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Community News & Events

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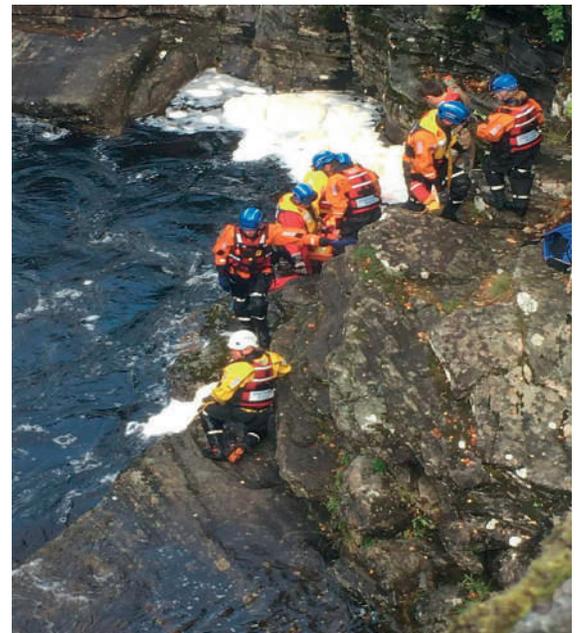
Cruise Loch Ness Celebrate 50 Years in Business



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London to Paris



Local Crews on Exercise





Thank you for picking up the first issue of the Ness News.

Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Council believe that local news should be readily available and this has been made possible with a recent grant from Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company.

Without your contributions; local news, events and information would not be able so please send your updates, stories, memories, photographs, poems and crosswords etc by email, Facebook messenger or WhatsApp.

The Ness News can be picked up at the Great Glen Trading Centre, the Service Point and the Glenmoriston Stores

Deirdre MacKinnon - Chair

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About the Community

Community Councils are the most local tier of the statutory representation in Scotland. They bridge gap between local authorities and communities and help make the public bodies aware of the opinions and needs of the communities they represent. Their primary purpose is to ascertain and express the views of the community to the local authority and other public bodies.

TURBULENT TIMES

He was just a young lad going off to the war,
He knew he was going and what to fight for,
He marched and sang the songs of the men,
And walked into war to die, where and when.

Now he's sitting in trenches all covered in mud,
While his mates are all dead, all covered in blood,
The voices are silent, no more do they sing,
But remember the horror of death's dark, icy sting.

The feelings are mutual on both of the sides,
Young men that are fighting for what they feel right,
All they remember is the taking of lives,
The taking of men from their children and wives.

And when it is over and all homeward bound,
They're leaving their comrades deep down in the ground,
And after the years deep down in their minds,
They'll remember the tears of their turbulent times.

P J Lumsden



Cill Chuimein Heritage Group

We decided our Field Trip this year would be to Dornoch Museum and Croick Kirk

We had chosen the subject of the Clearances for our recent meetings. Hector Rogers from Invergarry had spoken about the Highland Clearances, and at our last meeting our local Church of Scotland Minister, Rev Anthony Jones talked about the Glen Calvie clearances and the little Kirk at Croick.

It was on a bright sunny day in June that 26 cheerful members of the group set off on this years Field Trip. We were heading for Dornoch Museum with a stop for morning coffee at the Storehouse. After coffee and "stickies" all were in fine form to continue on our way, and after traveling through lovely scenery we reached our destination in Dornoch. The museum is full of interesting history and heritage, and the display about the history of the Clearances was well presented and very informative. The staff were knowledgeable and very welcoming and many of our group said they would like

to return and spend more time there.

On a tight schedule we enjoyed a lunch in the Eagle Inn, the friendly helpful and efficient staff made sure we were all fed and watered in time to board the coach for our onward journey to Croick Kirk.

This little Telford Parliamentary Church is situated in a picturesque Glen ten miles along a single track road, somewhat challenging for the coach driver!!! We spent time in the churchyard where in May 1845 many of the evicted tenants having no where else to go had camped, and looked at the window where they had etched their names and messages on the glass. The Kirk itself is a very well preserved example of its kind and interesting to see. A very sad and poignant piece of Highland history.

Back out in the glorious sunshine we sat amongst the piles of stones which once formed a Broch and enjoyed a picnic tea, before the long journey home. All agreed we had an enjoyable and interesting day out, and look forward to the next Field Trip.

Anyone who would like more information about the places visited is most welcome to contact Cill Chuimein Heritage Group. (01809501772)

Coach hire made possible by grant support from Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston Community Company and donations from members towards cost.

Senior Citizens

Residents and day care went on a trip last Thursday 6th to Edinburgh Woolen Mill in Spean for lunch, some went up in Gondola at Anoch Mhor and then stopped at The Bridge Café for afternoon tea. Caption could be Very amusing day out where residents and day care users looked after a staff members anxiety on the Gondola. they had much more of a stomach for heights than staff member did! The adventure opened up dialogue to the old days



Screen Machine

The next visit of the Screen Machine to Fort Augustus will be on 27 and 28 November. Posters will be up as soon as the films are decided.



London to Paris



After being inspired by a friend who was undergoing treatment for cancer, Suzy Robson and myself signed up for the small task of cycling from London to Paris (240 miles) in 3 days for an event organised by Women V. Cancer.

This then started a whirlwind of fundraising & training. With the help of many friends and family, we raised a total of £4700. The group as a whole raised over £125,000 to be split between Breast Cancer Care, Ovarian Cancer Action and Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust.

