

**Present:** Duncan Gibson, Fiona Gibson, Ingrid Henderson, Jenny Thomson

**Apologies:** Stephen Carruthers, John MacDougall, Cncllr Allan Henderson, Sgnt Morven Brown

1. Minutes circulated and agreed
2. Matters arising
  - 2.1 **Hydro Schemes Community Benefit: Facility/ Venue:** Ongoing: CC in discussions with Marine Harvest about the sub-lease of the jetty building for community usage. Terms & conditions discussed. **Action Duncan to respond to L. McGruer. Fiona/ Jenny to send letters to Slatach & Conaglen Hydro Schemes.**
  - 2.2 **Village Road safety: Cycling proficiency.** Thanks to Fiona Gibson for undertaking the training session and leading three sessions for our youngsters. Congratulations to the five children who received their Level 1. **Action: Fiona to contact Fiona Beattie about follow up Level 2 training.**
  - 2.3 **Community Notice Board repairs/ repositioning:** Costs are proving prohibitive for new notice boards. All still agreed that a main board should go at monkey-puzzle tree area and the top back-track board will remain. **Action: Fiona to speak to Dot Ferguson about financial support.**
  - 2.4 **Back Track Drainage:** Highland Council have been spoken to about drainage issues & Gus MacLennan is due to visit. **Action: Duncan to follow up**
  - 2.5 **Bank Fishing issues:** Ongoing: Response from GF Fishing Club who in turn have contacted Ross Dunsmore, Agricultural Food & Rural Communities Directorate. Still awaiting response from SSB. Any sightings to be reported to the Police immediately. The Fishing Club have requested assistance with a locked gate at the loch access. **Action: Duncan to contact Duncan MacFarlane for discussion.**
  - 2.6 **War Memorial:** Funding available for overhaul work through the British Legion. **Action: Fiona to follow up.**
  - 2.7 **National Trust - Glenfinnan Trademark:** Ongoing: Concern has been raised about the trademarking of Glenfinnan with regard to local business past and future. **Action: Duncan to contact Gareth Clingan to reach an agreement that future local businesses would be protected.** The Monument will be closed for conservation work April – July 1<sup>st</sup>. The exhibition is free for the duration of the works.
  - 2.8 **Village Parking – Lower Village/ Glen Rd end:** Duncan contacted Pauline Donaldson, HC and markings have been made for bollards on the lower road. It has also been requested that soft verge signs are removed and this will be considered in April. **Action: Duncan to follow-up again and press for a date.**
  - 2.9 **Visit from Arthur Cowie, Lochaber Disability Access Panel:** Arthur spoke about the work of the panel and his plans to link up with local Community Councils along the A830. Disability access and awareness was discussed along with priorities for safer crossings on the A830, Glenfinnan included. All agreed they were happy to support the initiative and we'll await further communication.
3. Finance
  - 3.1 The current balance for the end of year 31<sup>st</sup> March is £11,985.67
4. Correspondence
  - 4.1 West Lochaber Deer Management & Moidart Deer Management Plans.
  - 4.2 Highland Council Doug Fouling Fine increase.
  - 4.3 Highland Small Communities Housing Trust: House available in Glenfinnan.
  - 4.4 Lochaber Community Planning Partnership Informal Drop in.
  - 4.5 Police Scotland - Questionnaire & Newsletter.
  - 4.6 Marine Scotland Recreation Study
  - 4.7 Deloitte Ride Across Britain, September.
  - 4.8 Highland Council Planning notifications.
5. AOCB
  - 5.1 **Bus Timetable:** There have been changes to fit with the Uist - Mallaig ferry link.
  - 5.2 **Cheese & Wine:** Thanks to all who supported the event. Thanks to Fiona for organising the raffle which raised £100 for Mary's Meals and goes into the Glenfinnan45s 50 x 5k fundraising efforts.

**Events:**

Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> Guided Hill Walk with Alastair Gibson. Meet at 9am at old workshop by viaduct.  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June Glenfinnan Fun Day (details to follow)  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June AGM Glenfinnan House Hotel 5pm

**Next meetings:** **Mon 16th May Glenfinnan House Hotel 8pm**  
**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> June Glenfinnan House Hotel 8pm**