

Glengarry Community Council

Minutes of meeting 7th March 2022 at 19.00 by Teams

1. Present: Catriona Menzies (CM), Chair; Lea MacNally, (Treasurer) (LMacN), Neillie Stewart (NS), Ken Brown (KB), Cecilia Dyckhoff (CD), Minutes Secretary.
Apologies: Andrew Baldrey (AB). No conflicts of interest intimated.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of 7th February 2022
Proposed: KB; Seconded: LMacN; agreed.
3. Matters arising
 - (a) Repair of Post Office door: CD reported that one of the four joiners contacted is unable to do the work at present and the others have not yet provided estimates. She will contact other joiners.
 - (b) Presentation to Douglas Stewart: AB has reported that he has this matter in hand.
 - (c) Invergarry Old Bridge: KB reported that he has ascertained that if a repair agreement is in place, the owner need not necessarily be held responsible for the cost of repairs to structures. It was agreed that it would be in the community's interests for the Community Council to become involved in investigating possible sources of repair funding from organisations with an interest in maintaining the built heritage. CD will make informal approaches to her contacts within the Scottish architectural heritage community. Other members of the Council will send her copies of photographs of the bridge both before and after the damage occurred.
 - (d) Post Office SCIO: the email sent by Christopher Ellice about ownership of the land was noted. LMacN confirmed from his file of records that the Post Office building had been erected for the community between 1989 and 1992. LMacN reported that his informal enquiries about whether another local organisation might be prepared to take on responsibility for the Post Office building had not been successful. It was noted that the provision of Post Office services is a commercial operation between Post Office Counters and the franchisee.
4. Coire Glas project
KB noted the size of the proposed switching station by Loch Lundie and said that he had been looking further into the reason given for its size. We were told that SSE are unable to make the installation smaller because gas insulation cannot be used, but he questioned whether this is necessarily the case, given that a gas system has been used at at least two other places. He also expressed concern that if the Skye project is speeded up in order to synchronise with the Coire Glas project, then the volume of heavy traffic along the single track glen road would be unacceptable to residents there. After discussion, it was agreed that KB

should draft a written submission to SSEN setting out these concerns, and asking for a meeting to discuss them.

5. Planning applications: none noted.
6. Treasurer's Report: the report was noted. It was agreed that the signatories to the accounts should be reviewed after the AGM.
7. Any Other Competent Business
 - a) Cullachy wind farm proposal: it was agreed that CM, LMacN and NS should meet with the project managers.
 - b) LMacN has applied to the Glengarry Trust for funding for six skips; he will apply for the Village Officer's payments.
 - c) LMacN noted that the Village Officer has been doing very useful work, including opening up the footpath below the hotel, and that work on more paths is planned.
 - d) Playpark equipment: the question of either repairing or replacing the roundabout was discussed. It was also noted that parts of the climbing frame may need to be renewed. Highland Council (HC) is responsible for maintaining the playground equipment, and it is to be expected that they will be concerned about health and safety issues. NS said that a new roundabout might cost in the region of £3,000 (less than had originally been thought), and that the HC expert would be able to advise about the suitability of the equipment. HC has suggested that GCC and Invergarry Parents' Council could join in making applications for funds from Glengarry Trust. We do not know why HC has recommended replacement of the equipment rather than repair, or simple replacement of bearings. It was agreed that NS should ask HC for a copy of their engineer's report, to help us understand the position. CM, NS and KB are to meet with HC to discuss this and report.
8. Next meetings: 4th April and 9th May in the Village Hall at 19.00; AGM on 6th June.

The meeting closed at 20.15.

Actions: CD to contact more joiners about Post Office door; CD to take forward enquiries about assistance with repair of Old Bridge; KB to draft submissions to SSEN about the details of the Coire Glas switching station and the possible intensification of heavy goods traffic on the glen road; CM, LMacN and NS to meet with Cullachy wind farm project managers; NS to ask for HC report on state of playpark equipment; CM, NS and KB to meet with HC and Parents' Council representatives about this.