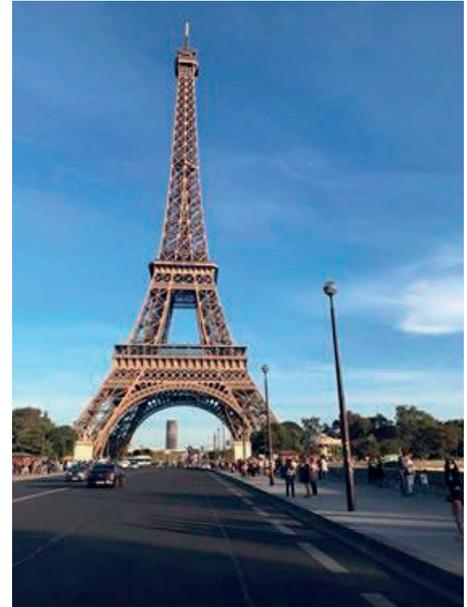
So, on the 6th September 2018, 149 women from across the UK & two from New York including two wee people from Fort Augustus and Invergarry, we set off from Hampton Court and made our way to Paris.

Everyone had a personal story or reason for taking part in the challenge and it was very inspiring to be surrounded by such amazing strong women. The whole group supported each other through

good times and bad. You wouldn't think you could have too many bad moments in 3 days but long days of cycling in tremendous heat, very little sleep due to the adrenaline and the excitement of being on such an incredible journey and very hard bike seats, all takes its toll! We had lots of laughs along the way although I'm not sure at the time we thought getting lost in Paris or arriving very late at the Eiffel Tower due to a park being closed was funny, we can look back on it now with a smile.

The overwhelming emotion of crossing the finish line and realising that after months and months of hard work, we had done it and it was sadly over brought us to tears.

Cycling a further two and a half miles to our hotel in the dark after a couple of glasses of fizz proved to be the hardest two and a half miles of the whole trip!



So, thank you from the bottom of our hearts to everyone who donated, sponsored and trained with us along this epic journey. This is for all the amazing people who have battled Cancer.

Sheree Fraser



Cruise Loch Ness Celebrate 50 years



With years of hard work, from operating as a small part-time operation on an old RNLI board holding just 12 passengers to today's cutting-edge vessels carrying over 354 passengers at any one point, is a testament to the success of the family-run business. The company has come a long way during this half century, it's a far cry from the tours on an ex-RNLI lifeboat carrying 12 passengers, to now operating all year round and carrying a total of 354 passengers at any one time. In one trip Cruise Loch Ness can now carry more passengers than they carried in their first year of business. By Lisa Douglas-law of Fraser Media.

HM Coastguard & Local Fire Crew on Exercise

An exercise ran on Sunday the 17th of September between Inverness Coastguard and the local fire crew in Fort Augustus. Some really challenging casualty locations with the river changing its dynamics throughout. Iain MacKnocher explains what the exercise entailed "It was a Training Exercise with the Coastguard where we were told the old stone bridge by the main A82 road bridge had collapsed with lots of people on it, we were told there were multiple casualties but didn't know an exact number. We were deployed first as spotters to find casualties (both human and dummies) and treat them for injuries whilst the coastguard got to the more severe ones and to save those still in the water. We worked together to get all casualties out of the water, treated and off to hospital. Both the fire brigade and the HM Coastguard are looking for people to join their crews." Both the local Coastguard and Fire Brigade are looking for people to join their teams. you can find info for the Coastguard on Facebook at HM Coastguard - Highland and the Fire brigade at Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.



Announcements

Marriage



Liam MacKenzie & Daniela Cortes married on board the Spirit of Loch Ness out on the loch with the abbey as a back drop on the 10th of September 2018.

We met in a little town called Pai, in the Mae Hong Son Province of Northern Thailand. We both volunteered at the same hostel. Daniela is from Mexico and before we met was traveling South East Asia after volunteering at a community in the Philippines doing building work for young adults with learning difficulties. She did that for 5 months.

Engagements



Brian MacDonald & Leanne Duncan got engaged on 31st August 2018. Brian proposed to Leanne at Chanonry Point, Fortrose.

Births



Aaron and Heather Clark welcomed their daughter Jane Margaret Clark on the 6th of September, weighing 9lbs 13ozs at the Kelowna general hospital in Canada.

Graduation



Tessa Campbell graduated in international tourism management with a 1:1

Deaths



Sadly, Angus Kennedy of Culzean, Fort Augustus died on 25th August 2018. Angie worked in the forestry, canal and latterly as the local water bailiff. He was one of the formidable Kennedy brothers who played shinty for Inveroch.



