

Present: Duncan Gibson, Fiona Gibson, Ingrid Henderson, Jenny Thomson,

Apologies: Stephen Carruthers, Cncllr Allan Henderson, Sgnt Morven Brown, Duncan MacFarlane

1. Minutes circulated and agreed
2. Matters arising
 - 2.1 Community Facility/ Venue – Marine Harvest Hut: Ongoing: An open meeting was held to gauge opinion. Generally positive but concerns raised about ongoing commitment and ‘commercial’ usage. A skills audit & questionnaire were proposed to further research demand and usage. **Action: A separate sub group is to be formed to take plans further.**
 - 2.2 Hydro Schemes Community Benefit: **Action: Jenny/ Fiona to contact Slatlach Hydro about payments with reference to Community Facility.**
 - 2.3 Back Track Drainage issues: D. MacFarlane has had a look and agrees that a run off is needed either above or below the upper bridge and he’s happy to rectify this. A discussion was held regarding a long-term solution since this is raised annually with the council. Since there is no formal agreement, the landowner believes that individual houses should be responsible for run-off from their houses and general maintenance of the surface/ potholes etc. However, drainage would come under the landowner responsibilities. **Action: Duncan is happy to talk to back-track residents and formulate a plan.**
 - 2.4 Glenfinnan™: D Gibson met with NTS (National Trust for Scotland) representatives and we have a letter for use by any residents setting up a new business using Glenfinnan in its title. **Action: D. Gibson to circulate letter for response/ amendments shortly.**
 - 2.5 Roads issues: The issue of A830/ Slatlach Road-end signage has been raised again. The number of signs have been reduced and their positioning rejigged, but the CC note the inclusion of ‘Car Park’ signage for the glen road end which will not help our tourist parking problems at peak times. We were also informed that Glenfinnan Estate was not consulted. Old signposts have been crudely cut and the metal posts have been left sitting proud which could be a hazard to pedestrians or animals. **Action: Duncan to contact Bear Scotland about posts. Fiona to contact Cncllr. Henderson about the parking signage & parking solutions.**
 - 2.6 Defibrillator/ CPR refresher course: Scottish Ambulance Service to come back to us with availability for a refresher course.
 - 2.7 Social media presence: It was agreed to set up an open Facebook Community Organisation page for the council. **Action: Ingrid to set up.**
 - 2.8 School drop off: The Church Car Park has been suggested as a safer drop-off location rather than the road end. All parents happy in principal. **Action: Ingrid to confirm a start date with Shiel Buses & notify parents.**
 - 2.9 Metal walkways on shore path: Iain Blyth has agreed to pick up.
3. Finance
 - 3.1 The current balance is £12,299,42
4. Correspondence
 - 4.1 Bank of Scotland: inactivity on second account notification. Letter required to shut down account.
 - 4.2 Tree Charter Survey
 - 4.3 Review of Polling Stations Stage 2
 - 4.4 Highland Council: A consultation on the future of the Scottish Planning System
5. AOCB
 - 5.1 Burns Supper: Thanks to all our wonderful speakers for their contributions and to Alastair for his wonderfully hand crafted gifts.
 - 5.2 Charity Afternoon Tea: This was a great success and £200.10 raised for Marie Curie. Thanks to all.
 - 5.3 Village tidy: The issue of litter has been raised and a work party is proposed for Sunday 19th March 12pm. All volunteers welcomed.
6. Events: **Sunday 19th March 12pm ‘Litter pick’.** Meet at the conker tree with bin bag & gloves.

Next meeting: Monday 3rd April 8pm Glenfinnan House Hotel
Monday 8th May 8pm Glenfinnan House Hotel
A.G.M. Sunday 18th June 5pm Marine Harvest Hut