

Glenfinnan Community Council

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Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2007 at Glenfinnan House Hotel

Present: Duncan Gibson
Joan Robertson (2nd half)
Eric McKenna (1st half)
Eileen O'Rua
Grahaeme Young

Also present: Christine Clephan, LEG

1.0 The minutes of the last meeting were circulated and agreed with exception of the date which is to be amended

2.0 Business Arising

2.1 Community Compost

Christine Clephan from Lochaber Environmental Group came to talk to us about the possibility of establishing a community compost site in Glenfinnan. LEG already have three community compost sites. They apply for planning permission and have funds for tools, shed etc. They also pay for 5 hours labour a week. From the community they would need a site and volunteers to set it up. The site would be used for garden waste and cardboard. There is the possibility in the future of a hanna to compost cooked waste. LEG would supply a shredder for all waste. They would hope to be able to pay someone to maintain the site and the compost goes back to the community. She spoke with us about the need to reduce waste going to landfill. The community council agreed to gauge interest in the community and to report back to her. Christine gave us some literature and left the meeting at this point.

2.2 War Memorial

Following discussion at the AGM the plan of action is to get it cleaned by Stokes Memorials, get the bench legs offered by John Barnes and organise bench construction, do some pruning on surrounding trees.

2.3 Bridge over the Callop

Update from Donald Donnelly: The grade of steel has been agreed and the bridge will be assembled when all the pieces are together and the water on the loch goes down.

2.4 Road Issues

We received a favourable response from J. Tolmie at Highland Council Roads Department.

Slatash Road – slow markings in summer 2007; erection of single track road sign and sign indicating there is no footway; ditching, drainage and site clearance request is included in current work lists

Torr an Eas – road not adopted by council, suggestion for cul-de-dac information incorporated into a sign on trunk road has been forwardws to Lochaber Housing Association

2.5 Glenfinnan 07

E. O'Rua updated the meeting on the events planned for the year.

2.6 Cycle Path

Joan to follow-up. D. Gibson informed the meeting that Visit Glenfinnan had a meeting with Anna Trafford, OCUK and they are keen for a cycle path.

2.7 Website

G. Young complimented Eric on the new website. E. Mackenna said he will report back to us on it.

2.8 Station Road

Received replies from rail authorities. Work is to be carried out on the road. Also received £5 rail travel vouchers which we decided to raffle at a future event.

2.9 Post Box

D. Gibson spoke to Ronnie and he will look into the possibility of a post box at the post office.

2.10 Noticeboards

E. Mackenna said that he had done the noticeboards. I.e. fitted cork backing and bought new drawing pins.

2.11 Screen Machine

Ongoing

2.12 Schools

J. Robertson will make enquiries re feasibility of a village facility / school. We agreed we need to gather information before arranging a meeting

3.0 AOCB

3.1 D. Gibson raised the issue with Eric of his absence from the AGM without apologies and also the issue of no financial report from the Community Development Group. At first, he refused to apologise saying he had done so already. However, it transpired this was to D. Gibson in a supermarket. E. O'Rua suggested he may wish to apologise to the meeting for the sake of the minutes. At this point he apologised citing personal difficulties. On the matter of the community development groups finances he said that he had not seen Colin Morley for 3 months. D. Gibson asked him if he felt able to continue on the council. E. Mackenna said he will think about whether or not to continue.

3.1 G. Young suggested that the village tidy included the stretch of old road from boardwalk to bridge as it collects debris from the loch. Also, the finger post needs to say Callop forest walks.

3.2 E. O'Rua told the meeting she is resigning as secretary as she no longer has the time for this role. G. Young offered to become correspondence secretary but not for minutes. E. O'Rua agreed to remain as minutes secretary only.

3.3 The children's party collection raised £98

4.0 Correspondence

- Highlands & Islands local food network newsletter Local Bites
- The Right Track newsletter from Paths for All partnership
- Sitelines Autumn 2006
- Postwatch Scotland newsletter
- Lochaber Housing Association newsletter
- NHS Highland review of services for older people in Lochaber
- NHS Highland re review of services for older people in Lochaber: Report of the public consultation
- Lochaber Housing Association newsletter

- Agenda item for Assoc of Lochaber Community Councils meeting in November with copy of letter from Arisaig Community Council to Ross Finnie on Coastal and Marine National Parks
- Scottish Natural Heritage newsletter
- Highlands & Islands Enterprise 15th Network Report
- NHS Team Updates November, December
- Scottish Water Launch of winter warmer campaign
- Lochaber Local Plan Update
- Highland Council letter re rural public passenger grant 2007 – 2008
- Highland Council reply re bus contracts consultation
- HITRANS draft regional transport strategy
- Assoc of Lochaber Community Councils minutes 25th November, 2006
- Friends of the West Highland Lines report 'Developing the West Highland Lines'
- Electoral Reform Society info on Single Transferable Voting
- The Highland Council letter, map and report re Community Council Boundaries and Ward For a
- Scottish Health Council letter re their draft corporate plan

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 21st March 2007, 7pm at Glenfinnan House Hotel

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