Kilchuimen - Academy, Primary & Nursery

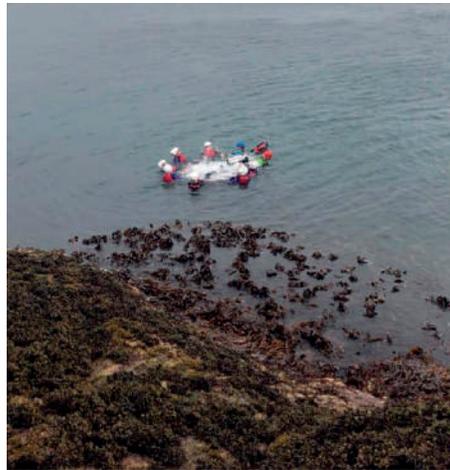


DYW Lochaber Careers Fair:

Senior pupils from Kilchuimen Academy had the opportunity to speak to numerous visiting employers about possible career paths and employment opportunities at the Lochaber Careers Fair last week. Career fairs are highly beneficial for young people as they can ask employers about the experiences of a particular job role, enabling them to find out exactly what is involved before deciding on a career path. Pupils had the opportunity to make contact with... employers, where they were able to gain valuable job sector knowledge, able to make key links with industry and were able to make initial contact to arrange to go on work experience. The information gained from being able to ask employers enough in-depth questions can be useful when it comes to applying for university, job and apprenticeship opportunities as young people know what key skills, experience and qualifications are required.

Harris Residential Trip:

S3 and S4 pupils went on a residential trip to the Scaladale Centre in Harris. They took part in many outdoor pursuits including rock-climbing and coast-eering. The pupils behaved beautifully as is usual and they all came away with real feeling of accomplishment.



group, we are a locally funded group that has normally between 10-15 local children and meet weekly on Wednesday mornings. It's a great way for kids aged between 0-3 years old to meet and play and also let the parents have a coffee and a catch up or meet new friends. Recently we were given funds from the Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company to put towards new toys and day trips, plus covering the costs for the very popular Christmas party for the kids. The next party organised for the hall will be a Halloween party so make sure you have your costumes ready for the kiddies!!! New members are always welcome so come along and say hello!!!



Playgroup

Hello from the Fort Augustus parent and toddler

Cadets

Fort Augustus Detachment has just reopened after our summer break.

7 cadets and 2 adults attended this year's annual camp held at Otterburn from the 7th till the 20th July taking part in various training packages ranging from Adventure training including Zip slides, Canoeing and Abseiling

to military subjects navigation, shooting, field craft and cooking in the field.

Any one interested in Joining us has to be 12 + and attending secondary school. We supply the uniform and cost for weekend Friday evening to Sunday Afternoon is only £10.00 per person.

Come visit us at the community hall Tuesday evening's from 1930-2100. We are also looking for adult volunteers to be come instructors within the Army Cadet Force

Fort Augustus Golf Club

Hi All,

We are coming to the end of the season for summer 2018 golf and starting winter golf which is still on a Sunday but will now start at 12:00 noon. We are having a good year so far so if you want to join the club, you still have time - just contact David Mackay on 01320 366660.

We had a well-attended Finlay Nicolson Memorial Cup competition in July and everyone had a great day. Thanks goes to Anne for the wonderful day everyone enjoyed and it was good for the club. We have seen a lot of new members this year from far afield and locals so hopefully it will continue into next season and move the club forward.

The club saw Gordon MacDonald win the club championship this year although it was a poor turn out over the two Sundays. We will be looking to put it back to 36 holes in one day next year. There was a great turn up at this year's Texas Scramble which has now been renamed the Badger's Cup with Alex MacDonald's team winning. Well done to all who took part.

We have still got some competitions to play this year and the 7th October will see the Highlander come back to the Fort. We are looking forward to this now that the club is fully renovated and we can hold different events.

If anybody is interested in booking a function, then contact the club and we will be able to accommodate your needs at the clubhouse as we have updated our licence.



Blast From The Past

Remembering School Shinty days in the village where we had two juvenile teams Markethill and Bunoich brings back some thoughts.....firstly is how we ever managed to play at all because the Shinty sticks we played with bear no resemblance at all to today's clubs....some of them (if not a good number of them) were held together with tape which was added as each one became more worn and delicate. Very few boys I remember had their very own shinty sticks unless sometimes one was made by their fathers but this was rare so it was up to the school to supply. The stock the school had was minimal and in poor condition hence so much tape repairs in order to have enough to go around. The other problem was the shinty ball...as far as I can remember there was a total of two and they were stitched so many times they barely lasted a whole game. Amenities were non-existent in regard to where you changed into your shinty strips....as was mostly the case we dived under the Tarff Bridge and proceeded to get ready.... and one had to bundle up their school clothes in heaps and pray it was all there when you got back. We didn't have the luxury of goal judges/linesmen. even the field wasn't lined properly so when it came to the penalty area it was pure guesswork as to

whether one was offside or not.....however aside from all those trifling issues, we got on with it and many good games ensued and of course if any team won the trophy all those things were soon forgotten....so much thanks is required here to Robert Denoon, the Headmaster who inspired very many young boys to go on and play shinty....finally I would like to say this.... they call football the Beautiful Game....but I call shinty.....The Great Game

By Douglas Maceachen



WRI Ladies



Fort Augustus British Legion Campbell Quaich winning team 1950
Back L-R :- Ian Grant, Donald MacIntosh, Angus Maclean, Hugh Grant, Donald Kennedy, Archie Kennedy.
Front L-R :- Willie Jack, Jimmy McIntosh, Jimmy Paterson, Jackie Paterson, Tommy Cameron, Tommy Maclaren.



What's on in the Fort Augustus Village Hall The following regular events are on ~

Monday – Youth Club 7pm-9pm

Tuesday – Cadets 7pm-9.30pm

Wednesday – Parent & Toddler Group 9.30am-11.30am

- Indoor Bowling 1.30pm-4pm

- Yoga starts back on 10th October 7.30pm-8.30pm

Thursday – Crown Vets 2pm-4pm Last Thursday of every month
Hall is available for hire at night.

