

GARVE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Of AGM held in Garve Village Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2005

Present: Helen Grainge, Doug Winship, Marian Taylor, Alex Mackenzie, Donald Northwood, Jim Ruggles Brise, Kenneth Maclean, Uisdean Menzies, Pat Campbell, Sheree Grant, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Cllr Ewen Mackinnon  
20 Members of the Public

Apologies: Ian Dickinson

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Marian Taylor and seconded by Donald Northwood.

- 1 Election of office bearers for the next 2 years were carried out as follows:

Chairperson	Mr Doug Winship
Vice Chairperson	Pat Campbell
Secretary	Mr Donald Northwood
Treasurer	Lady Eliza Leslie Melville

- 2 Windfarms – The members of the Community Council agreed to adopt a neutral position with regards to the proposed Windfarms until they received further information on both the proposed projects.

The Chairman felt that the Community Council should approach the Windfarm developers with regards to Community benefit from the development – members of the Community Council felt that it was not appropriate at this time to take this action forward until we had further discussion with the developers about the project. The Chairperson at this point felt that he could no longer represent the Community Council as Chairperson, he then left the meeting. The Vice Chairperson then chaired the remainder of the meeting.

- 3 Mr Staurt Whiting from E.on Uk gave a short presentation on the Windfarm project at Corriemollie and answered questions from members of the public. He also advised the meeting that E.On UK hoped to have a public presentation on the windfarm development in November 2005, possible dates are the 22/23 November 2005 these dates have to be confirm by E.on UK.

*Cllr Ewen Mackinnon was present as an observer but made no comment and did not take part in any discussion.*

- 4 Matters Arising: No matters arising were dealt with at this meeting due to change of Secretary.

- 5 A.O.C.B

The following items were carried forward to next meeting due to changes of Office Bearers.

Community Web Site  
Broadband Connection

Date of Next Meeting: 6 December 2005 Achnasheen Village Ha

## Questions Presented to Mr Stuart Whiting of E.on Uk

Why does the Windfarm application not have to go to the Scottish Executive?

*Applications for windfarms producing up to 50 mega watts of power only have to be submitted to the Local Authority.*

How are E-on Uk allowed to construct a Windfarm in an area that may become a National Park?

*At present there are no designations over the area proposed.*

How will the site be accessed?

*Using existing forestry track, entrance may have to be extended to accommodate large vehicles.*

Why did Scottish Power give up on the project?

*Difficult site, Companies have large portfolios and can choose which sites to develop.*

Who benefits from the Electricity produced by site?

*Everyone who uses electricity.*

When your application is presented will it make reference to the other Windfarm in the area?

*Yes – plan etc will have to show where the other windfarm is to be sited.*

How are you going to transport the turbines?

*We will carry out a transport survey and will be required to liaise with various bodies like the Police and Local Authority with regards to transportation.*

What area does the Wind turbine cover?

*A turbine is 5m in diameter and sits on a concrete plinth which is 10m and excavated to 2m in depth.*

How will you take power from the Windfarm to Lochluichart Power Station?

*By underground cable along access track to main road, then follow road to Power Station.*

Who takes the Windfarm down?

*E.on Uk must lodge a bond with Local Authority for decommissioning of the site at the end of its life time.*

Does it come down if it is totally unacceptable to residents?

*If planning agree then the project will go ahead.*

Have you completed a Wildlife Survey of the area – in relation to birds etc and bird strikes by Windmills?

*Yes a survey had been ongoing since 2004. The actual record of bird strikes from other windfarms is fairly low.*

What about the effect of Vibrations from Windfarms on mammals?

*Very little evidence to support the theory that mammals are effected by vibrations.*

What is the lifespan of the Windfarm?

*Most likely to be between 20-25 years.*

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Of EGM held in Lochluichart Lodge on the 18 October 2005

Present: Helen Grainge, Marian Taylor, Alex Mackenzie, Donald Northwood, Jim Ruggles-Brise, Kenneth Maclean, Uisdean Menzies, Pat Campbell, Sheree Grant, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Ian Dickinson.

Apologies: There were none.

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Sheree Grant and seconded by Marian Taylor

- 1) Election of office bearers confirmed for the next two years and new chairperson elected following the resignation of Doug Winship from the community council at the last meeting. Uisdean Menzies proposed Kenneth Maclean and seconded by Donald Northwood.

