

GLENFINNAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Mon 20th June 8pm, Glenfinnan House Hotel.

Present: Duncan Gibson, Jenny Thomson, Stephen Carruthers, Sgnt Morven Brown, Duncan MacFarlane

Apologies: Fiona Gibson, Ingrid Henderson, Cncllr Allan Henderson

1. Minutes circulated and agreed

2. Matters arising:

2.1 **Hydro Schemes Community Benefit: Facility/ Venue:** Ongoing: CC in discussions with Marine Harvest about a sub-lease of the jetty building for community usage. Terms & conditions being discussed. Awaiting further response re. lease agreement. **Action: Duncan to continue dialogue. Fiona/ Jenny to send letters to Slatach/ Conaglen Hydro Schemes.**

2.2 **Community Notice Board repositioning:** Ongoing. **Action: Fiona to apply for financial support for new board.**

2.3 **Back Track Drainage:** Ongoing. Highland Council contacted about drainage issues & awaiting visit from Gus MacLennan.

2.4 **Bank Fishing issues:** Ongoing: Any sightings / concerns by the public, landowners or estate managers to be reported to the Police immediately. The Fishing Club have requested assistance with reinstating a locked gate for loch access to permit holders only. Landowner, Duncan MacFarlane is agreeable in principle but logistics have to be thought out. Duncan G has been in touch with Cavan and John Gibb who are working with CC to address this issue.

2.5 **War Memorial:** Funding available for overhaul work through the British Legion. **Action: Fiona to follow up.**

2.6 **National Trust - Glenfinnan Trademark:** Ongoing: Concern had been raised about the trademarking of Glenfinnan with regard to local business past and future. Duncan G met with Gareth Clingan and NTS lawyer Steven Small who stressed that the trademark had been purchased to protect the Glenfinnan name. CC are working with NTS on securing use of Glenfinnan name for local business. All businesses/individuals wishing to register a product using the name will now need to send a letter requesting permission to NTS. Existing companies are unaffected.

3. Finance

3.1 The current balance is £11,599.74

4. Correspondence:

4.1 LGB Commission for Scotland re. Electoral Ward Boundaries. Reviews available on web address: www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/reviews/5th_electoral/.

4.2 Mallaig and District Swimming Pool Association are looking for letter of support from CC re. refurbishment project. **Action: Jenny to draft letter**

4.3 Email from Alistair Gibson re. West Highlands and Islands Local Development Plan asking if CC would contact them to enquire as to why Glenfinnan is not mentioned in the plan. **Action: Fiona to send letter**

5. AOCB

5.1 **Roadsweeping:** This has been suggested for the lower and main road around Glenfinnan. **Action: Morven to follow up with Council & Bear Scotland regarding road debris.**

5.2 **Co-opted CC Member:** Thanks to Duncan MacFarlane for volunteering to become a member of CC. He was co-opted onto the committee by all present.

5.3 **Glenfinnan Village Gathering:** This event was well attended. Thanks to all who came along.

5.4 **The Castle:** Stephen informed CC that people have been sleeping overnight in castle recently. It had been locked but the door was broken down. **Action: Morven to follow up.**

5.5 **Post Office:** The Community Post Office is now open on **Thursdays 9.30 – 11.30 am @ back office of GHH** (access through the back door). All usual PO facilities available. Also a reminder that the mobile bank (RBS bus) is in Glenfinnan on Wednesdays 3.15-3.45, GHH car park.

5.6 **Visibility at road end:** Saplings have become overgrown and are obscuring visibility looking up A830. **Action: Duncan G to arrange for branches to be cut back.**

5.7 Glenfinnan v Rest of the World Shinty Match: Davy Robertson has approached CC asking if village would be willing to support this annual event, now in it's 3rd year, through help and a donation of £200 towards costs. This year's event is due to be held on Thursday 28 July 2016.

Events:

Sun 26th June AGM Glenfinnan House Hotel 5pm

Thurs 28 July Glenfinnan v Rest of World Shinty Match

Date of next meeting: Monday 13th September at 8pm, GHH.