Friday – Youth Club 7.30pm-9.30pm

Other events coming up ~

Tuesday 9th October, 7pm-9pm - The Caledonian Canal. Past, Present and Future lecture
by Andrew Ross from Scottish Canals

Thursday 11th October 7pm-8.30pm – FAGCC Community Action Plan. 'Moving planning
into Action'

Saturday 10th November – Senior citizens annual fundraising sale

Thursday 27th November 7pm-8.30pm – FAGCC AGM

Saturday 1st December – Christmas Market

The hall is available for parties, private functions, sales etc

To book the hall go to www.communitycompany.co.uk/hall

Or phone Sharon on 01320 366800

Village Officers Update

End of Summer Update

It has been a summer of steady maintenance, mixed with creative village-based projects which we hope, have only enhanced the area.

The Community Company team expanded again this year which is a direct result of the substantial work program we have committed too. There is now a team of five, staggered throughout the working week. Zander and Dua joined us late winter / spring, so if you spot anyone in bright orange stop and say hello, chances are it will be one of the team.

I can only imagine a further demand for additional staff in the coming years due to the purchase of the Old Convent Land by the Community Company. There are many exciting land-based projects planned for the ground but I'ts early days at the moment, I would

say watch this space.

The board of directors have again been invaluable this year helping the team by agreeing to more employment in the village, leasing a new crew cab transit van (with a tipper, what a bonus!), increasing budgets and allowing us to buy more tools and equipment; basically expanding in many essential areas.

Therefore, the more equipment we have, the more jobs we can turn our hands to and use the variety of skills the team has on offer.

The extreme summer heat certainly helped this year by slowing down the old grass; it looked like we went mad with the weedkiller with so many burnt grassy patches but it soon recovered and came back with a vengeance; sometimes when I shut my eyes all I see is green!

Highlighted projects have included a new fence at Riverside Park in Invermoriston, dry stone dyking at the village hall, cemetery path improvements and even installing a new path in the centre of the village!

There has also been substantial external help during the season by many villagers which really the company couldn't do without, everything from machine work by Reay MacKay to joinery work by Finlay Nicolson and many other things in between.

Who we are -

Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston Community Company was created by the Community Council in 2006 to receive the community benefit from the windfarms and Hydro schemes in the area. We distribute this money through our grant scheme which has been approved & agreed by the funders. We also run projects on behalf of the Community. As well as our grant scheme, we are run the Community Care-takers project, own & run the Fort Augustus Village Hall, currently re-building the Medical Centre, run an apprenticeship scheme & we have bought the Old Con-vent land for Community development. The Company is run by a board of voluntary Directors & follows strict Company law & OSCR rules as we are also a registered charity. FAGCC has one part-time Administrator & a part-time Bookkeeper.

Membership

We encourage everyone age 16+ who resides in the Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston area to become a member of FAGCC. It is free to join & allows you to vote at the AGM on who will be Directors of the Company & any changes to the setup of the Company. If you would like a membership form or have any questions about being a member, please use the contact details

below or visit our website - www.communitycompany.co.uk

AGM & how you can get involved

This year, our AGM will be held on Tuesday 27th November, 7pm at the Fort Augustus Village Hall. We would love to see as many of our members there & non-members are welcome too. The year's events will be discussed as well as the accounts then there will be tea, coffee & time for questions. We are always looking for members of the Community to get involved & become Directors. If you feel like you might want to be a Director, please get in touch using the contact details below. It's a great opportunity to make a difference in your Community.

Community Action Plan

We are just coming to the end of a Community Action Plan process that we commissioned & was helped made possible by a wonderful steering group that came together to represent many of the local groups & interests in the area. The final document will be getting delivered to every household shortly. We hope you enjoy reading it & to follow that, there is going to be a launch evening on Thursday 11th October at 7pm with the title of 'Moving planning into Action'. All welcome &

Grant Scheme

We offer four types of grants, they are ~

1. Student grant - £250 per full time student to help with travel costs. There is an additional £500 grant for equipment available to students from low income families.

2. Individual for Community Benefit – Up to £1,000 available if you have a project/event that is for Community benefit.

3. Constituted Groups (up to £10k) – This is our main grant programme for all local groups that are run for the benefit of those that live in the Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston area.

4. Constituted Groups (over £10k) – Same as above but for larger projects. Each of the grants comes with rules & guidance that are set by our funders. For more information on the grants, help with applying or help setting up a group or an idea, please use the contact details below. We also run our apprenticeship grant scheme – if you are an employer or you would like to take part in an apprenticeship, please get in touch to find out more.

Medical Centre

After such a long wait to start the building, we are very pleased with the progress of the build. This has been a long & complicated journey that has been fraught with difficulties but we hope that once completed, you will all have a 1st class medical centre fit for purpose & one that our Community can be very proud of & even better, the Community own it. For progress reports, we have a page set up on Facebook (FAGCC New Medical Centre) plus a page on our website & posters on the noticeboards.

Minutes

Minutes of the boards meetings are available on our website at www.community-company.co.uk but as we are a company, our minutes are not available until they have been approved at meeting following so can take one to two months before they are published.

Contact

For information or help on any of the above or any other query, please contact

our Administrator, Sharon Ferguson on one of the following ~

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Website – www.communitycompany.co.uk



Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston Community Council

Minutes of the Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Council Meeting held at The Old School, Dalchreichart on Wednesday 29th August 2018.

