

Present: Duncan Gibson, Fiona Gibson, Ingrid Henderson, Jenny Thomson, Duncan MacFarlane + 7 members.

Apologies: Stephen Carruthers, Cncllr Allan Henderson, Sgnt. Keith Almond,

1. Minutes circulated and agreed
2. Matters arising
 - 2.1 Community Facility/ Venue – Marine Harvest Hut: Ongoing: **Action: A separate sub group is to be formed to take plans further.**
 - 2.2 Hydro Schemes Community Benefit: Slatach Hydro Scheme have responded negatively to this year's payment request as they feel business rate changes imposed by the Scottish Government and local authority mean they pay into the community already. **Action: Duncan to contact Dot Ferguson for advice.**
 - 2.3 Back Track Drainage issues: D. MacFarlane would like to amend his initial response as having taken advice, he feels he is not liable for any maintenance. Following a discussion, Fiona proposed that back-track residents meet and come up with a solution. **Action: Duncan to contact residents and organise a meeting.**
 - 2.4 Glenfinnan™: D Gibson circulated a letter from NTS (National Trust for Scotland) regarding the Glenfinnan trademark. **Action: Any amendments to be sent to CC.**
 - 2.5 Roads issues: The issue of A830/ Slatach Road-end signage has been raised again with too many Slatach signs erected and signs to parking at the glen road-end. Old signposts have been crudely cut and the metal posts have been left sitting proud which could be a hazard to pedestrians or animals. Duncan has contacted Bear Scotland about posts. John Barnes raised pavement issues between the glen road end and Trust. He also requested that a crash barrier be installed above Tor an Eas as part of the railway bridge realignment works. The speed limit issue was also discussed again. **Action: Fiona to again contact Bear Scotland & Transport Scotland with all these issues. Keith Almond to be contact for a traffic count and parking safety issues.**
 - 2.6 Tourist parking: Ongoing: This is still an issue without a solution. **Fiona to contact Cncllr. Henderson about the parking signage & parking solutions.**
 - 2.7 Defibrillator/ CPR refresher course: Scottish Ambulance Service to come back to us with availability for a refresher course.
 - 2.8 Social media presence: A Facebook Community Organisation page has been set up for the council. The address is www.facebook.com/GlenfinnanCommunityCouncil
 - 2.9 School drop off: The Church Car Park has been suggested as a safer drop-off location rather than the road end. All parents happy in principal. Ingrid has confirmed with Shiel Buses. **Action: Ingrid to confirm start date with parents.**
 - 2.10 Metal walkways on shore path: Alastair spoke to Iain Blyth who has agreed to pick them up this week.
3. Finance
 - 3.1 The current balance is £12,299,42
4. Correspondence
 - 4.1 Marie Curie – thank you for donation.
 - 4.2 Kilmalie CC & Caol CC – Invitation for joint Hustings, 26th April Caol Community Centre
 - 4.3 Glenfinnan Burial Trust: Only 4 burial plots left. Smaller plots for cremation to be created.
5. AOCB
 - 5.1 Village tidy: Unfortunately most of us were away but thanks to those who did attend. **Action: Jenny to buy 10 litter pickers and another gathering may be planned.**
 - 5.2 Public Toilets: – This issue was raised by John Barnes and all agreed a solution was needed.
 - 5.3 Stag issues: Tor an Eas residents explained the problems they are having and their worries for safety. The current cattle grid is not stopping deer entering. Theresa has contacted Ian Bruce Low, Highland Council. **Action: Fiona to follow-up with Highland Council and raise it as a safety issue/ duty of care.**
 - 5.4 Slip-way access at Slatach: Duncan enquired as to any developments but was referred on to the Angling Club.

Next meeting: Monday 8th May 8pm Glenfinnan House Hotel
A.G.M. Sunday 18th June 5pm Marine Harvest Hut