

# **Glenorchy and Innishail Community Council Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dalmally Community Centre

Community Council Meeting

**Present:** Ishbel Livingstone (Convenor), Sue Rawcliffe (Vice-Convenor), Paul Greaves, Cllr Kieron Green, Sybil Macpherson, Maggie Clunie, Gareth Young (minutes) and three members of the public.

**Apologies:** Suzy Anderson, Dominic Harrison, Stephen Bathgate, Layna Marshall, Erica Kerr, John Kerr.

## **Minutes from the last meeting**

Agreed - SR  
Seconded - PG

## **Matters arising**

Water levels – still waiting on responses, a fuller update included in the Convenor's report in the AGM minutes.

SSEN liaison group: still trying to coordinate a meeting, to be pursued.

FLS Ranger job advert: we have received 20 applications, FLS will interview all candidates and keep a reserve list if there are other good ones. Robbie will then seek agreement to the jointly funded post.

## **Community Action Plan**

New website (<https://orchyandawe.co.uk/>), hopeful for funding to get training to keep it updated.

Orchy and Awe Trust will be launched on Friday, 23 May 2025 and it will become a limited company by guarantee with charity status at this point.

Membership is open to anyone in the area, include an offer of youth membership and an associate member for people committed to the area but who do not live here.

No charge to being a member

## **Grant applications from GreenPower**

Two applications were received, both from St. Conan's Kirk. It was agreed that we would be happy to support one project, because of the overall annual funding budget, and the CC would respond inviting them to choose which project they would like to pursue.

## **Police report**

Changing and trying to give us more specifics, as it has been raised by the CC and community that we would like more information.

There is no legal requirement to report hitting a stag to Police, but where the animal is injured in the road or dead and causing a hazard to drivers, people can phone using 999 and they will send someone out, if available, to help ensure no other vehicles collide with it. Equally, if the car that hit the animal is immobilised and in a hazardous location whilst awaiting recovery, we would come and assist to ensure the safety of those involved.

*Action:* Invite them to another meeting

## **Council Report**

Visitor Levy: consultation finished, officers have decided that external support is going to analyse the responses and looking at examples of business and the impact that will have on businesses and the report will come back to the council. No expectation that this will come back before the summer. It was asked whether they are looking for business to volunteer – waiting to hear.

Community Council changes: not many changes proposed, a few minor boundary changes, none affect us but open to us to feed into if we want to make changes, Cllr Green will check funding as we think it might have been reduced.

Council budgets: not looking good, £10 millions of savings having to be made over the next few years, don't know what the impact will be on council tax. No details at this stage but Cllr Green will feedback to us when he knows.

Raised that there is one councillor that we have never seen and that they have never attended CC meetings. Can the CC write to the councillors to ask them to attend the meeting – “appreciate their perspectives on a number of issues”?

Water level meeting: the council representative did not know what was happening and was not informed, she had little of use to say about A&B role in Loch Awe, SEPA issue the CAR licenses and no one monitors, could Cllr Green go back to the relevant department – SEPA saying they have no responsibility and it's the council's jobs and we need someone on the council who is familiar with the issues and what the council can and cannot do – it's the monitoring and regulation of the CAR license that will dictate the levels. How can we help the council? Cllr Green explained legislation did not foresee somewhere like Loch Awe – the council won't have the resources to monitor or support flood alleviation. The council could possibly support with the data, calibrating monitoring devices – independent measuring probably couldn't do that.

## **Planning applications**

Felling Licence

Forest Land At Auch Estate Bridge Of Orchy Argyll And Bute

Ref. No: 25/00520/FELLIC | Received: Mon 31 Mar 2025 | Validated: Mon 31 Mar 2025 |

Status: Unknown

Formation of new access and driveway

Letterwood Schoolhouse Lochawe Dalmally Argyll And Bute PA33 1AQ

Ref. No: 24/01922/PP | Received: Wed 23 Oct 2024 | Validated: Thu 20 Mar 2025 | Status:

Awaiting decision

Refurbishment and extension to village hall

Portsonachan Village Hall Portsonachan Argyll And Bute PA33 1BJ

Ref. No: 25/00562/PP | Received: Mon 07 Apr 2025 | Validated: Thu 10 Apr 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Change of use of staff cottages to form guest accommodation/holiday lets and/or staff accommodation and bunkhouse, including HMO

Staff Cottages At Auch Estate Bridge Of Orchy Argyll And Bute

Ref. No: 25/00377/PP | Received: Tue 11 Mar 2025 | Validated: Thu 03 Apr 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Long Term Forest Plan

Auch South And Invergaunan Glen Lochy Argyll And Bute

Ref. No: 25/00759/FDP | Received: Thu 08 May 2025 | Validated: Thu 08 May 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Replacement of front and rear extensions with new timber clad extensions. Installation of replacement windows and roof lights, including additional roof lights

Bovuy Cladich Argyll And Bute PA33 1BQ

Ref. No: 25/00547/PP | Received: Thu 03 Apr 2025 | Validated: Wed 07 May 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

## **AOCB**

Cruachan expansion project paused – letter available.

Dunadd CC have done a road safety plan and would like to see a mid-Argyll CC joint road safety plan. It was agreed and we will go back to them and say we will join in.

Raise the issues of the roads through Glenview – major potholes. Cllr Green informed that has been adopted by the council, so should put a note through the council website.

Signage: still wrong outside Dalmally Community Centre, raised with BEAR, BEAR have said they will come out and remove the signs, explained that they don't want the sign removing but want it correcting, the same as the one entering Dalmally. Temporary diversion signs have been put up and it is obstructing the view, review signage

Issues with the signage on the Oban road to the A819 – it needs a bigger sign or good light-up bollards. A letter to BEAR Scotland will be sent.

Next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> August (Portsonachan)

Meeting closed: 20:46