

Glengarry Community Council

Minutes of meeting of 9th May 2022 held in Glengarry Community Hall at 19.00

1. Present, apologies, resignation and conflicts

Present: CC members: Catriona Menzies (CM), Chair; Lea MacNally (LMacN), Treasurer; Neillie Stewart (NS); Ken Brown (KB); Cecilia Dyckhoff (CD), Minutes. Others: Liz Saggars (LS), Highland Council (HC); four members of the public The resignation of Andrew Baldrey, following his becoming a regional councillor was noted. No apologies and no intimations of conflicts of interest were made.

2. Minutes of 4th April 2022

The minutes of 4th April were adopted. Proposed: KB; seconded LMacN

3. Matters arising

- (a) Post Office door: It was agreed that the issue with the door is cosmetic, rather than a matter of security. LMacN will try to contact John Weller. KB will also look at the door and report.
- (b) The presentation to Douglas Stewart in recognition of his work has been made.
- (c) Old Bridge: CD is still pursuing Historic Environment Scotland. KB spoke about the possibilities for funding contributions from trusts; he said that to get funding for repair, the bridge would have to be on the Historic Scotland priority list and to be shown to have significance to the community. LMacN said that the bridge is part of the Core Path; he undertook to speak about this with Stewart Easthaugh, the Access Officer for East Lochaber.
- (d) Community Council email: It was noted that KB has been in correspondence with Tom Cooper about this. It was agreed that KB should continue in this role, and that the matter should be taken further after officers are appointed at the forthcoming AGM. It was further noted that the community website also needs to be considered.
- (e) Tourist Information sign: NS has spoken to a Roads Department official and to BEAR Scotland. Dot Ferguson (DF) has told him that she will enquire about it with the road sign department in Dingwall. It was agreed that it would be preferable for the sign simply to be removed, if, as it appears, there is no tourist entity with an interest in it. NS will convey this view to DF.
- (f) Fly tipping: It was noted that the fly tipping beside the loch had been removed, thanks to the intervention of Denis Rixson before his retirement from HC.

4. Playpark equipment

NS has spoken to David Lamont; he has been told that safety matting will be available within a fortnight, and that there has not yet been any information received about replacement of the roundabout. KB explained the background and whole circumstances for LS's information. He also noted that time is running out for obtaining funding from trusts, though the ones he has contacted are still considering the matter. The HC officials want to have the last say on the proposed equipment, as

they have maintenance and safety responsibilities. HC will not take on responsibility for the maintenance and repair of property which is not theirs; this means that whoever pays for playground equipment, it becomes the property of HC. HC has separate budgets for repair and maintenance. If there is nothing in the budget, the equipment is taken away. NS is to advise the Parents' Association of this.

5. Coire Glas

Some people attended the recent SSEN presentation in the Village Hall. It was noted that KB is still waiting for a reply to his letter about the size of the switching station.

6. Planning applications

No planning applications had been seen.

7. Treasurer's report

The report was noted.

8. Any other competent business

(a) Village officer funding: the village officer's work has been much appreciated. It was agreed that LMacN should make an application for further wind farm grant money in order to fund more hours' work.

(b) LMacN reported that the Village Hall Jubilee celebrations will include a bouncy castle as well as refreshments. It was agreed to make a donation of up to £300 to the Covid Resilience Fund.

(c) KB noted that Glengarry Community Woodlands has been recognised as a development trust. He proposed that representatives of GCW should be invited to meet to discuss the possibility of their taking possession of certain community assets. It was agreed that this should be done.

(d) It was noted that one of the road bridges on the road to Kinlochourn had been damaged and that bollards there had been displaced. CD is to write to the Roads Department about this.

Next meeting: AGM and subsequent business meeting on 6th June at 19.00 in the Village Hall. A locally-resident councillor will be invited to chair the meeting.