Members Present:

Deirdre MacKinnon - Chair (DM)
Stuart Findlay (SF)
Carol Pritchard (CP)
Jeff Dymond (JD)
Margaret Davidson - Councillor (MD)

Apologies:

Iain MacKnocher - Vice-Chair (IM)
Helen Clay - Secretary & Treasurer (HC)
Rachel Hayes (RH)
Steven Smith (SS)

Note taker: Samantha Cornelius
Presentation:

Gavin Steel (GS) from Scottish Water (SW) and Kelton Bennett and Christina from ESD gave an update following the public consultation in Fort Augustus that day. The planned horizontal projectional drilling under the canal is due to commence on Monday 10th September, a traffic management plan will be available shortly. SW confirmed that they had spoken to the School and would do so again to confirm traffic, noise etc arrangements.

Additionally, the planned closures by SW of the Great Glen Way were discussed in depth and at length especially in regard to the proposed diversion routes. Concerns were raised that the public may opt to walk into Fort Augustus via

the A82 and not take the lengthy diversion (approx. 5 miles). It was suggested that SW operate a shuttle service between Allt na Criche and Three Bridges which SW agreed to look into. There were also concerns about the diversion planned during the winter months along the new high route of the Great Glen Way which can be impassable in inclement weather. JD also raised the issue that the Forestry Commission (FC) had advised at a recent Community Liaison Group that they were going to be felling a coup above Allt na Criche and would be using SW's intended diversion route to extract wood. SW advised that they would contact FC accordingly.

1. Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 27th June 2018 were agreed to be an accurate and true reflection. Proposed by SF and seconded by JD.

2. Matters Arising

Inchnacardoch Bay: Signage required regarding no overnight parking.

Boats: Ongoing. Footpath: To arrange for path to be reviewed for accessibility and safety.

Car Park: No response from John Taylor at THC about a replacement car park sign and No HGV signage at the bottom of Bunoich Brae.

Although there is a temporary Balfour Beatty sign currently requesting construction traffic not to use that access. A further sign to be requested at the car park junction

requiring HGV's to exit Jenkins Park Road by turning left not right.

3. Police Report

July: Total Incidents reported to Police: 34 and 14 self-generated incidents.

Four drivers being reported to Procurator Fiscal for speeding offences; nine drivers issued conditional offers for speeding offences; one non injury road traffic collision, no offences; one slight injury road traffic, driver issued a conditional offer for careless driving; seven reports regarding driver behaviour, some drivers traced and given suitable advice. The majority of the offences were committed from drivers out with the area.

One report of a concern for person, Police assisted ambulance and person conveyed to hospital by ambulance; one report of a boat stuck near the shores of Loch Ness, RNLi contacted who were going to assist the owner of boat; one report of dogs attacking another dog, concerns about the owners control of the dogs. Suitable advice has been given and report submitted to Highland Council Dog Warden. Local Police executed two Misuse of Drugs search warrants in Fort Augustus and searched properties. One person is being reported to Procurator Fiscal for possession of controlled substances.

August: Total Incidents reported to Police: 66

Five drivers issued Fixed Penalties or reported to Procurator Fiscal for speeding offences; thirteen road traffic collision, no offences; ten

driver behaviour, some drivers traced and given suitable advice. The majority of the offences were committed from drivers out with the area.

Two reports of a concern for person, traced safe and well; one report of a dog attack enquiries ongoing; one report of disorder; one report of theft.

Incidents of note. There has been one case of vandalism reported and one noise complaint.

Police provided advice/assistance to members of the public for all other incidents.

4. Treasurer's Report

The balance as at 29 August 18 was £4,294.00.

5. Community Amenity Issues

Dalchreichart: MD to contact Hugh Gardner at THC again as no response received about request to provide new gates for Dalchreichart Cemetery.

A82: BEAR to drop the kerb at the doctors' surgery in early October. Riverside Park Pavement: MD to pursue.

Torgoyle Bridge: Unable to cross the bridge on foot due to the build-up of silt. Thanks given to the Community Company arranged for it to be cleared.

Invermoriston Cemetery: The path will be repaired and a turning area completed by THC hopefully before the bad weather arrives. The Community Company were offered the contract to cut the grass at the cemetery but declined as they couldn't get their equipment down it, however, once the new road is in place they may take it on.

6. Renewable Energy Projects

Stronelairg Windfarm: SF had received an email from SSE confirming that the last abnormal load went through on 23rd August. The next liaison group meeting is the 4th September, Colin Ross of THC

is to attend to discuss reinstatement of the Village Green. There is a scoping application for an extension of 30-40 turbines. DM and SF met Morven Smith regarding Community Benefit which amounts to £228,000 per year for Fort Augustus over the next 25 years. Two years of that is to be paid up front once the supply is going through which is anticipated for the end of the year.

Beinneun Windfarm: An email has been received from Angus Robertson advising that Blue Energy has sold the site to an investment company (Octopus). No information has been given about what is going to happen with the current community benefit scheme.

Millennium Windfarm: No update. Dell Windfarm: No update.

Auchterawe Substation: The Forestry Commission attended the meeting to advise residents of the current felling plans and any works ongoing in the area. There are two coups planned for removal neither of which impinges on the Auchterawe/Jenkins Park road. There were discussions about the general forest health and disease that is causing damage to the forests particularly the Larch. A link will be provided to help spot and report any affected trees. JD advised it would also be placed on the CC Facebook page. The next meeting is Wednesday 12th September at the Lovat Hotel at 7.00 p.m. JD advised he is unable to take the chair on that date CP to represent.

