

Minutes of meeting held on 26th June 2006 at  
Glenfinnan House Hotel

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

Also present: Ian Blyth, John Barnes

1.0 Minutes of previous meeting circulated and agreed

2.0 Business Arising

2.1 War Memorial

We told Ian Blyth about our plans for the War Memorial and he showed us photos, news clippings and a receipt for the original work. Ian is pleased to know there will be something done there and volunteered his time to help. We all agreed that we would prefer to see the trees around the memorial taken down for safety reasons and in particular, the large tree which is shallow rooted and could easily fall in a storm. We will seek permission from Charlie MacFarlane as the trees are on his land. E. McKenna will ask a tree surgeon to look at it on the 9th July. If the trees are taken down then I. Blyth can provide a chipper.

We received a quote from I. MacKellaig for labour and replacing wire £250.50 – agreed by council.

2.2 Bridge over the Callop

The contract for the boardwalk has been awarded to Fion Construction and they started work today. E. McKenna informed us that Enstone Thistle has the contract for the bridge and that he will be the foreman on the job. Work will start in approx 2 weeks time.

2.3 Road issues

Slatach Road – E. McKenna will find out about warning signs to 'Slow'

2.4 Recycling

No news of plastics recycling

2.5 Glenfinnan 07 (sub-group of CC)

This project has been offered £5000 from Highland 2007. We will apply for further funding from other sources, convene a meeting after the summer recess and develop the programme.

2.6 'The Castle'

No update from Glenfinnan Community Development group

J. Barnes said that the planners are happy with the proposals

2.7 Sewerage

No update. Have a new contact at Scottish Water to approach.

## 2.8 Cyde Path

No update. Discussed a possible route from Annat to Glenfinnan. It could be raised with Highland Council as part of the Local Plan.

## 2.9 Requests for donations

We agreed to donate £75 each to Lewis Gibson for his hockey training and Kirsten Colman for her orchestra rehearsals.

## 2.10 Gala Day

The gala day and raft race was a big success as there was a good turn-out and people had lots of fun. We took in £112.80 but expenses have still to be deducted.

## 2.11 Church path maintenance

We agreed to include maintenance of the church path as part of our village tidy.

## 2.12 Website

Eric McKenna has agreed to take up responsibility for the website. HotScot will continue to host the website and look after it and Eric will liaise with them and update the content regularly.

## 3.0 Correspondence

- Scotland Transerv – letter of introduction
- Highland Small Communities Housing Trust letter re new website
- Postwatch Scotland newsletter
- Team Update NHS Highland
- Waterwatch Scotland
- Scottish Health Council News
- Scottish Water letter re
- Integrated Risk Management Plan for the Highlands & Islands Fire Board
- Lochaber Housing Association Newsletter
- Letter re library service restructuring

## 4.0 AOCB

4.1 E.McKenna raised the issue that at The National Trust for Scotland at 6pm each night there are coaches parked and 30 to 40 men urinating outside as the Trust is not open therefore there is no access to toilets. We discussed the problem and thought it would be a good idea to bring it up with Rudy at the Trust that there is a need for toilets to be open later and for coach companies to know there are no toilets outwith certain hours. We also thought a seasonal public toilet such as a portaloos could be worth exploring but there would then be an issue in finding someone willing to clean it. Eric also said there is also a problem of people urinating and defecating at Callop Bridge.

We will write to Highland Council and Visit Scotland to highlight the issue re lack of public toilets.

D. Gibson will speak to Rudy at the Trust

4.2 John Barnes raised an issue with the public phone box at Station Road end. He said that the phone is not working, the light is not working, it needs cleaned inside and outside, it needs painted and needs a shelf.

4.3 Verge trimming

Only half the village was done and from War Memorial down hasn't been done. The trimmings were left lying all over the pavement.

4.4 J. Robertson suggested that to celebrate the opening of the new bridge over the Callop that we have a village walk and BBQ

Date of next meeting Monday 4th September, 7pm at Glenfinnan House Hotel