Chairperson:	Kenneth Maclean
Vice Chairperson:	Pat Campbell
Secretary:	Donald Northwood
Treasure:	Lady Eliza Leslie Melville

- 2) It was established that the AGM is to be held each October that the Chairperson should present the annual report outlining the passed years work by the community council and that the accounts would be presented to conform with normal accountancy practice, i.e. the year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 for the year 2005/2006 presented at the October 2006 AGM.
- 3) The full community council agreed to write a letter of thanks to Doug Winship for his years of service and dedication as community councillor and chairperson. It was further agreed to write a letter of thanks to Einir Hughes Winship for her service as secretary and that a gift be purchased as a personal thank you. A notice would be published in the community news and views thanking them for their services.
- 4) Uisdean Menzies proposed that the office of chairperson be occupied for a period of no longer then two years. This was discussed and agreed to be considered at a latter meeting.
- 5) Kenneth Maclean stated he had concerns about the conduct and behaviour of community councillors following the AGM. Donald Northwood proposed that the constitution be amended to include a disciplinary clause and he would draft a new clause for the next meeting.
- 6) Three names were put forward as potential nominees who might be co-opted to the community council. It was agreed that no decision would be taken at this time.
- 7) Windfarms- The community council agreed to continue its adoption of a neutral position until there was further information available and had, had the opportunity to view the presentation by the agents who represent the proposed developments. Lady Eliza Leslie Melville offered to leave the room while these discussions were held, to insure there was no conflict of interest. The community council felt that this was unnecessary at this meeting as she might provide valuable information with regard to

the developments. It was further agreed that following the presentations of the proposed development the whole community would be given the opportunity to voice their views and that a survey and questionnaire be sent to all person in the community inviting them to comment on this issue.

8) Any other business:

The community web site would be reviewed and Sheree Grant felt that funding for a better site was available and would make enquiries.

Concerns were raise on the issue of the BT Broadband that does not allow full access of the service by third party suppliers. A letter would be sent to BT asking for their comments and information on when the same standard of service would be to that offered to other areas of the UK.

Jim Ruggles-Brise reported that no action had been taken to clean the pond in Achnasheen and that it was now looking very poor.

Pat Campbell asked for nominees for the Ross and Cromarty Civic and Community Award and two names were put forward for submission; Sue Tarr for her work on the local news and view publication and Kenny Ross for his achievements in sport both locally and for Scotland.

The Highland Council's letter that referred to the Ross and Cromarty area boundaries was presented and agreed that further information was needed as the maps supplied did not contain the correct area or information relating to the Garve and District community Council.

Donald Northwood presented a new expense form that was accepted for use when claiming out of pocket expenses when carrying out his duties as the secretary.

The secretary presented a correspondence from the Deer Commission for Scotland outlining their next meeting and inviting the passed Chairperson to attend. He proposed that Jim Ruggles-Brise be asked to take over this role in representing the Community Council; he agreed and was duly passed the communiqué.

Details of the community Christmas party were put before the community council; these included menus, details on price and venue. A number of hotels had been approached but are closed over the December period; Kenneth Maclean said he would talk with the Ledgowan Lodge Hotel who had supplied details to try and negotiate a better price and report back.

Date of the next meeting – Tuesday 6 December 2005 at Achnasheen Village Hall.  
The public meeting to start at 07:30

**GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**Year Ended 31 March 2005**

**A.A.Mackenzie & Co Ltd**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Mayfield**  
**High Street**  
**Dingwall**

# GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31 March 2005

	Note	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>			
Highland Council Grants- Annual		927.21	
Awards For All - Grant		5,000.00	
Newsletter		455.16	
Interest		25.60	
			<u>6407.97</u>
<b><u>Deduct – Expenditure</u></b>			
Cost of Newsletter		336.00	
Postages, Stationery and Telephone		140.08	
Secretarial		350.00	
Accountancy		151.57	
Deficit on War Memorial Account	1.	44.09	
Deficit on Senior Citizens Party	2.	618.78	
			<u>1,640.52</u>
<u>Surplus for Year</u>			<u><u>4,767.45</u></u>

## Statement of funds at 31 March 2005

Balance at 31 March 2004	2,485.73	
<u>Add – Surplus for Year</u>	<u>4,767.45</u>	
		<u><u>7,253.18</u></u>
Represented by:		
Cash in Bank Current Accounts		<u><u>7,253.18</u></u>

Dingwall, 8 June 2005

We have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2005 from your accounting records as supplied to us.

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## NOTES

### 1. War Memorial Account for year ended 31 March 2005

	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Interest	<u>1.63</u>	1.63
<u>Deduct – Expenditure</u>		
Repairs and upkeep	<u>45.72</u>	
		<u>45.72</u>
<u>(Deficit) for Year</u>		<u>(44.09)</u>

### 2. Senior Citizens Account for year ended 31 March 2005

	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Interest	<u>3.67</u>	3.67
<u>Deduct – Expenditure</u>		
Old Folks Party	- Hotel	436.70
“ “ “	- Gifts	40.75
“ “ “	- Hire of Coach	85.00
“ “ “	- Entertainers	<u>60.00</u>
		622.45
<u>(Deficit) for Year</u>		<u>(618.78)</u>