7. Planning & Licensing

a. 18/02244/PIP - Erection of house. Land 30M NE Of Fort Augustus Caravan Park, Fort Augustus.

b. 18/01539/FUL - Change of use from bunkhouse to shop. Stravaigers Lodge, Abbey Gardens, Fort Augustus, PH32 4BG.

c. 18/03210/DEM - Demolition of house. Old Farmhouse,

Auchterawe, Fort Augustus, PH32 4BT.

d. 18/03373/FUL - Erection of sun room. Dilly-Dally, Dalchreichart, Glenmoriston, IV63 7YJ.

e. 18/03485/FUL - Improved facilities for groundsman and laundry. Site SW Of Courtyard Cottages, The Highland Club, St. Benedict's Abbey, Fort Augustus.

f. 18/03312/FUL - Erection of two houses. Dunard, Fort Augustus, PH32 4DT.

g. 18/03690/FUL - Retention of lower construction compound for the use of parking and forestry laydown area (retrospective). Glenmoriston Estate, North Of Levishe, Invermoriston.

h. 18/03861/FUL - Erection of bothy for holiday rental. Redburn Café, Glenmoriston, IV63 7YJ.

i. 18/03857/FUL - Erection of replacement house. The Timber Bungalow, Glendoe, Fort Augustus, PH32 4BZ.

i. 18/04052/PNO - Erection of agricultural building. Dundreggan Croft, West Glenmoriston, IV63 7YJ.

The CC had no comment on these applications.

8. Correspondence

Letter received about the Sheep Dog Trials which are taking place on 31st August - £250 donation made.

The Kirking of the Council will take place in Inverness from 9.45a.m. - 10.15 a.m. on Sunday 9th September starting at the Townhouse.

Letter from the Seafarers about Merchant Navy Day on the 3rd September.

Mail shot about the Evolis Radar Speed Sign which is currently on special offer.

E-mail from Colin Ross at THC who wants to install a raised table at the intersection of Glendoe Road and Abbey Gardens which CC rejected outright, he needs to consult

with Mr Girvan and Mr Coppel. Also asked if HC can put yellow lines up to Tarff Bridge. which was rejected outright.

DM to speak to Ian MacGillivray and Shane Manning about HC putting parking bays on Oich Pier and charging. MD has asked that those bays and a toilet block be added to our current bid (car park funding) from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

Yellow lines on Station road have faded and white lining is required throughout the village - MD to speak to BEAR.

RDS Forestry plans for felling and planting around the Invermoriston car park on the Glen Moriston Estate. Plans briefly discussed, CP to draft comments for DM to submit.

9. AOB

- Village Christmas Lights - LED lights will be hung in the village green and along Canalside.
- The water on the road at the Pier in Invermoriston is being investigated.
- The two disabled bays in the car park are lined yellow and not blue.
- Skips have replaced the bins in Invermoriston car park as they were continually overflowing.
- DM to e-mail THC about the state of the road at the Fire Station entrance.
- Community Company Village Officers to be asked to remove the nets from Invermoriston on the 8/9th September to allow access for canoeists using the entrance over the weekend.
- Loch Ness Holiday Resort - some work to the pavements has been undertaken. MD to ask Keith Gibson to give a definitive statement regarding planning. There was an official Open Day on Saturday 30 Jun 18. Newly erected large brown sign at the village green advertising Loch Ness Resorts not authorised John Allan of THC deal-

ing with issue.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th September 2018 at The Memorial Hall, Fort Augustus at 7.30 p.m.

Auchterawe Community Liaison Group

Draft Note of Meeting
Auchterawe Community
Liaison Group
Wednesday 08 August 2018
The Lovat Hotel, Fort Augustus 1900-2100

Attendees:

Jeff Dymond (JD) Chair -
Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston

Community Council

Lorraine Doolan (LD) Resident Representative

Clare Chapman (CC) Resident

Sam Cornelius (SC) Resident

Keith Black (KB) Forestry Enterprise

Doug Earle-Mitchell (DEM) Forestry Enterprise

Val MacIver (VM) Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks

Archie Munro (AM) Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks

Lisa Marchi-Grey (LMG) Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks

Stan Barnes Resident

Bill Robertson (BR) Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks

Note and Actions:

Note Action

1 Apologies: Margaret Davidson - Leader of The Highland Council / Carol Pritchard / Geoff and Debbie Allan /

2 Approval of previous minutes

May's minutes by Lorraine Doolan and seconded by Claire Chapman. Note only GDPR and confirming that participants agree to SSEN recording their

details and contacting them in the future.

Action

LMG

3 Matters arising from minutes

4 Safety Moment (If applicable)

There was no safety moment discussed at the meeting on this occasion.

Note only

5 Active projects Update
AM handed out the usual update on all projects that are ongoing in the local area: NOTE - CLG does not require the hand out to be gone through in detail, only report by exception from now on.

Key exceptions were:

Substation signs - A commitment was given by SSEN to make sure the substation signs are kept clear of vegetation.

Note only

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AM - Skye T works will be completed in Spring 2019.

Note only

6 Community Queries for SSEN

Stone Delivery Vehicles.

