

## Glengarry Community Council (GCC)

Minutes of meeting held in Glengarry Community Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 19.00

1. Present and apologies  
Present: Catriona Menzies, chair (CM); Lea MacNally, treasurer (LMacN); Cecilia Dyckhoff, secretary (CD); Neillie Stewart (NS); Ken Brown (KB); Philippa Maltby (PM); Kevin Sutherland (KS); Cllr Andrew Baldrey (AB)  
Apologies: Cllr Liz Saggars; Cllr John Grafton (JG)  
Present by invitation: Jade O'Hara, SSE Renewables (SSER) Coire Glas Stakeholder Engagement Manager (JO'H); Ian Innes, SSER Coire Glas Project Director (II)  
Member of public: Marit Behner-Coady, chair of Glengarry Highland Games committee (MB-C).
2. Update on SSE Coire Glas pumped storage project  
See separate Note of meeting.
3. Minutes of last meeting  
The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Proposed LMacN, seconded PM.
4. Matters arising
  - (a) Building Regulations issue: AB said that he and JG had looked into the issue and agreed that it was not a matter in which GCC has any standing.
  - (b) Playground equipment: there has been no resolution of the question of HC's requirements. AB and KB will carry this forward.
  - (c) GCC email issues: LMacN has tried to access the email, with the help of Tom Cooper, without success. KB has also tried. LMacN will ask Colin Grant to help with his professional expertise.
  - (d) Zoom equipment for meetings: LMacN will make further enquiries. AB offered to help with the information he has about the equipment at the Charles Kennedy Building in Fort William.
  - (e) Feral pig control: LMacN has heard from NatureScot that they are willing to help GCC to acquire a capture pen and monitoring equipment and to make a grant for the cost, on condition that GCC would be responsible for the disposition and management of the equipment and would make it available to other councils, if asked. It was noted that there appears to be already a demand for a pen to be lent to local landowners at their request for location on their property. After substantial discussion a motion to accept the offer was passed with no dissent. It was suggested that landowners wishing to use the pen might be invited to make a contribution towards the running cost.
  - (f) Traffic on C1144: AB advised that Gus McClellan and Mark Smith of the HC Roads Department are aware of the position.
5. Finance report  
Members have seen the monthly finance report and approve of it. LMacN is working on the Annual Return and expects to produce it soon.

6. Post Office

KB has not heard yet from the solicitor and will pursue the matter of the notification to Royal Mail with him. The electrician is waiting for delivery of a new heater.

7. Planning applications

KB reported that he had circulated details of two applications: a retrospective one for the storage of spoil from the emergency pylon replacement at Quoich dam; and one in relation to a self-catering unit at South Laggan. It was agreed after discussion that GCC has no comment to make on either application; and KB will advise HC accordingly.

AB referred to information he had received in relation to a pre-planning consultation about a communications mast proposed on Kingie estate land on the south side of Loch Quoich. The full implications of this are not yet clear. The council will wait for further information.

8. Any other competent business

(a) There was some discussion of the HC practice of collecting landfill and recycling into a single lorry after a collection has been missed. It was noted that there has been a delay in collecting glass from the Invergarry site. No decision was made.

(b) There was some discussion of the missing marker posts of some passing places on the C1144. No conclusion was reached.

(c) LMacN is in contact with Malcolm Crosby of Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) about micro-hydro grants. He will report in due course.

(d) MB-C said that the Highland Games committee is planning spend a day doing renovation work at the shinty field hut, as a community benefit undertaking on 8<sup>th</sup> May, following the King's coronation. She asked if GCC is aware of any other community benefit works planned for that day, and whether it would give support by providing a skip for the waste produced there and by making refreshments available in the Community Hall café for the volunteers. LMacN said that GCC has sufficient funds to provide a skip at a cost of about £400, and that other funding may be available from the FLS micro-hydro scheme. Opening the café could be discussed at the forthcoming Hall meeting. It is not known if any other coronation activities are being arranged.

9. Next meetings

The next meetings will be on 6<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> April.