

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

Present:

Duncan Gibson

Eric McKenna

Eileen O'Rua

Grahaeme Young

Joan Robertson

Also present: Rudy Van de Cappelle, Manager, NTS  
Glenfinnan

1.0 The minutes of the last meeting were circulated  
and agreed

2.0 Business Arising

2.1 Forestry

D Gibson phoned Donald at Access Lochaber. Tenders  
are in and the bridge over the Callop project will  
happen but HQ in Inverness have brought in a  
consultant engineer which has delayed the project and  
now there is no confirmed date for going ahead.

2.2 Road issues

Rudy Van de Cappelle joined the meeting at this point.  
He informed us that traffic calming measures are  
planned near the Trust and that no speed reduction  
measures were being planned at this stage. Rudy and  
the community council are concerned about this as  
there are a lot of people crossing this 60 mph stretch  
of road. More than 100 000 visitors per year cross the  
road and it is also a stopping place for the school bus.  
We would like to see the 40 mph limit extended to  
include the road in front of the Trust. We decided to  
step up the campaign to achieve this. The CC will  
write to politicians, BEAR Scotland and the Scottish  
Executive Roads Department. Rudy will alert the  
media to this issue.

2.3 War memorial renovation

The CC will ask Colm O'Rua to build a dry stone wall  
at the road side entrance and ask Iain MacKellaig to  
replace the wire in the fence.

We will arrange to prune the large tree, remove one  
damaged tree and for some further general pruning.  
E. McKenna is in the process of sourcing standing  
stones for the info plaque.

2.4 Recycling

There is no cardboard recycling available in  
Glenfinnan. Rudy will ask NTS if he can site a  
cardboard recycling point at the Trust.

2.5 Highland Year of Culture 2007

E. O'Rua gave an update on the Glenfinnan 07 project.  
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The funding application has been submitted. She asked the CC to contribute £1000 to this project. Approx £800 will be contributed from the No. 2 account which is for special projects and is money donated from fundraisers. A further £200 will be donated from the main CC account. The No.2 account will now be used for the Glenfinnan 07 project and any funding secured will be deposited there.

#### 2.6 Castle

E. McKenna told us that the Glenfinnan Community Development Group are writing to Fr. Roddy to enquire about using this building.

#### 2.7 Sewerage

No response from Scottish Water. Concern has been expressed by C. MacFarlane about the expense, disruption and possible pollution of the loch if a sewage plant went ahead. We do not yet know if there is any possibility of mains sewerage. Secretary will send a follow-up letter to Scottish Water.

#### 2.8 Surface Water on A830

In a correction to last months minutes E. McKennan is waiting for info from Railtrack.

#### 2.9 Bus timetables

We discussed the proposed bus timetables. Graham will email stating that we wish the bus to leave Fort William after shop closing time to allow sufficient time for people working in Fort William to catch the bus.

#### 2.10 BT line

If people are having problems with their BT line then they will need to complain to BT. We do not feel that this is a community council matter.

#### 2.11 Loch Shiel Jetties Trust

If D. MacFarlane is willing we will co-opt him to represent the CC and write to Loch Shiel Jetties Trust to let them know.

#### 3.0 Correspondence

- Community Conference on Climate Change – flyer and booking form
- NHS Highland Team Update
- Community Safety Seminar, Inverness 2nd May
- Scottish Executive Consultation on Ageing – J. Robertson to complete
- Derelict Land Survey – completed by E. O’Rua
- Forestry Commission Scotland – 2nd consultation on a review of the Scottish Forestry Strategy
- Highland Council Housing Transfer Proposals
- Invite to Adopt a Station Seminar by Highland Rail Partnership

#### 4.0 AOCB

#### 4.1 Path to monument

Rudy raised the issue of the path to the monument

Rudy raised the issue of the path to the monument being in a bad state of repair. NTS have a quote for a path but lack funding to repair it. D. Gibson will contact LEC about funding and also contact Access Lochaber. The path to the monument is also the path to the graveyard and will also be the path to the new bridge over the Callop.

Rudy also told us about new plans for the extension to the Trust. We are welcome to view them in his office. Work is scheduled to start in October.

4.2 E. O'Rua told the meeting about the Screen Machine. It is a mobile cinema that tours the Highlands. It cannot fit under the bridge into Glenfinnan but it goes to Mallaig via the ferry from Skye. E. O'Rua will contact the Screen Machine to ask if they would consider coming to Glenfinnan. Rudy would be happy for it to be in the NTS car park.

#### 4.3 Cheese & Wine

There was a cheese and wine held at the Trust on Sunday. It was an enjoyable evening and also raised funds for the CC. Thanks to Rudy for hosting this event.

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