Garve & District Community Council 5th August 2008

Present:

Alex Mackenzie, Marion Taylor, Helen Grainge, Lady Eliza Leslie

Melville, Jean Hollingdale, Sue Tarr, Ruaridh Matheson,

Jim Ruggles Brise, Sheree Grant

7 Memebers of the Public, Cllr Urquhart, Robbie Bain

Apologies:

Donald Northwood, John Urguhart, Ùisdean Menzies

1 Chairperson opened meeting

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3 Approval of Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed - Jimmy Ruggles Brise

Seconded - Marion Taylor

(It was noted that the cycle route was not mentioned in last minutes but would be discussed during this meeting)

4 Matters Arising

Cllr Urquhart apologised for not attending previous meeting.

Sue and Jean provided feedback from their meetings regarding flooding at both Strathgarve and Loch Garve and also cycle routes with Contin Community Council.

David Jardine of the Forestry Commission is looking into the ditching at Strathgarve, hopefully if the ditches are cleared this may solve the flooding problem. Simon Mckelvie of the Conon Fisheries Board stated that all works to Loch Garve would have to be licensed by SEPA. Jean is trying to arrange a meeting with both Highland Council and the Forestry Commission. Jean/Sue also indicated that they may speak to Mr Mackenzie who was involved several years ago with work in this area and may be aware of land owners.

Sue has spoken to Gordon MacLean of Contin Community Council, they are suggesting that a join application/proposal be put together in order to provide a cycle route between Contin and Garve.

Caravan at Achnasheen, no new developments. Robbie Bain informed the meeting that Environmental Health had visited the site and were

happy with the arrangement. A member of the public asked what happened after September; Robbie Bain explained that all issues regarding the caravan would be dealt with by the Planning Department.

There were 2 planning applications within our area: Upgrading access road Junction on A835 at Aultguish and erection of conservatory at Craigard.

5 Treasurers Report

Main Account £1742.40

Senior citizens a/c £567.38

War Memorial a/c £1265.33

Treasurer reported that further donations had been received this evening for the War Memorial fund.

6 Correspondence

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Invitation for Highland Small Communities Housing Trust to attend AGM and Hooley on 12 & 13th September 2008.

SEPA Magazine, Highland Health Voices Magazine, St John Ambulance Newsletter.

SSE Power Distribution Report – this affects the Gorstan and Garve Areas with regards to underground cabling. Chairperson has a copy of this document if anyone wishes to view.

Notice of Flying Exercise 23/6/08 - 8/07/08

Elma Fraser has kindly offered photographs and other information on the History of Garve Area to the Community Council, Chairperson is liaising with Elma with regards to this.

WRI have offered to be involved with the proposed fund raising Camel Race Night. Uisdean will be arranging meeting regarding this.

New speed limit as you enter Garve from Gorstan – Robbie Bain will contact Trans Serv to ascertain as to when this new speed limit will come into force.

Kenny Maclean informed the meeting that he had been asked by Lochcarron Community Council be the returning officer for the forthcoming Community Council election in Lochcarron. He also wished to commend the Newsletter team on the new blog.

Cllr Urquhart asked the meeting if there were any issues with housing in the area – none were raised at this meeting.

The question was raised with regards to telephone box closures in the area. Robbie Bain explained that Highland Council had put forward objections to telephone box closures which included the Achnasheen box.

There was a request for volunteers to deliver the Newsletter. Lady Eliza volunteered to deliver from Gorstan to Mossford. Kenny Maclean also offered to be a backup for the delivery.

8 Date of Next Meeting.

7th October 2008 Garve Village Hall @ 7.30pm