

# **GLENFINNAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Àrd Daraich 6.30pm Inaugural meeting and Election of Office Bearers**

Present: Duncan Gibson, Grahaeme Young, Eileen O’Rua, Joan Robertson  
Apologies: Ingrid Henderson

Cncllr Bill Clark was in attendance to swear in the new council members

Chair: Duncan Gibson	Proposed: Grahaeme Young	Seconded: Joan Robertson
Secretary: Grahaeme Young	Proposed: Eileen O’Rua	Seconded: Duncan Gibson
Treasurer: Grahaeme Young	Proposed: Duncan Gibson	Seconded: Joan Robertson

## **7pm Community Council Meeting**

Present: Duncan Gibson, Grahaeme Young, Eileen O’Rua, Joan Robertson, Ingrid Henderson, Jenny O’Neill  
Apologies: Cllr. Henderson

Chairman Duncan Gibson welcomed the new Community Council to office. Jenny O’Neill was co-opted on to the Council. Motion proposed by G. Young and seconded by I. Henderson

1. Minutes circulated and agreed

2. Matters arising

- 2.1. Phone lines: ongoing: Correspondence sent on our behalf from John Watssman PC to C. Kennedy MP & Dave Thompson MSP regarding poor Broadband speed and requesting an upgrade to Kinlocheil exchange. Request noted by D. Thompson and information on future plans given. Immediate upgrade does not appear likely with 2015 and 2020 being mentioned as likely deadlines for ‘Next Generation Broadband’. GY to write to Alex Neil, Cabinet Minister for Infrastructure, to seek clarification on the plan and explain our geographical predicament.
- 2.2. Road issues: ongoing. G. Young to contact B. Mitchell regarding road report and meeting which should have taken place in late November. Callop Bridge to be kept on the agenda.  
D.G met with Ian MacLellan, Highland Council to raise various issues as detailed below:  
Grit bins – now full. Dog fouling - A. Gibson is happy to house a bin at the Glen car park. Highland Council to look into the provision of a bin.  
Road surface & Pavement – G.Y to contact Mark Smith, Capital Road Works Programme and request that a pavement be entered into the next plan. Concern about the road surface will be lodged too.
- 2.3. Village defibrillator & training: ongoing. Awaiting result from British Heart Foundation application. Information about training will be circulated once the application is agreed.
- 2.4. Phone box: Ongoing:
- 2.5. Hydro schemes: ongoing. G.Y to contact Dot Ferguson as regards any progress.
- 2.6. Dog Poo: see 2.2
- 2.7. Callop Walkway: G.Y wrote to Forestry Commission regarding maintenance. No response so far.

3. Correspondence

- 3.1 Letter from Dave Thompson – response to John Watssmann letter re. Broadband
- 3.2 Response from Alex Neil MSP re. Broadband issues
- 3.3 Highland Council: Managing Flood Risk in the Highlands

4. AOCB

- 4.1. Quiz Night/ Games Night: Two successful and very congenial social events were hosted in November. Thanks to all who joined in. Thanks also to Lee Broomfield for being an excellent quiz master. £150 was raised for Children in Need.
- 4.2. Village Signage: D.G and G.Y erected all the signage to help
- 4.3. Out of Hours Post Box: is now in operation at the Post Office shed.
- 4.4. Church Path: Hand rail erected over the top river for safety.

**Next meeting(s): Tues 7<sup>th</sup> February 8pm, Helios.**

All welcome or pass your comments/ ideas to a community council member in advance.  
Feel free to post ideas in our suggestion box positioned at Post Office.

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