

Garve & District Community Council: AGM, 6th October 2009

Present:

Alex Mackenzie, Helen Grainge, Uisdean Menzies
Marion Taylor, Sue Tarr, Sheree Grant,
Jean Bailey, Jennifer Haslam

In attendance:

Robbie Bain (Highland Council)
7 Members of the Public

Apologies:

Jimmy Ruggles-Brise, John Urquhart, Cllr Urquhart

Robbie Bain opened meeting and called for nominations for Office Bearers.
The following were elected:

Chairperson
Helen Grainge

Vice Chairperson
Uisdean Menzies

Secretary (P/T)
Sheree Grant

Correspondence Secretary
Pam Morrison

Treasurer
Marion Taylor

There are currently **2 vacancies**, it was agreed that we should advertise the positions in the next newsletter. One member pointed out that we had full elections 2 years ago due to the high number of applications, and was disgusted that we had little response this year. Another member felt that we had not promoted the election to the Community.

Approval of minutes of AGM held on 7th October 2008.

Approved: Marion Taylor
Seconded: Helen Grainge

Chairperson Report

The Chairperson gave her report to the meeting, she commented on the successful Christmas Fair which was the first time this was held, also the Christmas Party which was also a success and enjoyed by many. The coffee mornings have been slow to start but hopefully this will improve. She also thanked the community for their support over the past year.

Secretary Report

Sheree gave a brief report as many items were the same as chairperson. The meeting was also informed that the Community Council had been successful in obtaining a Grant from the War Memorials Trust for £1023.00 towards cost of cleaning and re-lettering the War Memorial. We will seek additional funding from Discretionary Fund. Sheree also thanked Donald Northwood who was the previous secretary for all his hard work. Uisdean added thanks for all the hard work by previous Community Councillors who had stood down.

Treasurer's Report

Marion proved a copy accountants report up to 31st March 2009 (This is published in this newsletter).

Sue asked about Secretary's allowance, Marion explained that this was paid to Sheree and Pam. Jean also asked about sundries which Marion explained. Also it was raised that when attending meetings on behalf of the Community Council members should claim fuel costs.

Following on from AGM was ordinary Community Council Meeting.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 4th August 2009.

Approved: Sue Tarr

Seconded: Uisdean Menzies

Matters Arising

Bus Stops – Transerv had e-mailed to say that they have not had meeting with Highland Council due to staff member being involved in car accident, but they would contact us as soon as they have met.

Christmas Tree lights – Robbie Bain said that he could not get exact figure for connecting to street lights. Uisdean to contact Stewart Bruce at Highland Council regarding this matter. (He would also point out that street lights had been on constantly day and night outside hall)

EON – a request had been received from EON who wished to obtain a copy of correspondence sent by the Community Council to Highland Council with regards to the Corriemoillie Windfarm. Sheree asked that members decide on a procedure for such requests. It was decided that all correspondence

requests will be carried over to the next available meeting and will be dealt with after discussion with members.

Community Benefit Meeting – arranged for Tuesday 27th October 2009. Bob Cameron for Highland Council to chair. This will be an open public meeting.

Rural Watch – Helen will try and arrange for February Meeting.

Railway Fencing – Sheree had been in touch with John Farquhar Munro and Charles Kennedy with regards to this matter. Charles Kennedy had written to Network Rail and is awaiting a reply. John Farquhar Munro had raised question at Scottish Parliament. Ongoing issue.

Bailey Bridge – reply received from Forestry Commission who have confirmed that a Footbridge will be put in place but not the exact timescale for the project.

Sub Committee – News and Views have sent out requests to businesses and Landowner seeking donations towards the cost of a new copier for producing the newsletter. Mr Seligman kindly offered to look into a donation of a second hand copier. Harry will liaise with regards to this matter.

Correspondence

Highland Archaeology Festival

SNH – Ben Eithe Nature Reserve Consultation

Highland Council – review of Community Council boundaries – to be discussed at next meeting 1st December 2009

Guide to Planning Systems in Scotland

Scottish Ambulance Service – Sheree to update contact details

Small Communities Housing Trust – AGM

The Community Councillor – Newsletter

Charles Kennedy – reply to request to help with fencing along Loch Garve between railway and road.

A.O.B

Over 60's Christmas Party – Helen to collate Menus and arrange meeting.

Mr Moxton, Chair of Strathgarve Primary Parent Council has written to the Community Council seeking a donation of £150 towards the cost of Highland Literacy Scheme. The donation was approved.

Christmas Fair – Community Council looking for donations for Bottle stall and raffle.

Culverts at Grudie Bridge require cleaning – Robbie Bain to contact relevant department.

War Memorial – Remembrance Service 8th November 2009 at 11.45am.

Level Crossing – Community Council to look into supporting campaign for barriers at all crossings.

Doug Winship former Chairman of the Community Council would like to place a memorial seat in the village in remembrance of Enir who was secretary of the community council for many years. It was decided that the area between Matheson Road and Stirling Drive would be suitable. Marion will liaise with Doug on this matter.

Liz Fraser and Matilda Ure, of Eon asked if anyone had any questions with regards to the Corriemoillie Wind Farm. Liz also stated that the positions of the turbines have changed and that Eon will be offering Community Benefit.

Questions:

Q: Are you still on target to submit to planning in November?

A: Yes

Q: Do you feel the community is in favour of the development?

A: We did get constructive feedback at the public exhibition – it is a hard question to answer. Eon are as open as they can be. Nothing is finalised until application is submitted.

Q: What could anyone say to change or influence Eon to change site.

A: Response was that it was a difficult question to answer.

Q: How many tonnes of peat will be removed?

A: Unable to give exact figures – but it is proposed that peat will be transported from site and used again for example by Distillery.

Date of Next Meeting: 1st December, Achnasheen Village Hall

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Garve & District Community Council
Newsletter Sub Committee
6th October 2009

Present: Helen Grainge, Harry Grainge, Uisdean Menzies Sheree Grant,
Jackie West, Marion Taylor, Pam Morrison, Kenny Maclean

- 1 Discussion re offer from George Seligman. Jackie will initially liaise with George with regards to this.
- 2 Content – still need more articles. Jim has taken over the advertising so hopefully we will get more adverts giving us more income.
- 3 Fundraising – we have received some donations and will continue to fundraise and much as possible before applying for grants.
- 4 Marion to set up separate account for Newsletter.
- 5 Date of Next Meeting after C C Meeting on 1st December 2009.