Checked with the Balfour Beatty Access

Engineer this morning and he confirmed that there are indeed 8

wagons on constant delivery of stone into the FCS section (6 - 19) and

this will continue until the end of next week. Stone will be stock-piled within the woods this week and Balfours will relocate the stone over

this week-end continuing next week. There will be no stone deliveries over the week-end.

New Tower 2. Work commenced this week and will involve HGV traffic over the next month. Tree cutting will commence next week to accommodate the revised line diversion.

Foundation Upgrade. There are 11 towers overall requiring foundation upgrades, one on Mr MacCormick's ground and ten on

FCS land. These will all be carried out by November and will involve around four lorries a day delivering to each tower.

Each tower will need approximately three to four days' work.

Signage. Balfour's Access Engineer has been instructed to have the one sign on the A82 "WORKS ACCESS ONLY" just south of the Three bridges junction on the A82 removed.

1. Residents expressed concerns over the start and finish times of the Breedon Lorries. Vehicles starting at 05.30 am and finishing at 21.00 causing noise and disturbance. - It was noted at the August meeting this is no longer taking place but if the community see this happening again they will let us know.

2. Residents confirmed that

they were happy with the planting that had been carried out by Scottish Woodlands, they have asked that we retain them to continue with the five-year maintenance and monitoring plan for the area.

3. Resident highlighted a few areas where old stock and deer fencing had been removed but not taken away. It was felt that this made the area look cluttered. Photos were also provided of this to LMG.

4. LD read out an email that had been sent to her by a local resident

Action

AM/BR

Note only

Note only

Action

AM/BR/LM

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Note only

10 Forestry Enterprise

DEM explained that a large tree that had come down on the A82 and that they were trying to remove it and re-stabilise the bank without having to close the road.

DEM shared information about a disease that is causing damage and concern to the forests. A link has been provided to help spot and report any affected trees as spotting and removal of diseased branches is critical for the survival of the tree. Information about the Phytophthora disease of Larch <https://www.forestry.gov.uk/pramorum>

Note only

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KB handed out three maps showing the areas which are due to be harvested and start in about a month and take around 6 months to complete. KB also confirmed that all the timber will be removed via the Allt na Criche road. (Maps attached)

KB gave an overview of the general ongoing maintenance work which will be carried out - fencing, repairing roads, the stone for this will be coming via Allt na Criche. Re-planting of the forest which has been harvested takes place after around two to three years, this allows for any nasty bugs to have come and gone.

Note only

Note only

Community Queries for Forestry Enterprise

LD asked if some limbs could be removed from a tree that overhangs her garden wall. When it snows, the weight causes the limbs to rest on the wall and there is a concern it may cause the wall to collapse.

LD highlighted the state of repair of the local forestry footpaths and the overgrown river footpaths.

KB said he would talk to Community Visitor Services to see what can be done about the "waymark" routes. KB did explain that cost would play a part in what could be done.

JD asked about the felled trees at the burial ground.

KB explained that the trees were felled as

they were in the SSEN way-leave and need to be cut to prevent damage to the OHL. These trees are now considered part of the "dead wood policy" and removal of them also has health and safety implications.

11 Current planning applications

Fort Augustus Substation Redevelopment - Submitted March 2018 Note only

12 AOB

13 Date of next meeting

12 Sept 2018

19:00

The Lovat Hotel

LMG



Stronelaig Windfarm
Community Liaison Meeting
Minutes
Augustust 2018

Attendees

DM – Deirdre Mackinnon
– Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston CC
CS – Corinna Scholes – SSE Project Liaison Manager
SF – Stuart Findlay - Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston CC
CF – Catriona Fraser – Stratherrick and Foyers CC
MS – Mike Scott – SSE Site Manager
JC – Jim Cameron - Stratherrick and Foyers CC – Chair
MD – Margaret Davidson – Councillor

1. Welcome and introduction
All welcome and meeting commenced
Apologies

CS – Colin Ross – Highland Council
DS – David Sutton – SSE Project Manager

2. Approval of previous minutes
Minutes from the last meeting were sent for approval, no comments were received.

3. Matters arising

- CS to share update on delivery schedule – deliveries are now complete, no more schedules to be shared.
- Share reinstatement package – action complet-

ed. Waiting on comment from THC.

- Update on the foot path.

4. Stronelaig Wind Farm: Project Update
MS – 42 turbines are up, 66 turbines finished to pre-installation. All concrete is now poured and the lidar is set up. The substation snagging work is on going. The last turbine delivery from Kyle will be Friday 17th august and 22nd August from Corpach. Police escort availability has had a real impact on the deliveries and the completion date. The Donald Trump trip to Scotland open has meant less resource and pushed back the completion date.

SF- the change in delivery times has been terrific.
DM – Big difference, it has really helped.

JC – with everything on site, will there be any more impact offsite. Will the CLG still meet?

SF – There is still the off-site works, the next important thing is to get the foot path.

MS – We have agreed the legal side the heads of terms. We only have one land owner outstanding to firm up the legal agreement.

SF – Not letting up on the path, we want to see if completed.

