

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 31st August at Glenfinnan House Hotel

Present:

S Coffey

J Robertson

R Dewar

D MacFarlane

D Gibson

Several community members were in attendance

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and agreed.

2.0 Business Arising

2.1 Forestry

D MacFarlane is to have a meeting with A MacKenzie from Forest enterprise to discuss possible projects within the Glenfinnan Area. He asked for any suggestions or comments for discussion. Several points were raised:

Misinformation on some of the path signs should be rectified.

Is Forest Enterprise responsible for the maintenance of the paths and how often?

Is there any update regarding the proposed bridge over the Callop. Is there an alternative to using the Royal Engineers?

Are there any plans for a Cycle path along Loch Shiel and connecting with Loch Eil etc considering that Lochaber is being promoted as the Outdoor Capital of the UK? If not, can the Community get involved in providing one?

When forest clearances are taking place e.g. at Scamadale, can the community be informed?

Once the meeting has taken place the minutes will be updated. There will also be a forest panel meeting in October for all Community Councils.

2.2 Mobile Skip

The Highland Council plan to place a skip in Glenfinnan very shortly. The Community Council will be informed and dates and location publicised.

2.3 Road Issues

Several issues relating to the speed limit discussion were raised and some smaller issues. A letter is to be written to BEAR requesting an update on the following points:

The monitoring of the speed limit has not taken place as promised; this includes monitoring strips along the road at the Monument and at the end of the village,

along with the mobile flashing speed signs.
There is a culvert along the A830, just past the War Memorial, that has been damaged. It appears that a traffic cone has been placed there as a warning.
The cutting back of trees along the A830 in the village is overdue.

The Glenfinnan House Hotel sign is still in its former position and has not been moved following the discussion with BEAR Scotland.

The reflective signs along the A830, starting at Callop Bridge, have been replaced in parts although there are still old battered ones. Will they be removed or replaced?

2.4 Paper Recycling

The proposed new civic amenity site in Fort William will have ample provision for paper recycling. Due to cost implications there are no plans to have any rural locations. D Gibson has enquired as to the cost of using a contractor ourselves, but this is not financially possible.

2.5 Bus Shelter

There appears to be no movement on this issue. A further letter is to be sent asking for an update.

3.0 Correspondence

Poppy Wreath ordered as per usual

ALCC subs are now due. Cheque to be sent

Several reports have been received:

Maintaining Houses –Preserving homes. This draft document proposes that the Highland Council will be able to enforce private homeowners to maintain their properties to a certain standard.

Draft Community Safety Strategy

Investing in Water Services

Paying for water Services

Highland tenant newsletter.

Anti Litter poster received.

Scottish health Council newsletter

Caring for you out of hours document

AGM of Highland Small Communities housing Trust.

Highland Council Quality awards nomination form

Highland Council Corporate plan 2004-2007

Community development brochure

Notification received of Council session to discuss Fort William Parking changes. These include a tiered payment system depending on time with the proposal to start on 1st November 2004.

Community Council Grant declaration received. This will be signed and returned in order to receive this year's grant.

4.0 A O C B

4.1 This years AGM will take place on the 7 th November. The venue has yet to be confirmed and details will be circulated nearer the time.

4.2 A quiz is being planned for Thursday 7 th October 2004 at Glenfinnan House Hotel. Again further details will be circulated.

4.3 Morag Hughes successfully completed her swim of the Loch and several locals turned out to greet her. The proceeds of the swim will be donated to Community Council Projects. It was decided that the funds be placed into a separate account until a suitable project has been found. This will be discussed at the AGM.

4.4 A tidy village day will be arranged. Details will be sent round as close to the day as possible due to weather restrictions.

4.5 The community council have been informed of the theft of the Children's party money jar that was located on the bar at Glenfinnan Lodge Hotel. This is obviously a blow to the whole village. As there have been other thefts around the area, villagers should be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the police.

4.6 The subject of Broadband was raised and a letter will be sent to BT to find out the options and timescales involved. In this age of technology it seems unfair that we are unable to obtain this service.

Following this the meeting was closed and the next one arranged for Monday 27th September at 7.30pm at Glenfinnan House Hotel.