

GLENFINNAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2011, Glenfinnan House Hotel

Present: Duncan Gibson, Ingrid Henderson, Grahaeme Young, Eileen O'Rua, Joan Robertson, Charlie MacFarlane

Apologies: Cncllr. Henderson

1. Minutes circulated and agreed
2. Matters arising
 - 2.1. Phone lines: ongoing: C. Hawkes raised new concerns about the telephone system. We will urge more villagers to complain direct to their provider. G.Y to draft a letter to Charles Kennedy regarding the ongoing issues with phones and Broadband. G.Y to contact Lesley Scott regarding their specific problems highlighted recently in the local press.
 - 2.2. Road issues: ongoing. Speed Limit: Another letter sent to B. Mitchell regarding his lack of action since two years ago. B. Mitchell also contacted about the Callop Bridge safety. D.Gibson will follow up by phone. A letter is to be drafted and circulated regarding this accident black spot. It is hoped villagers will sign this to support action.
 - 2.3. Village defibrillator & training: ongoing. Flyers have been created to circulate around residents. Heated box sourced. Eileen to contact Liah White (Community Officer) about next step. Dominic Sargeant responded to queries via Cncllr A. Henderson.
 - 2.4. Pedestrian signage: Signage received and to be installed soon.
 - 2.5. Out of hours post-box: Approved and to be fitted shortly.
 - 2.6. Flowers: G.Y to contact interested parties about progressing the idea of a planting project. This will coincide with an Autumn Village Tidy and bulb planting season. See date below.
 - 2.7. Marine Harvest: Following on from Ben Hadfield & Allan MacMaster's meeting with the Community Council, a meeting was held with affected residents. Solutions were discussed and agreed.
3. Correspondence
 - 3.1 Lochaber Housing Association: AGM notification, 12 Sep, Caol Community Centre
 - 3.2 Colin Morley: Letter to the Community Council regarding Marine Harvest.
 - 3.3 The Highlands Small Communities Trust: Newsletter
 - 3.4 Lochaber Housing: New Rules Adoption + Recruitment Board + Newsletter
 - 3.5 Forestry Commission: Notification of regeneration plans south of Scamadale, Loch Shiel.
4. AOCB
 - 4.1. Horse manure: complaints were received regarding manure left on the board walk. It was a one-off pony trekking tour that visited the village and not our resident horses.
 - 4.2. Church Path works: C & R Hawkes wrote to commend the improvements made to the route. The Council would like to second these sentiments.
 - 4.3. School Transport: The issue of changeable bus stopping points in the upper village was raised by C. Hulewicz. This is a safety issue due to the lack of continuous pavement by the main road. Council to write to Shiel Buses on the residents behalf and copy to Councillors and school transport contacts.

Diary Dates:

Sun 23rd Oct Village Tidy & Bulb Planting 2.30pm

Sat 29th Oct Halloween Parties

Sat 5th Nov Bonfire and Fireworks

Next meeting(s): Tues 4th October 8pm Glenfinnan House Hotel

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