

GLENFINNAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES 21st January 2013

Present: Duncan Gibson, Grahaeme Young, Eileen O’Rua, Jenny Thomson, Ingrid Henderson, Joan Robertson, Sgnt Kirsten Marshall

1. Minutes circulated and agreed.
2. Matters arising.
 - 2.1 Phone Lines/Broadband: Glenfinnan Net has been formed and will take over broadband issues. Steve Taylor in liaison with Simon Helliwell, Eigg and Chris Pellow, Locheil Net are pushing the project forward in terms of funding and practical transmission solutions. Ardgour Net and Achnacarry also looking to have the same service. Rio Tinto and Marine Harvest have agreed their part in transmitting the signal out to the various communities. Pilot scheme with ADSL lines to be installed at end of January & Glenfinnan House Hotel to be used as initial location. Once operational, an open day will be announced in order for the community to try the new set up.
 - 2.2 Road Issues – A830: G. Young to contact Dave Thomson as a new lead to try and get the speed limit implemented by the Trust. A full consultation is still to take place
 - 2.3 Village defibrillator and training: E O’Rua is waiting to hear from the British Heart Foundation to confirm us as an affiliated group. Training and equipment will be forthcoming. Funding has been received from Marine Harvest with thanks.
 - 2.4 Hydro Schemes: Ongoing. G. Young to follow up with Dot Ferguson.
 - 2.5 Back Track: Drainage issues remain on the back track. Dougie Hunter has taken pictures to send to Global to see if they can rectify work.
 - 2.6 Book Exchange: GHH to explore possibility of housing a mini library.
3. Correspondence.
 - 3.1 NHS Newsletter
 - 3.2 Lochaber Women’s Aid. Letter about Awareness Raising.
 - 3.3 Planning: Retrospective planning notification for water mains work, Scottish Water.
 - 3.4 Scottish Water: Consultation launch. Further info from www.scottishwater.co.uk
 - 3.5 Update on Association of Lochaber Community Councils.
4. AOCB.
 - 4.1 Christmas Party: Kid’s party was a great success and enjoyed by all.
 - 4.2 Work Party idea: Proposal to tidy up area in front of graveyard. Date tba
 - 4.3 Slatach Hydro Scheme: G. Young to send letter requesting that the contractors repair the verge damage caused by site traffic on the recent works.
 - 4.4 Police changes: Sgnt Kirsten Marshall attended the meeting & notified us of changes to Policing including the move to a single police force in April. The current Area Commander is Chief Inspector Derek Paterson & Fort William Police are moving premises this year to a new build on the Blar Mòr.
 - 4.5 Planter: Thanks to Alasdair Gibson for replacing the missing planter at the top of village.
 - 4.6 Bus Stop: J. Barnes has notified us that a bus shelter will not be authorised for the Station Road after all. Sight lines have been cited for the decision. D. Gibson to speak to J. Barnes about initial planning details regarding the shelter. Failing that Ivor Soutor to be contacted about this & the general lack of bus shelters throughout village.

Events: Fri/ Sat 22/23 February Games and Quiz Night, Glenfinnan House hotel
Sun 10th March Cheese & Wine , “

Next meeting: Mon 4th March 8pm Ard Daraich

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.