

GLENFINNAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES 14th May 2013

Present: Duncan Gibson, Eileen O'Rua, Jenny Thomson, Ingrid Henderson, Joan Robertson, Sgnt. David Campbell, Cncllr. Allan Henderson

Apologies: Teeny Neilson

1. Minutes circulated and agreed
2. Matters arising
 - 2.1 Phone Lines/Broadband: Ongoing: Wireless Broadband pilot scheme still working. Glenfinnan Net linked with Locheil Net who are progressing the scheme. For updated information go to locheilnet.co.uk Fibre-optic Broadband also an option in the future but timescale is unclear.
 - 2.2 Road Issues – A830: Ongoing. A public consultation regarding speed limits is still to take place. D Gibson to communicate with Teeny at the National Trust about creating a safe crossing area before resuming the campaign for an extension of the limit. Callop Bridge - Bob Mitchell to be contacted again following the recent fatality. Support to be sought from Network Rail. White-line erosion in upper village to be raised too.
 - 2.3 Village defibrillator and training: Following contact with the British Heart Foundation, Eileen is to contact Alan Knox re. training and inclusion in the Lochaber Heart Start Group. Box is installed and working at GF House Hotel.
 - 2.4 Hydro Schemes – Community Benefit: Ongoing. Dot Ferguson still awaiting response from Glenfinnan Hydro Scheme although we believe that the response is to be negative which is disappointing. Ingrid awaiting response from Slatach Hydro scheme following unsuccessful appeals by Highland Council.
 - 2.5 Back Track: Ongoing: Drainage issues remain on the upper back track. Some residents to be contacted.
 - 2.6 Work Party idea: Proposal to tidy up area in front of graveyard. Idea to be explored further and date tbc
 - 2.7 Slatach Hydro Scheme: Letter to be sent requesting repair of verge damage caused by heavy machinery and fallen trees across the river.
 - 2.8 Bus Stop: Awaiting response from Neil Young regarding a plan to erect bus shelters & designate bus stops at the Glen and Station Road ends. Cncllr Henderson has flagged it up with Neil Gillies, Head of TEC services. Mike Learey, Cameron Kemp & Neil Gillies also to be contacted. Ingrid to follow up.
3. Correspondence.
 - 3.1 Highland Council Criminal Justice Service Annual Report
 - 3.2 Lochaber Biodiversity Group: Public Meeting May 20th.
 - 3.3 Cameron Square Survey
 - 3.4 SNH Magazine
 - 3.5 Robert Hawkes: Letter regarding Slatach Hydro Scheme & white-line damage.
 - 3.6 Angus MacDonald: Letter regarding Church refurbishments.

4. AOCB.

- 4.1 Cheese & Wine: £140 raised. Thanks to all for support.
- 4.2 Church works / community support: Angus MacDonald has been in touch to raise awareness and encourage community support for the refurbishments currently underway. Concern was raised about the channelling of previous monies donated in the initial fundraising and it was felt that this should be added to the current efforts.
- 4.3 Way to the Isles: Walking trail out to Mallaig is developing well.
- 4.4 Council member: Looking to co-opt another member. To be discussed at next meet.
- 4.5 Verge Parking: Information is to be posted on Kayaking forums regarding designated parking areas within the village and request that vehicles are not abandoned on road.
- 4.6 Fishing permits: James Hilder contacted the council about buying permits.

Events: Fun Day Sat 29th June

Next meeting: 8pm Tuesday 25th June Glenfinnan House Hotel

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.