

**Glencoe and Glen Etive Community Council**  
**Minutes of the CC meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**7.30pm, online only, via Zoom**

**Councillors Present**

Helen Fairlie (Chair) – HF
Sally Mortimer (Treasurer/Vice Chair) – SM
Gwen McTaggart – (Secretary) GMT
Ian William McTaggart – IMT

**Also Present**

Emily Bryce, NTS (EB)  
Cllr Thomas MacLennan (TML)  
One member of the local community

HF opened the meeting and declared it quorate. HF informed attendees that the meeting was being recorded, and that minutes would be written up from the recording by the Minutes Secretary. These will be circulated via the CC Facebook page and posted on the two notice boards in the village.

**1: Apologies: None**

**2: Approval of minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes were approved by CC members in advance of the meeting and circulated. Proposal to formally adopt the minutes: Proposed by SM; seconded by IMT.

**3: Matters arising from previous minutes**

Proposed letter to Transport Scotland re speed limit reduction to 40mph on A82: update from Stephen Kitt - speed limit review has been conducted between Alltnafeadh and the three sisters parking area. They are proposing a reduction to 40mph just on that section. A separate review would need to be done covering the road from there to the village. EB is investigating getting this done

as part of negotiations to widen the pavement for the designated cycle path at the entrance to the village. EB will co-ordinate a letter of support for the speed reduction, involving CC and other local organisations. Could also involve other local CCs and widen the reduced speed limit area.

Walk, Wheel, Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans) have money available to do design work for extending Glencoe Greenway up to the village – but speed limit reduction decision needs to be made first.

#### **4: Finance**

£3934.91 (includes grant funding from Community SCIO for various village projects). This year's accounts are at the auditors, due to be returned this week.

#### **5: Planning**

Ref Number 26/01063/FUL Application Type Full Application Validation Date 30/03/2026  
Grid Reference 211650 757648 Expiry Date for lodging Representations 07/05/2026  
Description of Works Part demolitions, alterations and extension to existing building to provide multi-purpose events space, relocation of timber shed, siting of storage container and associated infrastructure and landscaping works Location of Works Heart Of Glencoe Holidays, Leacantum, Glencoe, Ballachulish, PH49 4HX.

- No objections from CC. Members requested adding a note to Planning Dept to ask that building materials be brought in via the Old Road and not through the village.

Cllr MacLennan did not comment on any planning issues.

#### **6: Communication to HC**

GMT thanked Stephen Russell for the grass cutting at the village car park. GMT also followed up with HC re the replacement village sign for the road end and line painting at bottom of the village. TML will follow up with HC re signage for the new car park.

#### **7: Meetings attended by councillors**

None.

#### **8: Community SCIO**

Nothing to report this month. Bit more maintenance has been done on some culverts. Trustees due to meet in the next few weeks to discuss the next round of funding.

#### **9: Carpark**

HC have finally given the go-ahead for the car park – trees have been cleared at the site; invitation to tender should go out shortly. CC understands that the work is scheduled to be completed by September. Chair thanked everyone who

has worked so hard to get the project over the line. Members also thanked the landlords for allowing the project to go ahead, and former CC Chair, Viki Sutherland, for getting the project up and running in 2020. HC will report back to our next CC meeting with a progress update.

Alltnafeadh car park project update: design phase still being set up – looking for last bit of funding to pay for options appraisal/feasibility study (in total £12-14K needed). An application to Ward Discretionary Fund will be made – TML will try and expedite it. HC are currently investigating fast-tracking adding this area to the Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan, so that it will be eligible for funding grants.

### **10: Health**

No update at this time.

### **11: Invited guests**

**Cllr Thomas MacLellan:** Short-term lets: Badenoch and Strathspey have trialled legislation to require short term let applications to apply for planning permission. Discussion re whether HC should look at introducing a similar rule. Members agreed that housing availability is a big local issue and that they would support new legislation, subject to appropriate criteria being in place to judge applications against.

**Emily Bryce, NTS:** Shuttle buses proposal: EB and a member of the local community met Andy Meldrum (Glencoe Mountain Resort). He supports the idea of having park and ride base on their site. EB has also discussed with HC to set up a review of bus stop locations through the glen. Major development plan is being discussed for the mountain resort, so shuttle bus plan/cycle path extension could be part of this. CC members all supported the shuttle bus idea.

### **12: AOCB**

- (i) **Museum update:** Current given date for the start of work at the Museum is Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May, though development of the site compound in the field by Invercoe bridge is likely to begin sooner. David Rounce will confirm dates as soon as he has more information. The builders will be holding a public meeting before work starts – again David will provide more info as soon as he can. HF will request regular public meetings as the project progresses.  
A planning variation application has been submitted for alterations to the design of the rear wall – David will send through the exact

reference when it's available. HF will ask DR for update on the building schedule and report back.

- (ii) An Torr paths: MLC asked if muddy paths could be upgraded by NTS. EB agreed that desire line cut-through from car park to Orbital track would be made into an official path.
- (iii) Water tap at the village road end is now switched on. Signage to stop people parking right next to it will go up shortly.
- (iv) War memorial work will be completed soon, weather permitting. Proposal to add a small plaque by the memorial to acknowledge thanks for funding for the restoration work (from Community SCIO) – agreed by all members. HF will investigate supply of this.
- (v) Proposal to order metal plates for the plastic tables in the picnic area (to prevent damage from disposable barbecues). Agreed by all members.
- (vi) Direction sign for Massacre memorial – the signpost at the bridge has come down. A simple sign on the fence at the junction would suffice.

### **13: Date of next meeting:**

AGM: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm