access Lochaber who have already secured the funding and permission from the land=owners to build the bridge. The Community will not have to raise any funds or apply for a grant. The bridge will allow access to the other side of the Loch and will enable a circular route from Callop and the new Forestry Paths.

4.3 Community Council Elections

The current term of office for the Community Council has come to an end. G MacNeil is the returning officer and all nominations are to be supplied by 22 nd Sept. R Dewar, S Coffey and D MacFarlane have decided not to stand for re-election this time.

4.4 Community Council computer

Request made to D MacFarlane for return of Computer as he is no longer standing for election this year.

Following this the meeting was closed. No date has been set for the next one as the election takes place soon and a new community council may be formed.