

~~Draft~~ Minutes  
Garve & District Community Council  
AGM – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Present: Alex Mackenzie, Marion Taylor, Helen Grainge, Uisdean Menzies  
Jean Hollingdale, Sue Tarr, Sheree Grant, John Urquhart, Donald  
Northwood

7 Members of the Public, Cllr Urquhart, Robbie Bain

Apologies: Jimmy Ruggles Brise, Lady Eliza Melville, Ruari Matheson

1 Chairperson opened meeting

2 Apologies

3 Election of New Officers;

As there were no nominations for the office bearing positions within the Council they will remain as follows:

Chairperson: Helen Grainge

Vice Chairperson: Uisdean Menzies

Secretary: Donald Northwood

Treasurer: Marion Taylor

4 Approval of Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed - Marion Taylor

Seconded - Jean Hollingdale

5 Chairpersons Annual Report

Chairperson gave her annual report to the meeting, commenting on the success of the Garden Open Day which provided much needed funds for the War Memorial. Sue was thanked for her hard work in producing the News & Views for 10 years and presented with a token of appreciation. The news and views is now being run with a new committee with Jackie West at the helm. The chairperson thanked all those involved in any way with the News and Views.

6                    Treasurers Annual Report

Uisdean read out report on behalf of treasurer. Full copy may be obtained from treasurer.

Main Account	£2519.88
Senior Citizens	£ 567.85
War Memorial	£ 776.05

7                    Secretaries Annual Report

Secretary gave his report to the meeting – he felt that we had a good year with everyone working together especially with the garden event. He had endeavored to reduce costs of postage by using e-mail as much as possible although this proved to be difficult without broadband.

8                    Matters Arising

Uisdean updated the meeting on the Horse Racing night which is to be held in Garve Village Hall on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2008. All funds raised will be divided equally between Strathgarve Primary School, Community Council and WRI.

Uisdean informed the meeting of a proposed Craft Fair that he is holding in Garve Village Hall on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008 in which all groups or individuals are invited to have a stall. It is hoped that there will be a Christmas theme to the event.

Speed Limit changes at Gorstan: - Robbie Bain informed the meeting that the changes to speed limit order have been re –advertised but he was unsure of when they would come into force.

Caravan at Achnasheen – still in place.

9                    Planning Issues

None in our area.

10                  Correspondence

Strathgarve Primary School are looking at ways to encourage families moving to the area to enrol their children in the school and not in school's out with the area. Cllr Urquhart informed the meeting that parents could send their children to any school and did not have to use local schools. Community Council to look at ways to help promote Strathgarve Primary School.

Strathgarve Primary School are looking at the possibility of purchasing a mini bus for use by the cluster schools. Community Council felt that this was not a viable project due to high costs involved with purchase, maintenance, Disclosure checks etc. Cllr Urquhart suggested that they may be able to access funds from the Area discretionary fund to help with school trips. Uisdean to liaise with the school with regards to this.

SNH Drop In Session – a drop in session was held in Garve Hall with regards to SNH's proposals for Ben Wyvis. Correspondence was received from Major Whitelaw with regards to these proposals. Concerns were raised with regards to the reduction in deer, the removal of grazing and the length of the consultation period. Concerns were also raised in favour of the proposals to protect plant life. Secretary to write to SNH.

Jackie West had spoken to Wester Ross Alliance with regards to community funded projects, such as Post Offices, Shops and Filing Station. It was felt to run such a project would be a big undertaking and require a lot of research to ascertain viability.

Discussion was held with regards to accidents at Gorstan Junction – Cllr Urquhart to arrange a meeting with Transerv and Highland Council and members of Community Council to look at ways of improving junction. It was also reported that culvert at Gorstan needed repairing. Secretary to write to Highland Council raising these issues.

Uisdean is looking into the possibility of having the War Memorial cleaned and re lettered, Uisdean to obtain quotes. Cllr Urquhart to look at helping with funding for this project. Uisdean also thanked those who had helped with the maintenance this year.

Recycling of plastic bottles – Larisa informed the meeting that this will now go ahead, she asked if people could help when recycling by making sure that only plastic bottles and no other rubbish was put in plastic bottle bank. If you would like to help Larisa with this project please contact her direct.

Discussion was held with regards to fly tipping and litter in lay-bys – Cllr Urquhart informed the meeting that the Ward Forum in January would discuss this item.

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Date of Next Meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 Achnasheen Village Hall @ 7.30pm

### **Other Meeting Dates**

News Letter Meeting Garve Village Hall 21<sup>st</sup> October 2008 @ 7.30pm