

Present: Duncan Gibson, Fiona Gibson, Ingrid Henderson, Jenny Thomson, Stephen Carruthers, Morven Brown

Apologies: Cncllr Allan Henderson, John MacDougall

1. Minutes circulated and agreed
2. Matters arising
 - 2.1 **Hydro Schemes Community Benefit: Facility/ Venue:** Ongoing: Stephen spoke to Stramash contact regarding the Yurts and he is happy for us to visit. Match funding possibilities with Tesco Eco scheme. **Action: Stephen to arrange Yurt visit. Committee to think about ideas/ funding etc and have a dedicated meeting to discuss further.**
 - 2.2 **Village Road safety: Cycling proficiency.** A training session is planned for Sat 19th at Lochaber High School. It is proposed that a village member will undertake the training and then they can be supported to deliver the workshop to our youngsters the next day. **Action: Suitable candidates to be approached.**
 - 2.3 **Community Notice Board repairs:** Discussion about repositioning of notice boards. Monkey-puzzle area and the Station road bus stop agreed. **Action: Fiona to research notice board.**
 - 2.4 **Back Track bin area:** Following problems with wildlife, the CC are flagging up John Whyte's proposal to erect a hard-standing, secure area where the bins are currently housed. Hunters are agreeable in theory for this to go on their land and it's hoped that residents will be drafted in for support. Drainage issues have also been raised again with water running onto the road instead of the drain at the conker tree. **Action: Duncan to speak to John and to speak to HC about drainage.**
 - 2.5 **Road safety** – Ongoing. White lines reinstated on Glen road end but not on the Slatlach road side. Still awaiting progress. Despite a request from Morven Brown to Bear Scotland about removal of old signage on A830 near the Trust, the road is still littered with signs. Morven has also requested a speed survey for the village. Proposed work for the main road bridge over the River Finnan may provide an opportunity to widen pavement. **Action: Ingrid to enquire further with Bear Scotland & TSL.**
 - 2.6 **Bank Fishing:** Duncan contacted John Gibb about the issue of lights & night fishing by the River Finnan. His response highlighted the responsibility of local estates but also the difficulties that poses. He has forwarded to SSB, Colin Corlett, Glenfinnan Fishing Club and the Police for action. **Action: Morven to seek advice from Police Wildlife Liaison Officer.**
 - 2.7 **Post Office Outreach Service** will be hosted at Glenfinnan House Hotel every Thursday from 9.30 – 11.30am. Start date to follow.
 - 2.8 **War Memorial:** The British Legion have asked if we would be interested in being included in maintenance/ cleaning programme for the village memorial. All agreed it was a good idea. **Action: Duncan to speak to John Whyte about contact.**
 - 2.9 **National Trust - Glenfinnan Trademark:** Concern has been raised about the trademarking of Glenfinnan with regard to local business past and future. Thanks to Glencoe Community Council for sharing their experience. **Action: Duncan to contact Gareth Clingan to find out if trademark has been awarded and to arrange an agreement that future local local businesses would be protected.**
 - 2.10 **Village Parking – Lower Village/ Glen Rd end:** To date there are no firm plans for car parking expansion. Duncan has contacted Pauline Donaldson, HC regarding these issues and bollards for the lower road have been proposed. All agreed that this was a good short-term measure but wouldn't solve the issue. **Action: Duncan to reply positively about the bollards and request a change to 'soft verge' signage.**
3. Correspondence
 - 3.1 Highland Council: Renewal Insurance for Community Schemes **Action: Fiona to respond**
 - 3.2 HC – Training for new councillors: March 9th Fort William.
 - 3.3 HC - Budget Communication: 10% reduction in Community Council Budget.
 - 3.4 Lochaber Partnership – Community Planning meeting will be in Arisaig 22nd November 2016.
 - 3.5 Lochaber Housing Association newsletter
 - 3.6 The Scotland Bill – information letter.

4. AOCB

- 4.1 **Burns Night:** Thanks to all who attending another great night .
- 4.2 **Cinema nights:** Idea progressing. Equipment to be sought. **Action: Fiona to lead on this.**
- 4.3 **Royal Bank of Scotland mobile service** will visit Glenfinnan House Hotel every Wednesday 3.45 – 4.15.
- 4.4 **Village Defibrillator:** During regular checks a low battery was noticed and a replacement has been sent out. Duncan to register equipment and update with QR code reading from now on. Thanks to Duncan.

Events: 3pm Sunday April 10th Cheese & Wine Drawing Room, Glenfinnan House Hotel.

Next meeting: 8pm Mon 21st March Glenfinnan House Hotel.