

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 27th February  
2006 at Glenfinnan House Hotel

Present:

Duncan Gibson  
Eric McKenna  
Eileen O'Rua  
Grahaeme Young  
Joan Robertson

1.0 The minutes of the last meeting were circulated and agreed

2.0 Business Arising

2.1 Forestry

The meeting with the community was fairly well attended. Secretary to write to Allan MacKenzie asking if he got all he needed from the meeting. In summary of the meeting people wanted a circular walk and did not want to see too much development.

We discussed the issue of the car park and feel that it is better not to move it as that may encourage campervans and if there was a pontoon then possibly people with jet skis.

D. Gibson will phone Donald, Access Lochaber, to ask for the start date of the bridge.

AS requested, we will write a letter to Allan stating that we are happy with the work done to tidy up the felling at Scammadale.

Regarding the proposed cycle path idea we will write a letter to Kilmallie CC asking how far along they are with this project and offering assistance.

2.2 Road issues

No update re speed limit.

2.3 War memorial renovation

- Boundary - We discussed whether to erect a wall or replace the fence. We will ask the local fencer, Iain MacKellaig and the local dry stone waller, Colm O'Rua to measure up and put in quotes.

- Trees around the memorial - we wish to clear scrub and prune the spruce. D. Gibson to speak to Charlie MacFarlane.

- Information Point

- o E McKenna volunteered to source a standing stone for an info plaque to be attached to

- o info to be collected and written up. The info should be brief, simple and in a variety of languages. We

- discussed which languages to include, taking

- consideration of the languages spoken by tourists to Glenfinnan. We agreed that the information should be

- presented in Gaelic, English, French and German

- Seat - we thought it might be a good idea to

incorporate a seat in a wall

## 2.4 Recycling

Recycling area to be screened by Glenfinnan House Hotel

## 2.5 Highland Year of Culture 2007

E. O'Rua gave an update on this project which is now called Glenfinnan 07. The project group has met twice and has consulted the village by way of questionnaires. The response has been very positive and the group are now going to go ahead and make a funding application.

## 2.6 Phone Box

E. O'Rua inspected the phone box and reported back to BT that it is okay.

## 2.7 Castle

E. McKenna told us this project is ongoing and there is no news yet.

## 2.8 Sewerage

We received a reply from SEPA saying that Scottish Water are responsible for this area but that they are not aware of any plans for mains sewerage in Glenfinnan. They have forwarded our letter to Scottish Water. We have not had a reply. E O'Rua to write a letter to MP and MSP saying we would like them to investigate the possibility.

## 2.9 Surface Water on A830

E McKennan is waiting for info from J.Barnes re railway.

## 3 Correspondence:

- ASBO newsletter
- Highlands and Islands local food network leaflet and newsletter
- Public Notice re disruption to Corran Ferry service
- Association of Scottish Community Councils newsletter and subscription info
- Ready to Respond leaflet from Highland Council containing emergency advice
- Letter from MSP re debate on water charges in community halls
- Insurance schedule
- Housing Options in the Highlands leaflets
- NHS Team Update newsletter
- Letter re proposed community conference on climate change
- Planning advice note on community engagement
- NHS Highland Staff Award Scheme
- What we can do to help community councils fulfil their role
- VAL Raffle Proceeds Return Forms
- Highland Health Voices Network Registration form
- Renewal of bus service contracts letter and information. We will discuss this at the next

information. We will discuss this at the next community council meeting. Anyone interested please come along.

- Draft of Outdoor Access Strategy
- NSCP letter from new post holder and info on speed limits
- Invite to Community Safety Seminar
- Association of Lochaber Community Councils Minutes
- Letter from Forestry Commission introducing Great Glen mountain bike trails
- Newsletter 'The Brief' from Highlands and Islands Enterprise
- Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland – revised proposals for Highland Council area
- Letter from Lochaber Housing Association re placing news in their newsletter and nominations for gardening competition

#### 4 AOCB

4.1 Work that BEAR did on the roadside is much better than last year. Sec to send letter of congratulations. This is because we complained last year about the mess so we feel it is right to comment when they get it right.

4.2 BT line is very quiet and people are getting poor signals. Apparently people have to complain and tell engineer to go to exchange and turn gain up. The exchange is at Kinlocheil and is too far away. BT have constantly been upgrading the exchange. CC should write a letter

4.3 E O'Rua said that she has been asked to investigate the possibility of a deer fence at the graveyard. It is a private graveyard and she should speak to George MacNeil.

4.4 Loch Shiel Jetties Trust. No-one from the Community Council is on this. However, D MacFarlane is still a member. If no-one from the Community Council wishes to join we will ask D. MacFarlane if he would be willing to represent us at this.

Date of next meeting: Monday 27th March, 7 pm at Glenfinnan House Hotel