

**Present:** Stephen Carruthers, Duncan Gibson, Fiona Gibson, Lewis Gibson, Ingrid Henderson, Jenny Thomson, Sgnt. Keith Almond, Cncllr Allan Henderson

**Apologies:**

1. Minutes circulated and agreed
2. Matters arising
  - 2.1 Community Facility – Marine Harvest Hut: Ongoing: Ideas were shared on the design of a questionnaire to gauge support and possible usage of a facility within the village. **Action: Fiona/ Ingrid to collate ideas and devise a paper and online survey. A separate sub group will be formed thereafter to take plans further.**
  - 2.2 Hydro Schemes Community Benefit: Slatlach Hydro Scheme have responded negatively to this year's payment request as they feel business rate changes imposed by the Scottish Government and local authority mean they pay into the community already. **Action: Duncan to contact Dot Ferguson for advice.**
  - 2.3 Back Track Drainage issues: Ongoing: **Action: Fiona to approach Duncan about arranging a residents meeting so that a long-term solution can be agreed.**
  - 2.4 Glenfinnan™: Thanks to Julia for typing up the amended NTS (National Trust for Scotland) letter regarding the Glenfinnan trademark. **Action: Alistair to clarify Glenfinnan Estates work regarding the issue.**
  - 2.5 Roads issues: Ongoing. A meeting is to be arranged to discuss various issues including Railway Bridge realignment at top of village, speed limit and verge damage. Sgnt Keith Almond happy to support issues on safety grounds. **Action: Duncan to arrange a date with Chris Tracey, Bridges Manager and David Devine, Transport Scotland.**
  - 2.6 Tourist parking: Ongoing: This continues to be an issue and even more so this Summer. Residents have been logging abandonment of cars with the Police Scotland as requested. There are positive moves afoot to find a solution which we hope to report on in the coming months.
  - 2.7 Defibrillator/ CPR refresher course: Thanks to Duncan for addressing the faults with the old machine and subsequently sourcing a new machine & heated storage. Thanks also for funding support in buying the new defib. **Action: Fiona to arrange a refresher training session.**
  - 2.8 Stag issues – Tor an Eas & lower village: Thank you to Alastair for his help in the matter.
3. Finance
  - 3.1 The current balance is £10828.94
4. Correspondence
  - 4.1 Lochaber Housing Association Newsletter
  - 4.2 Bank of Scotland: Financial Services compensation Scheme
  - 4.3 Crown Estates Bulletin
  - 4.4 Highland Council: Ùtha Hydro Planning Application – Construction of Earth embankments (dams). Ref: 17/03838/FUL
5. AOCB
  - 5.1 Shiel Buses drop off: Safety issues have been raised by the drivers with regards to drop off at the Church. Due to overparking the bus has not always been able to pull fully off the road. They will revert back to Slatlach road end from Mon 18<sup>th</sup> September.
  - 5.2 A830 Resurfacing: Road closures planned through Glenfinnan 24<sup>th</sup> Sep – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 9pm – 6am. There will be an amnesty at 12am & 3am when vehicles will be escorted through.
  - 5.3 The Public Entertainment License: Thanks to Duncan for form-filling in order to run the Bonfire & Fireworks event within new safety regulations. It takes place on the Games Field this year in order to pool resources with the Glenfinnan Games Committee.
  - 5.4 Remembrance Day Ceremony: **Action: Jenny to purchase the wreath.**

**Next meeting:** Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> October 8pm Glenfinnan House Hotel

**Events:**

Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Village Walk: Sgùrr Thuilm (Munro). Meet @ Glen workshop (before viaduct) 9.30am
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Party Kids 7 – 8pm, Adults 9pm
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Village tidy 11 am
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire & Fireworks, Games Field 7pm
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service 2pm