

Glencoe and Glen Etive Community Council
Minutes of the CC meeting held on 13 January 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

1 member of the local community
Cllr Matthew Prosser

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.

HF reminded attendees that meetings will be conducted online only during the winter months (December – March). Hybrid meetings will resume thereafter.

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

Re Allt-na-Reigh: HF emailed the owners directly after the last meeting by received no reply. HF will follow up with Cllr Baxter to check his progress with HC amenity notice.

4: Finance

Balance: £6067.24 (includes £5K grant from community fund for various projects).

5: Planning

Ref Number 25/03984/FUL **Application Type** Full Application

Validation Date 02/12/2025 **Grid Reference** 226100 754538

Expiry Date for lodging Representations 26/12/2025

Description of Works Change of use to HMO

Location of Works Corrie Bhan, Glencoe, Ballachulish, PH49 4HZ,

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Applicant Name Kingshouse Hotel

Applicant Address Per: Mr Craig Haddow, Corrie Bhan, Kingshouse Hotel

6: Communication to HC

GMT has followed up on grass cutting for the village car park. HC have committed to doing this for the coming season.

7: Meetings attended by councillors

None

8: Community SCIO

AGM will take place on Monday 2 February, 7.30pm on Zoom. All members will be notified via email or hard copy to their home.

Coe Contracts have completed their work upgrading two sections of the Orbital path. Replacement signs now needed to indicate the two points where the path crosses the road.

9: Carpark

Still waiting to hear from HC as to whether a new round of RTIF will happen this year. No update from Land Court has been received either. CC will also follow up with Kate Forbes.

Temporary car park: HC planning dept has agreed to extend the temporary planning permission to let temporary car park reopen if required. Members agreed to investigate options for funding for the public liability insurance for the facility. Members agreed that with no museum and no shop there is less need for visitors to park in the village, hence less need for the temporary car park. It was agreed that preparation work should be done asap on the site (repairing potholes etc) and that the possible opening of the car park be discussed again at the next CC meeting. Extra volunteers will be needed if the car park does reopen.

10: Health

Update from Belford Steering Group meeting 19th December:

Staff accommodation: a number of 1 and 2 bed flats have been agreed with Lochaber Housing Association and the Government (HC are overseeing a liaison group to make this happen).

Info boards will be installed at Blar Mhor soon

The project has now reached Stage 3 of the design (according to RIBA standards; Stage 5 is construction).

Formal planning application is ready to go forward in February, but there will be a public presentation of this in Fort William before then,

Service delivery: making good progress with planning services for the new hospital; currently reviewing Raigmore services to see what can move to FW
Parking spaces allocation has been based on survey data across hospitals in UK, and there are 157 total spaces (138 standard; 19 accessible; 10 larger spaces; 2 ambulance spaces; 5 motorbike) – but it is noted that further discussion is expected on this as multiple voices are saying this is not enough.

The full Business Case for the project should be ready by the end of March 2026.

Medical workforce planning: significant increase in recruitment efforts for new consultants; also will be offering Highlands-based training for new staff.

Coastguard have now agreed that the helipad for the hospital will be sited at Carrs Corner, but the Coastguard service has priority so there is potential for hospital patients to be delayed on occasion; an alternative site may yet be found.

11: Invited guests

Cllr Matthew Prosser: Members congratulated Matthew on his election to HC. Matthew attended at the latter part of the meeting and gave an update on his work so far. Re new bin system across Lochaber: major complaints with missed pickups, misuse of communal bins, rubbish being put in wrong bins, black bins not being supplied on time etc. Also looking into roads issues, potholes, graffiti issues on Kinlochleven High Road. A survey re bins is being put together by Cllrs Prosser and Baxter – will be going live soon.

HF gave a summary of the Glencoe Car Park project and all the delays that have been encountered. Matthew agreed to follow up with Malcolm McLeod at HC to see what can be done.

12: AOCB

- Reminder that F&LS are hosting an open meeting in the village hall on Tuesday 27th January, 2pm to 6.30pm, to share details of their plans for forestry work – removing larch trees and adding a bridge crossing at the lochan far end. (F&LS will also look at clearing culverts on their section of the Orbital path.)
- Museum update – sadly work has not yet begun at the museum site as there are some contractual issues to sort out. No exact date yet for start of works. Proposal that welfare units may be sited in the church grounds is also on hold as these require planning permission and this has not yet been done. (If does go ahead, 3 self-contained small portakabins will go in the church grounds.) Neighbouring householders are unhappy with the lack of communication re these plans. HF has asked David Rounce (Project Director) to contact neighbouring householders personally to update them on these plans, and he has agreed to keep everyone directly informed.
- Update via Andrew Baxter from Kirstin McLeod, Roads Dept: She is awaiting WJ contractors to confirm when they will attend to road mark the junction onto the A82. A programme of works will be scheduled to reinstate the ironworks in the Glencoe Village when the weather becomes more feasible. The Tigh Na Phuirt road is fully adopted by the council and Kirstin will discuss options for traffic/parking management along this road at the next business meeting.
- HF will contact new owners of hydro schemes in Glen Etive and get an update on progress after storm damage.
- Christmas lights – should be removed soon (one is looking slightly damaged by recent bad weather).
- New signs needed for Hagrid's Hut path, drinking water tap (no parking), and at the entrance to the temporary car park (to stop folks blocking the bus layby). CC agreed to order these.

13: Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 17th February, 7.30pm via Zoom