

Glenfinnan Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st March 2007 at Glenfinnan House Hotel.

Present: - Duncan Gibson
Joan Robertson
Grahaeme Young
Eric McKenna

Apologies: - Eileen O'Rua

Also present: - John Barnes

E. McKenna tendered his resignation by letter to the chairman, which was accepted. He then departed from the meeting, we would like to thank Eric for all his contributions to community business. At this point J.Barnes offered his availability should the council wish to co-opt him on to the Community Council.

It was agreed, that all future minutes would be proof-read by the Community Council prior to distribution.

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

2.0 Business Arising

2.1 Community Compost

This item will be removed from the agenda as there is no further development on this topic.

2.2 War Memorial

Duncan Gibson had been in touch with R.Stokes only to discover he has since retired, however, the new owner has agreed to honour the quote for cleaning the statue. Work will proceed as planned:-

- Pruning the tree
- Cleaning the statue
- Siting the new bench
- Painting the fence posts black.

John Barnes intimated that the legs for the bench were ready. A. Gibson has offered to provide the timber and G. Moss was asked to erect the bench.

2.3 New Bridge over the Callop.

D. Gibson has received an e-mail from D.Donnelly requesting a name for the new walkway; this will appear in a leaflet on completion of the project. It was agreed to ask C. MacFarlane for advice on this matter.

2.4 Road Issues.

These are ongoing. In addition, G.Young to write regarding the possibility of placing safety barriers at the west end of the village.

2.5 Glenfinnan 07

Events, as advertised in the leaflet are progressing well, and all projects to date, have been successful.

2.6 Cycle Path

J. Robertson had contacted J. Ireland from Kilmallie Community Council, who have been in consultation with D. Donnelly and are at the early stages of identifying possible routes along LochEilside. This will be pursued as the plans develop. D. Gibson informed the meeting that 'Visit Scotland' had had a meeting with Anna Trafford, OCUK, and that they were keen for a cycle path.

2.7 Station Road

Work has begun on the road repairs, drainage has commenced and they have stated end of April for re-surfacing the road.

It was also noted that the train service will be interrupted from Friday 13th April until Monday 30th April - a bus service will run instead.

2.8 Post Box

G Young. To speak to R. MacKellaig re. possible positioning of the letter box at the Post Office.

2.9 Schools

Parties interested in pursuing this subject should plan future moves, involving formulating a sustainable plan and a course of action.

3.0 AOCB

3.1 J. Barnes had endeavoured to collate information on the proposed Community Development he has been in contact with K. Johnston who is willing to come and give a presentation on the feasibility of the use of the Old Castle. D. Gibson has had a communication from C. Morley stating that the funds stood at £1143.47.

3.2 Village/Games Field Tidy

It is proposed to have a tidy-up of the Games Field and the area around the new walkway to Callop, the proposed date will be towards the end of April - we would appreciate lots of volunteers!!!! --- Watch this space!

3.3 Rudi has informed D. Gibson that the National Trust is planning to tar the path to the Monument (a sandy colour) and was enquiring if the Community Council would be interested to include the path leading to the cemetery in this plan.

3.4 Following a discussion with A. Mackenzie (Forest Enterprise) it was agreed that they would supply us with cut timber to help re-instate the path on the shore leading to the pier. We hope to refurbish the path early this spring, once again we would like to call on volunteers to help with this project, and this would

provide a 'quick fix' for the path but D. Gibson has had discussions with S. Sanderson, SNH, about the possibility of providing a walkway along the shore.

Correspondence

- Post watch Scotland newsletter.
- Scottish Water - they will be replacing the carbon filters at the top of the village. This work will begin in March and continue until July, there will be no disruption to the water supply.
- There is a series of Waste Awareness Talks planned for local communities.
- NHS Highland - Service Plan Proposal, re:- Older Adults in Lochaber
- Planning Office - Application for a Hydro Electric project at Callop

Meeting Ended at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 18th April 2007 at Glenfinnan House Hotel.