

Glencoe and Glen Etive Community Council

Minutes of the CC meeting held on 17th March 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

Cllr Andrew Baxter

Cllr Matthew Prosser

2 members 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

As has been widely reported in local and national media, permission to demolish the remaining structures at Allt na Reigh has been granted and work should begin soon.

Glencoe Folk Museum – no update at this time; David Rounce will advise as soon as any progress has been made.

No update as yet from Kristen McLeod, Roads Department. CC and Andrew Baxter are following up with her.

Update from new owners of Glen Etive Hydro – only one generator was put out of action temporarily by storms and community payback has not been affected.

4: Finance

Current balance is £5646.87 (includes £5K grant from community SCIO for various local projects).

5: Planning

Ref Number 25/04900/FUL **Application Type** Full Application

Validation Date 11/01/2026 **Grid Reference** 209268 758597

Expiry Date for lodging Representations 05/02/2026

Description of Works Siting of pod for holiday letting purposes

Location of Works Land 10M East Of Spring Croft, 11 Tigh A Phuirt,

Ballachulish Community Council Glencoe And Glen Etive Community Council

Applicant Name Mrs Karen Raine

Applicant Address Spring Croft, 11 Tigh Phuirt, Glencoe, Inverness Shire, PH49 4HN,

Ref Number 26/00064/FUL **Application Type** Full Application

Validation Date 08/01/2026 **Grid Reference** 209818 758819

Expiry Date for lodging Representations 08/02/2026

Description of Works Alterations and extension to form holiday letting unit

Location of Works 23 Lorn Drive, Glencoe, Ballachulish, PH49 4HR,

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Applicant Name Ms Rajni Mehan

Applicant Address 23 Lorn Drive, Glencoe, Ballachulish, PH49 4HR,

6: Communication to HC

GMT contacted Liam McLoone at HC re fly tipping in the bins at the car park. He acted swiftly to get them emptied; HC officers are also checking the bins regularly and taking names and addresses wherever possible. GMT also spoke to Stephen Russell who will inspect the car park and suggest a plan for cutting verges and overhanging vegetation.

7: Meetings attended by councillors

None

8: Community SCIO

Trustees are due to meet in the coming weeks. The Orbital maintenance team have been unable to do much recently due to the weather. They have made

some new channels to keep water off the path, cleared some culverts and removed a tree from the culvert near the Pap car park. Thanks to Andy Nelson for donating and tying ropes, and to IMT and Helen Worboys for their help in the Hagrid's Hut area. Good to see that some regeneration is beginning to happen at this site. One educational grant has been awarded so far this year.

9: Carpark

Still waiting for news of funding availability – it seems that the next round of RTIF will not be announced until May/June, after the elections. MP shared an email from HC surveyor indicating that negotiations with the landowners and crofters were now complete and the term of lease extended to 50 years.

Altnafeadh car park project: EB updated on progress so far. Partners on working party include Black Corries Estate, SMC, NTS, Mountaineering Scotland, Transport Scotland, CC. Application to RTIF for a design grant to put design/cost a suitable solution was rejected because this area is not currently within HC's Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan (2022). AB offered to follow up with HC to see if this could be changed. Design stage is likely to cost £12-13K. Fundraising for that is now underway – partners will contribute; Ward Discretionary Fund and tourism budget may also be possible sources. AB/MP will investigate.

10: Health

Planning application for the new hospital has now been formally submitted and a public meeting held to view the plans. The next stakeholder meeting is Tuesday 24 March.

11: Invited guests

Emily Bryce, NTS:

Work still to be completed at Coire Gabhail car parks (other work on A82 needs to be completed first). Parking meter will be installed here soon, and NTS staff may be based here in peak season.

Deer management: 5 year deer management plan is currently being updated; meeting of Black Mount Deer Management Group will be scheduled for the spring to review this.

Rhododendron Ponticum – large scale project across the area to remove this (NTS/F&LS/Jahama Estates working together). Hoping to involve other local landowners – more information will be published soon.

Glencoe Greenway: Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans) keen to widen the cycletrack along the pavement at the entrance to the village from 1/1.5m to 2/2.5m. This will only happen if the speed limit is reduced to 40mph. Real need

to lobby Transport Scotland for this reduction to happen. EB will draft a letter, to be signed by CC, crofters, Councillors, MSPs etc. New information boards for the Orbital track should be done by the spring.

Shuttle Bus/Park and Ride project: Transport Scotland have drafted a report on active travel but not included bus stops. More discussion needed to progress the idea. AB/MP and the CC all supportive. Local businesses would support shuttle bus serving the accommodation sites along the old road. New funding available from Transport Scotland for HC area bus stops – EB will investigate further.

Cllr Andrew Baxter

Road conditions – unfunded road repairs are a big problem (estimated £233million worth of road repairs required across HC area, but only £20m allocated funds; £2.1million allocated for Lochaber to fix estimated £12million problem). AB working hard to lobby for more funding.

12: AOCB

- (i) F&LS – parking meter will be installed at Pap car park, but not until next year.
- (ii) Flooding/blocked culverts need to be addressed, particularly where roads are being resurfaced. CC agreed to write to Bear Scotland/Transport Scotland re concerns.
- (iii) Signage to direct pedestrians to the Orbital needed at the lochan road junction. CC agreed to raise this with F&LS, who are planning new signage for this area.

13: Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 28th April, 7.30pm via Zoom

AGM 9th June TBC