

# Glenorchy and Innishail Community Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Bridge of Orchy Community Centre

**1. Present:** Ishbel Livingstone (Convenor) Sue Rawcliffe (Vice-Convenor), Suzy Anderson, Lisa Beckett, Paul Greaves, Cllr Kieron Green, Dominic Harrison, Sybil Macpherson, Gareth Young (minutes), four representatives from SSEN and five members of the public.

**2. Apologies:** Maggie Clunie, Stephen Bathgate, Layna Martin and Janet Buchanan.

**3. Declaration of interest:** No interest declared.

**4. Update 275KV Pylon Line (Caitlin Quinn and David Fraser, SSEN):**

- Timescales: work has begun on the access tracks and will continue for another month or so, before the foundation work begins over the summer. The project is expected to run for two years, before moving to the Inveraray > Auchindrain line in 2027.
- A Community Benefit Fund will be made available and SSEN are keen to involve the Community Council and local community in a Community Liaison Group, which can be used for project updates as well as having a mechanism for the community to raise concerns. There are other ways in which the community can benefit from the work, including using staff volunteer days. *[Action: Caitlin Quinn to email the Community Council and we will arrange a separate meeting to focus on developing the Community Liaison Group and establish mechanisms for community benefits from the development.]*
- SSEN are working with local schools and collages and have an apprenticeship scheme. It was discussed that the community would be keen to explore this further, and in particular to look at ways young people who might not be able to access collage could also be support and engaged.
- There is an opportunity for SSEN to attend Dalmally Village Show *[Action: SM to raise this at the Dalmally Village Show meeting on 13.03.2025.]*
- SSEN assured the group that the conditions set by A&B Council as part of the planning permission are being met and an independent Planning Monitoring Officer has been appointed. Caitlin Quinn will share their contact information so the Community Council can contact them and explore how we can stay in touch to be assured conditions are being met.
- SSEN are looking at how to utilize local buildings for accommodation of site workers to minimise the negative impact on tourism in the area.

**5. Minutes of the last CC meeting:**

- Corrections: p.1: Paul Greaves and Dominic Harrison's names missing from 'Present' attendees, p. 3: The overflowing bins referred to 'Portsonachan Hotel' not 'Portsonachan Hall', meeting venue not Portsonachan Hall but Bridge of Orchy Village Hall.
- Subject to these corrections, the minutes were accepted: Proposed: SR, Seconded: SA.

## 6. Matters arising:

- **Loch Awe water levels:** The stakeholder meeting took place on 27 January 2025 (Teams). Jenni Minto had contacted SEPA to check the facts around the loch levels and the Hogmanay floods, but has been deferred to A&B Council. JM is attempting to understand who should be responsible and is hoping to meet with the Council before the next Stakeholder Meeting. Agreed that monitoring would be helpful to continue to raise community concerns, but we need to establish who will pay for this. It was agreed the barrage winter and summer levels are outdated and need to be reviewed.
- **WHH Dalmally Housing Development:** Lisa Beckett was present and had the plans available for community members to view. A planning application will be submitted following on from community consultation. Main concerns are around access to the new site.
- **Visitor Levy:** A draft paper provided to the community for them to take away and provide feedback to Paul Greaves and Gareth Young. Community members reminded they can also submit a residents' survey. The consultation deadline is 10 April 2025. A member of the community reminded the Community Council that a previous letter addressed to elected members had not been acknowledged, nor any responses provided. Cllr Kieron Green informed the room that there are no obligations under the Code of Conduct for elected members to respond to constituents.
- **Dalmally Police House:** Matthew Shaw has informed us that the Dalmally Police House will be sold. It can take a while from the point of vacation to sale, and sometimes can be offered to public sector colleagues beforehand. This is dealt with by the police's estate department and not local officers.

7. **Glen Orchy Ranger proposal:** FLS have agreed to a ranger, and they will be allocated approximately one day per week to Glen Orchy. They have said that they will match-fund a second ranger dedicated to Glen Orchy if we can raise half of the funds, equating to £10,000. G&ICC would be willing to offer some financial support. *[Action: explore funding avenues, including applying to Dalmally Community Company.]*

8. **Community Action Plan Update:** The Community Action Group proposed to formalise its structure and create a new body (provision name: Orchy and Awe Community Trust). This will be a company limited by guarantee and will apply for charitable status. An Articles of Association is available to view, and meetings will be open widely, with the aim being that the Trust is accessible as possible to as many from the community who wish to be involved. The Community Council supported the formalisation of the CAG unanimously.

9. **Planning applications:** No new applications.

## 10. Correspondence:

- **SEPA consultation:** 'Proposed Changes to the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Guidance on Public Participation and Fit and Proper Person Test' closes on 30 March 2025.

- **Beinn Ghlas Wind Farm consultation meeting:** A meeting to be held at Portsonachan Village Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> April between 16:00 – 19:00.
- **Community Council Resilience Planning support:** A session will be hosted on 20 March. Dominic Harrison and Suzy Anderson will attend on behalf of G&I CC.
- **STV:** STV asked to be added to the mailing list and be informed of any stories that we might want them to report on.
- **Transport Scotland:** They are working with BEAR Scotland Road Safety Team on speed management in Loch Awe village. Currently in the design phase, with measures such as dragon's teeth road markings and speed repeaters throughout the village. The project is being led by Kevin McKechnie.

## 11. AOCB

- The CC were asked to provide signed agreements of best practice for elected members.
- Bridge of Orchy speed limits were discussed, including some historical background of previous attempts to get a reduced speed limit in place. *[Action: GY to speak with Matthew Shaw about where to report stags that have been hit on the A82.]*
- Passing places signs on single track roads: it was raised that many of our single track roads do not have passing place signs (including information about not parking in them). *[Action: GY to revisit the issue with A&B CC.]*

**Meeting closed:** 20:41.

**Next meeting:** Council Meeting and AGM, Wednesday, 12 May 2025, Dalmally Community Centre.