

~~Draft~~ Minutes
Garve & District Community Council
3rd February 2009

Present: Alex Mackenzie, Helen Grainge, Uisdean Menzies
Jean Hollingdale, Sue Tarr, Sheree Grant, Donald Northwood
Jimmy Ruggles Brise, Lady Eliza Melville, Ruari Matheson

8 Members of the Public, Cllr Urquhart

Apologies: Marion Taylor, John Urquhart

- 1 Chairperson opened meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed Sue Tarr
Seconded Jimmy Ruggles Brise

- 4 Matters Arising

The Horse Race Night was very successful, with the Community Council, WRI and Strathgarve Primary School receiving £295. All groups would like to thank those who attended the event or provided sponsorship/donations.

The Christmas Craft Fair was also successful and raised £325.

Uisdean suggested that we contact Highland Council with regards to an outside socket so that in future years we could have a village Christmas tree. Request was also made for Achnasheen Village. Donald will write to Highland Council.

Gorstan Speed Limit – no update given as to when speed limit at Gorstan will change.

Cllr Urquhart informed the meeting that there were proposals for new speed limit around village of Garve. This was in connection with changes to all roads leading to schools. New limit will be 20.

War Memorial – still waiting for 2nd quotation. *Uisdean would like to note thanks to the Railway employees who have done a great job of clearing below War Memorial.*

Gorstan Culvert – repaired.

Gorstan Speed Limit/Accidents – no reply from Transerv, Secretary to write again with regards to junction and debris left in burn below junction. *Also reported at this point was lack of crash barrier at Loch Chullin due to car accident damage, Cllr Urquhart to investigate.*

SNH Ben Wyvis Report. Noted. Management Plan to be finalised from report.

5 Treasurers Report

Uisdean read out report on behalf of treasurer.

Main Account	£2045.27
Senior Citizens	£ 395.65
War Memorial	£ 656.46

Donation received from Achnasheen Amenities Association for Senior Citizens fund. Sheree to write and thank Amenities Association.

6 Planning

Notification received of Planning Meeting at Inchbae with regards to erection of house and chalets. Received 3/2/09 which was date of meeting.

7 Correspondence

Thank you letters from individuals with regards to Christmas Party.
Highland Council, submission on observations regarding planning.
Scottish Parliament re climate change results of survey.
Forestry Commission – sale of Garve Hill, Loch Luichart Plantation and Wester Corriemollie.
Highland Health Voices – newsletters
Information with regards to Houses of Multiply Occupancy.
E-mail from Claire Simmons re National Planning Framework.

8 Any Other Business

Secretary - Donald is unable to continue with duties for temporary period, Sheree to continue to take minutes and will now check e-mails and circulate. Pam Morrison volunteered to check correspondence and collate.

Recycling – Sue spoke on behalf of Larisa. As most people will be aware “blue” bins are to be provided in the Garve area for recycling of plastic and paper, Larisa would like it noted that she will continue with the project for recycling plastic at Garve.

Dog Fouling – complaints have been received with regards to dog fouling, dog warden has visited area and informed Community Council

that she is unable to do anything further unless perpetrators are caught allowing their dogs to foul without cleaning up.

Fly Tipping – there have been instances of fly tipping in the area. Jimmy will bring this up at the ward forum.

Coffee mornings/book swap – a new group is hoping to meet in Garve Village hall to hold coffee morning and swap books, Community Council agreed to help fund project with donation of £30 to help cover initial costs.

Sue raised the point that we have missed a meeting due to the December cancellation. It was agreed that in future if a meeting is cancelled it will be held the following Tuesday as far as reasonable practicable.

Newsletter – reminder that next meeting is to be held in Garve Village Hall at 7.30pm on 17th February 2009. We are looking at purchasing a new copier and the various funding methods available.

Grit Bins – a member of the public raised the question regarding the use of grit bins, Cllr Urquhart confirmed that anyone can use grit from bins but hoped that people would only use reasonable amounts to clear paths etc. Donald to write to Tech Services with regards to additional or larger grit bins in Achnasheen and new bin at Achanault.

Date of Next Meeting

7th April 2009 @ 7.30pm in Achnasheen Village Hall