

# GARVE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Of meeting held in Garve Village Hall  
Tuesday 3 October 2006

Present: Helen Grainge, Alex Mackenzie, Sheree Grant, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Donald Northwood, Uisdean Menzie, Cllr Ewen Mackinnon

4 Members of the Public

Apologies: Kenneth MacLean, Jim Ruggles Brise, Pat Campbell, Ian Dickinson, Marian Taylor,

In the absence of the chairperson Uisdean Menzie was approved by the other attending members to act as chairman for the meeting.

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Sheree Grant and seconded by Lady Eliza Leslie Melville.

### 1) Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

Trees in Madison Drive had now been cut back as per the last meeting.  
Road signs are still on going issues.

Quotations were now in for the community Christmas party and the venue has been agreed. The Ledgowan Hotel is to be the venue and that the wine for the event will be provided through the community council.

The problem with the printer used for producing the News and Views has now been rectified following the installation of a new circuit board and should now be ready to produce future issues.

### 2) Treasurers Report: Lady Elisa presented the report stating that the general account held £2434:00, Christmas Party account £844:00 and the War Memorial account £124:00.

### 3) Planning Issues: There were no planning issues that affected the community to report. The Secretary had made enquires regarding the position of the proposed wind-farm at Lochluichart as a number of individuals had asked for information, he was able to report the following.

#### Wind-farm Update

- **Income from the projects:** Bob Cameron has reported that there has been one face to face meeting with LZN the Developers for the proposed Lochluichart wind-farm, who have made no firm offer or put any financial figures in front of the Highland Council. There have been a couple of telephone conversations

with them one of which was to ask the Highland Council to confirm that they were acting on behalf of the Community Council.

- E-On the second developer for a proposed 15 turbine unit at Corriemoille has had one face to face meeting with the Highland Council regarding community funding but made no other contact with them.
  - **Planning application:** The planning officer has verbally reported that they have been advised by two of the consultees to the Scottish Executive on renewable energy projects that they have serious concerns over the proposals for Lochluichart and are objecting to the current application. The planning application falls under section 36 and as such must go through the Scottish Executive for consultation. They further advise that they have been led to believe that an addendum is to be lodged that will reduce the size of the site and are now waiting for this to materialise before sending to committee.
  - The planning officer further confirmed that no proposal for transporting the power had been submitted that falls under section 37 and currently there appears to be no method of connection from Lochluichart and this may prove to be a problem for the developers; this situation has arisen with three recent applications in Sutherland that have gone before committee. It is reported that one of the projects could not be connected to the grid before 2012 at the earliest.
  - He further advised that they had received no application from E-On, the other potential developer in the area.
4. Correspondence received since last meeting: The secretary reported that there had been little in the way of correspondence and listed, News letter from Age concern, Letter and news and views from NHS 24 and planning issues listings.
  5. Any other business: Concerns were voiced over the delivery services provided in the Highland particularly if you had an IV23 post code. Uisdean Menzie reported that he had to pay premium rate for parcels and getting a second rate service and that most carriers operated post code discrimination. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Highland Council and Scottish Executive to voice our opinions on the matter.

Councillor McKinnon brought it to the attention of the community council that discussions were taking place with regard to the railway time table for the local train service and that it might be altered, with a much earlier start for the first train into Inverness each day, i.e. the 08:45 from Achanalt would become the 07:45 into Inverness. This new arrangement would not take place until the consultation had taken place. If any member of the public wishes to voice an opinion they should contact Net Work Rail.

Lady Elisa did comment that her husband had recently been waiting for the train at Lochluichart and that the approaching train continued through without stopping.

Community watch signs had not been displayed and it was agreed that the Secretary would contact Doug Winship and ask if he still had these, as it was understood that he had, had them and was waiting for brackets for them.

A member of the public asked if it was possible to write to the Highland Council or the Police to seek help in reducing the noise and speed from motor bikes. It was pointed out that a letter could be sent but that neither body had any control over machines that were built to admit the noise they do; but on the question of speed this was an ongoing issue.

There was no other business and the Chairman thanked every one and closed the meeting.

The next public meeting will be at 7:30 on the 5 December 2006 at the Achnasheen Village hall.