

**Present:** Duncan Gibson, Fiona Gibson, Ingrid Henderson, Jenny Thomson, Duncan MacFarlane + 1 member public.

**Apologies:** Stephen Carruthers, Cncllr Allan Henderson, Sgnt Morven Brown

1. Minutes circulated and agreed
2. Matters arising
  - 2.1 Community Facility/ Venue: Ongoing: Progress is being made. Lyndsey MacGruer, Marine Harvest has drawn up a new sub-lease for consultation. A separate sub group is to be formed to take plans further. **Action: D. Gibson to contact Dot Ferguson for advice. Community meeting to be held.\***
  - 2.2 Hydro Schemes Community Benefit: **Action: Jenny/ Fiona to contact Slatlach Hydro about payments. Ingrid to contact Kate Forbes** about Community Benefit as a condition of planning.
  - 2.3 Community Notice Board has arrived. **Action: To be erected at the Glen-road bus-stop by work party.**
  - 2.4 Back Track Drainage issues: D. MacFarlane has had a look and agrees that a run off is needed either above or below the upper bridge and he's happy to rectify this. A discussion was held regarding a long-term solution since this is raised annually with the council. Since there is no formal agreement, the landowner believes that individual houses should be responsible for run-off from their houses and general maintenance of the surface/ potholes etc. However, drainage would come under the landowner responsibilities. **Action: Duncan is happy to talk to back-track residents and formulate a plan.**
  - 2.5 Glenfinnan™: D Gibson met with NTS (National Trust for Scotland) representatives and we have a letter for use by any residents setting up a new business using Glenfinnan in its title. **Action: D. Gibson to circulate letter for response/ amendments.**
  - 2.6 Roads issues: A830 signs are earmarked for removal but progress is unclear to date. Morven contacted Highland Council & Bear Scotland regarding road debris & sweeping on the lower and main. **Action: Morven to request again.**
  - 2.7 Tourist parking: **Action: Fiona to contact Cncllr. Henderson again about finding a solution.**
  - 2.8 Defibrillator/ CPR refresher course: **Action: Fiona to contact Scottish Ambulance Service about a refresher course in the Winter and Feb/ Mar.**
  - 2.9 Social media presence: It was agreed to set up a Facebook Community Organisation page for the council. Discussion about pros/ cons of open pages and closed groups. **Action: Fiona/ Ingrid to follow up.**
  - 2.10 School drop off: The Church Car Park has been suggested as a safer drop-off location rather than the road end. Father Roddy has given the green light to this and Loch Shiel Buses are agreed in principal as long as it's the only lower village drop off. **Action: Ingrid to contact parents before confirming with Shiel Buses.**
  - 2.11 Metal walkways on shore path: Colin Morley has asked if there are plans to move these. All agreed they were unsightly and there are moves afoot to remove them. **Action: Alastair to speak to Iain Blyth**
  - 2.12 A kayak recovered from the loch in the Summer has not been claimed and is now village property.
3. Finance
  - 3.1 The current balance is £10,874,04.
4. Correspondence
  - 4.1 Bank of Scotland: inactivity on second account notification.
  - 4.2 Lochaber Housing Association: Winter Newsletter
  - 4.3 Kate Forbes MSP: Scottish Government proposal 'Scotland's Place in Europe Public feedback requested. Further information at [www.gov.scot/scotlandineurope](http://www.gov.scot/scotlandineurope) (Deadline 20th February)
  - 4.4 Kate Forbes MSP Christmas card.
5. AOCB
  - 5.1 Christmas Gathering: Thanks to those who attended a lovey event and thank you to Santa.
  - 5.2 Village communications: It was agreed to send out a paper flyer to the village with information on forthcoming events and requesting email addresses for the database. **Action: Ingrid to draw up flyer.**
6. Events:

Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> January 7pm	Burns Supper, Glenfinnan House Hotel
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30pm Meeting about Community Facility ideas, Glenfinnan House Hotel
	3pm Charity Afternoon Tea

**Next meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Glenfinnan House Hotel 8pm**