AOB – N/A

Next meeting – 4th September



Things to Do

Mondays - Walking group meet at CoS Hall at 10 am. Take flask of coffee and packed lunch. (unless we have arranged to go to a local café or for soup etc.) Usual walk 4 to 6 miles – we are told in advance, by email, if walk likely to have steep sections or if longer. Main leader Graham 351359

Mondays* - 12.30 lunch at the Lock Inn £5 (phone Jenny 366438 to arrange)

Monday - Glenmoriston Indoor Bowls – Glenmoriston Millennium Hall. Contact Cherry Duncan on 01320 351320

Tuesday - 1st Tuesday of month Ladies Group meet 2.40-4 in Church Hall (from Sept)

Yoga – Glenmoriston Millennium Hall – 10 am

Music Group – Glenmoriston Millennium Hall - 7.30 pm

Tue or Wed* - Shopping bus to Fort William 9 am, leaves main car park but picks up on way. Look for notice of day & date. Usually during last week of month £3. Phone Judy 366304 to get a seat. Plus – there are other outings arranged throughout the year.

Wednesday* - 12 noon Lunch at The Telford Centre £5. Phone Telford Centre 366511 to arrange.

Wednesday - 2-4 Carpet Bowls in Village Hall (in summer outdoor at Caledonian hotel)

Energize – Glenmoriston Millennium Hall – 7.15 pm

Ecumenical Choir meet in Church Hall 7.30 (new singers welcome)

Thursday – Drop in café at church hall 10 – 11.30

Men's coffee & blether – Loch Ness Guest House 11 am

British Legion quiz – monthly – look for notice.

Beavers – Glenmoriston Millennium Hall - 5.30 pm

Scottish Country Dancing – Glenmoriston Millennium Hall – 7.30 pm Contact Cherry Duncan on 01320 351320

Friday* - 1st Friday of winter months senior citizens meet for board games e.g. crib, dominoes, scrabble, cards plus lots more 2-4 in church hall.

Friday* - 2nd ,3rd,4th Friday. Keep fit to music 2.15 3.30

Friday* - Last Friday to each month whist – church hall 7.30

Art Group – Glenmoriston Millennium Hall – 2 pm

Saturday* - November Fundraising sale for senior citizens party – village hall

Saturday – 1st in December. Christmas Market village hall

Saturday* - December senior citizen Christmas party

Sunday – Sunday: Fort Augustus Church of Scotland worship at 12 noon

Fort Augustus Free Church worship at 3.30 pm

Fort Augustus Sts Peter and Benedict RC Church Mass at 10 am

Glenmoriston Millennium Hall - 1st Sunday each month

- Tri-walkers and wheelchairs available for short term loan

Senior Citizen Association

Notice Board

**FORT AUGUSTUS
PARENT & TODDLER GROUP**



EVERY WEDNESDAY

9:30 - 11:30am

AT THE VILLAGE HALL

**GREAT GLEN
CAMERA CLUB**



We are a small, friendly group of people who enjoy photography and want to improve our skills and understanding.

We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Memorial Hall in Fort Augustus for tuition, critique, workshops and guest speakers.

The Club was started in 2010 after three local people attended a basic photography class at the local school. They wanted a club to help them develop their camera skills but as the nearest club is in Inverness, decided to start their own. Since then the Club has grown to provide a varied calendar of events during the year including some field trips around the Highlands.

New Members Welcome

Next Meeting Wednesday 19th September 7:00pm
Just come along and give it a try.
free membership until January 2019

Craft Fayre
Get ready for Christmas
Saturday 3rd November



**GLENMORISTON CRAFT CLUB
CRAFT FAYRE
SATURDAY
10AM - 4PM
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

Glenmoriston Millennium Hall
Free Entry

Refreshments Available & Raffle

To book a table please contact:
Jean Curley on 01320 351 291 or email
jeancurley44@gmail.com

Tables cost:
Large Table £10 & Small Table £5

scouts **THE OICHS**
4th Inverness Fort Augustus Scout Group



BEAVERS

Thursdays 5.30-6.30pm
Glenmoriston Millennium Hall

Boys & Girls aged 6-8yrs Cost £3 per week

For more info contact: Lee Cox 07810 118563



Unfortunately due to a shortage of leaders we are unable to run Cub & Scouts at the moment. Please get in contact if you are interested in becoming a leader.

Energize class



Wednesday night 7.15
Invermoriston village hall
£4.00 per person
Qualified ETM level 2 instructor

Glenmoriston Craft Club

1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month
At Glenmoriston Millennium Hall
11am - 3pm
Cost only £3 per session

Come along to our friendly group bringing whatever craft takes your fancy.

For more information contact Debbie on 351231 or email debbie.j.cox@btinternet.com

**BODY SENSE
LOCHNESS**
Massage at the Salon
Glenmoriston



Therapeutic Massage
This is not only a relaxing massage but works to relieve tension deep within the muscles.
60mins £30.00 30mins £22.00

Lava Shells
These shells are self heating. An alternative to Hot Stone Massage.
60mins £40.00 30mins £28.00

Indian Head Massage
This traditional Ayurvedic massage is an ancient art, renowned for relieving the symptoms of stress, headaches and migraines.
30mins £22.00

**Foot and Leg Therapy
Scalp and Face Massage**
30mins £22.00

For further details contact Elaine
t: 01320 351 283
email: treatments-em@gmail.com
Booking required in advance

Guides **1st FORT AUGUSTUS GUIDES**

Brownies

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(OVER 18'S ONLY)
TO TAKE
OVER THE RUNNING OF THE UNITS
FOR MORE INFORMATION
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Kids Christmas Parties

6th of October
Car boot sale & coffee morning
to raise funds for the kids
christmas party.
10am - 2pm
£7 for a pitch
Raffle tickets