

GLENFINNAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2011, Glenfinnan House Hotel

Present: Duncan Gibson, Ingrid Henderson, Grahaeme Young, Cncllr. Allan Henderson

Apologies: Joan Robertson Eileen O'Rua

1. Minutes circulated and agreed
2. Matters arising
 - 2.1. Phone lines: ongoing: It appears that the exchange has had some upgrading to take other Broadband providers. Broadband Enabling Technology (BET) is still available but individuals have to go through service providers who in turn contact Open Reach. Info received about HIE Scheme to introduce G4 Broadband into Highland areas. G.Y to pursue for more details.
 - 2.2. Road issues: ongoing. Forthcoming meeting about the National Trust entrance. Council members to be invited.
 - 2.3. Shore path + tidy: A huge thank you to all who helped with this fantastic community effort. A big thanks to Iain and DJ for working the machines, Alastair Gibson and Glenfinnan estate and to Marine Harvest for their support.
 - 2.4. Village defibrillator: ongoing. – machine to be bought and training to done. DG to follow up. Cncllr Henderson to get information from Dominic Sargeant.
 - 2.5. Pedestrian signage: awaiting delivery.
 - 2.6. Community Art Project: G.Y to contact Callop walkway landowners for permission to run an art project based on nature themes.
 - 2.7. Out of hours post-box: D.G to speak to R. MacKellaig.
 - 2.8. Back track bins: Following J. Whyte's offer of a solution to tidy up the bins at the back track, D.G to speak to landowners and explore possibilities. G.Y to reply to J. Whyte.
 - 2.9. Flowers: The council will explore the idea of marking the entrances to GF with flowers/ plants. It may coincide with a village tidy at bulb planting season.
3. Correspondence
 - 3.1. Community Development Group: Letter regarding a special meeting on 7th April.
 - 3.2. Highland Council: Letter regarding closure of Special Class at Banavie.
 - 3.3. Letter from Raymond King about Community Wardens.
4. AOCB
 - 4.1. Cheese & Wine: Thank you to Rudi for hosting this event at the National Trust in March.
 - 4.2. Community Council Scheme: the document is to be read and raised at next meeting.
 - 4.3. Development Group: A meeting was held on April 7th to discuss what should happen to the funds raised. IH reported back that the money will be granted to the Community Council to look after but ring fenced with conditions. Ideas will be requested from the community as to a suitable use.
 - 4.4. Callop Bridge: Given recent accidents and road closure we need to raise the issue with the roads department. G.Y to contact Bob Mitchell
 - 4.5. Deterioration of the back track: Joan raised the idea of Kevin MacAuley doing maintenance and drainage works on the back track. All were in agreement and back track residents will be contacted to seek approval
 - 4.6. Community Council engagement: It was agreed to try and seek more involvement from the community. A suggestion box/ letter will be drafted up to ask for any issues people would like to raise or any new ideas/ projects. This may tie in with the Development Group funds. To be discussed at next meeting.

Next meeting: Thurs May 5th 8.30pm Glenfinnan House Hotel

All welcome or pass your comments/ ideas to a community council member in advance

Events: Sat June 4 Village Fun Day