

Glenfinnan Community Council AGM
28th November 2010 Glenfinnan House Hotel

Present: Duncan Gibson (Chair), Ingrid Henderson (Minute Secretary), Grahaeme Young (Sec + Treasurer) Joan Robertson (member), Eileen O'Rua (member) plus 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Councillor Allan Henderson

2. Chairman's Welcome

D. Gibson welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked everyone for support throughout the year.

3. Treasurer's Report

G. Young presented the account information to the group. The current balance is £2000. Alasdair Gibson questioned the ALCC amount of £10. G. Young to find out whether it is required or useful to the council.

C. MacFarlane suggested that this balance is used for the benefit of the community rather than sitting in an account. All agreed and plans are in place for 2011 events.

4. Business arising:

4.1 Railway Station

J. Barnes informed the group that the expansion and improvement at the railway is to start after Christmas.

J.B. asked CC to contact Scotrail regarding the gritting of the railway brae. Letter to be sent to Alastair MacLennan at Fort William station.

4.2 Phone lines

Poor phone lines and Broadband problems are still ongoing.

4.3 Road issues

Issues regarding speed limit, passing places and crash barriers are ongoing.

4.4 The Castle

The Chapel House may not be for sale after all but it is unknown about the Castle.

4.5 Community Development Group

Eric was present at the meeting but had nothing to report until the group meet again on Wed 8th Dec. They have agreed to come to next CC meeting to discuss the outcome of that meeting.

4.6 Phone Box

John Barnes informed the group that the box will have to be moved as part of the railway development plans. At the same time the levels will be put in for a potential bus shelter.

4.7 Church Footpath

The Council wishes to thank Duncan MacFarlane for clearing the rhododendrons up by the top bridge at the church making a nice feature of the water.

4.8 Church restoration

Plans are afoot to set up a "trading arm" and a fresh appeal for the church. A group has been set up but no progress to report at present.

4.9 Village Plan

This is now complete and distributed. Thankyou to Joan for undertaking this task.

Christmas Party

Positive feedback after last year's Village Christmas Cèilidh Dance will mean that the same format will be used this year.

Deterioration of back track

After drainage problems raised last year Eric suggested contacting back-track residents to gather and discuss issues. Alastair Gibson has agreed to contact residents on the top of the back track to the pedestrian bridge. CC thanked Eric for filling in the divots caused from last year's rainfall.

5. AOCB

5.1 Grit bins

Positioning of bins was raised by J.Robertson. D.Gibson to contact council to discuss.

5.2 Refuse bins

The possibility of bigger communal bins rather than individual bins at the conker tree was raised. G. Young to explore this further with Highland Council.

5.3. Minutes by email

Access to Community Council minutes. I. Henderson will send the website link to those who requested online access. This is a public site available at www.glenfinnan.org.uk/council.asp