

Present: Fiona Gibson, Ingrid Henderson, Duncan MacFarlane, Jenny Thomson, Cncllr Allan Henderson

Apologies: Duncan Gibson, Stephen Carruthers, Sgnt Morven Brown

1. Minutes circulated and agreed
2. Matters arising
 - 2.1 Hydro Schemes Community Benefit: Facility/ Venue: Ongoing: Duncan to continue dialogue with Lyndsey MacGruer re. usage of Marine Harvest Base. Letters sent to Slatach & Conaglen Hydro Schemes regarding funding usage. **Action: Fiona/ Jenny to follow-up Slatach funding once facility ideas are firmed up.**
 - 2.2 Community Notice Board repairs/ repositioning: Action: £500 received from Highland Council for a new board. Glen-road bus stop agreed as the best location. **Action: Fiona to purchase.**
 - 2.3 Back Track Drainage: Highland Council contacted about drainage issues & still awaiting a visit from Gus MacLennan. **Action: D. Gibson to chase up H.C. D. MacFarlane to look at back track drainage issues.**
 - 2.4 Bank Fishing issues: Ongoing: Recent sightings have been reported to the Police and should continue to be reported. Questions raised about 'No fishing signage' and if that would strengthen the legal position. **Action: Alastair to raise the issue at the next Loch Shiel Sub Board Meeting on Sep 22nd.**
 - 2.5 War Memorial: Funding available for overhaul work through the British Legion. **Action: Fiona to follow up.**
 - 2.6 Glenfinnan™: D Gibson met with NTS (National Trust for Scotland) representatives and he has a letter for use by any resident setting up a new business using Glenfinnan in its title. The NTS acknowledged that they should have consulted the village regarding its intentions and it is hoped, after seeking legal opinion, that the letter wording will be agreed and binding.
 - 2.7 Roadsweeping has been suggested for the lower and main road around Glenfinnan. **Action: Morven to contact the Council & Bear Scotland regarding road debris.**
 - 2.8 Roads issues: Residents have requested that the oversized Slatach sign be reduced to fit with other signs on the route. The number of signs entering Glenfinnan has also been raised **Action: Fiona to contact Bear/ Transport Scotland & cc Cncllr Henderson.**

Issues regarding tourist parking have become worse this Summer with road blockages and abandonment of cars causing real safety issues. **Action: Ingrid to resend letter and photographs to N.T.S Glenfinnan & Edinburgh.**

Lower road – lack of progress on the collapsed culvert means that the road continues to deteriorate near the hotel and Grianan. This is also in part due to lack of progress on the back track drainage. **Action Fiona to include in letter to Cncllr A. Henderson.**
3. Finance
 - 3.1 The current balance is £ 11,224.27
4. Correspondence
 - 4.1 Highland Council: Information for Committee members & Digital Training Opportunities
 - 4.2 Walking Theatre Company – looking for outdoor venues.
 - 4.3 Lochaber Housing Association AGM – funding available.
 - 4.4 Highland Council: Traffic Order Consultation Decriminalisation of parking
 - 4.5 Highland Council: Public Convenience Questionnaire
 - 4.6 Highland Small Communities Housing Trust AGM 16th Sep Inverness
 - 4.7 Your Voice/ Your Choice funding: Vote for local projects at www.valochaber.org/yourvoicemyourchoice2016/
 - 4.8 Arisaig Station Garden Party & AGM Sat 17th Sep 1.30pm, West Highland Rail Community Partnership
5. AOCB
 - 5.1 Callop Walkway: An oak tree is currently blocking the path before the bridge: **Action: Alastair to clear it.**
 - 5.2 Defibrillator/ CPR refresher course: **Action: Fiona to contact British Heart Foundation about retraining**
 - 5.3 Social media presence: C.C to consider Facebook/ Twitter etc. as a way of disseminating information.
 - 5.4 Phone lines were recently cut during routine verge cutting. **Action: Fiona to send letter to Openreach**

Next meeting: Mon 3rd October & Mon 7th November at Glenfinnan House Hotel 8pm

Events: 1pm Sunday 30th Oct Guided walk up glen with Alastair Gibson. All welcome.