Garve & District Community Council 2nd February 2010

Present:

Helen Grainge, Marion Taylor, Sue Tarr, Sheree Grant, Jennifer Haslam Jimmy Ruggle-Brise, John Urquhart

In attendance

20 Members of the Public, Cllr Urquhart, Robbie Bain

Apologies:

Uisdean Menzies Jean Bailey, Alex Mackenzie

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Approval of Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed Jennifer Haslam Seconded Marion Taylor

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Matters Arising

Kenneth Maclean has written to the Community Council seeking co-option on to the council. It was agreed that members would be sent a ballot paper to make this decision.

Helen made a personal statement with regards to the recent correspondence that members of the community had received with regards to the Corriemoillie Windfarm development; she would like to make it clear that this did not come from her despite it having her name on it as a contact. An email has been received from Donald Northwood with regards to this correspondence and was read out to the meeting.

Christmas Fair – very successful, the Community Council would like to thank all those who attended, contributed and helped in any way. Funds raised from the Fair were £789.

Robbie Bain will arrange a meeting with Scottish Community Foundation (SCF).

Steve Jones has sent a document to the Community Council setting out information on the formation of Charitable Trusts.

Gorstan junction – Robbie Bain suggested that we invite Transerv to next meeting.

Robbie Bain will investigate the rubbish at layby near old church.

Local Directory – community council looking for volunteers for this project.

Rural Watch – PC Carrie Shanks still on sick leave. Helen outlined some ideas for this project, which included the need for co-ordinators in both Garve and Achnasheen areas.

3 Treasurers Report

Main Account £143

£1437.97

Senior Citizens

£899.79

War Memorial

£156.70

Newsletter

£1186.37

4 Correspondence

See Appendix to Minutes

5 AOB

Members of the Community were concerned that the Community Council had not been in correspondence with Highland council with regards to the Corriemollie Windfarm development, it was pointed out that we had written to Highland Council on the 6th October 2009 stating that the position regarding Windfarm development remained unchanged, people felt that we should now write again as the planning application had now been submitted. There followed much discussion about the development, Matilda representative from Eon also pointed out benefits of Windfarm development.

One member of the community asked if everyone felt the same with regards to the development (that they were against it), one member stood up and said that she was for the development. It was agreed that a letter would again be written to Highland Council stating the position of those attending the Community Council meeting.

Question was raised about Community Benefit from development; Matilda explained that sums were based on industry standard.

Sue will be attending Wester Ross Alliance meeting next week.

Bus Stops – still no news, Sheree will contact Transerv and report back at next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting 6th April 2010 Achnasheen Village Hall Appendix 1

Correspondence received -

Temporary Closure of Lochluichart Post Office

Planning List – Windfarm application for Corriemoillie, Garve with accommodation above the Cottage, Achnasheen

NHS - Newsletters

SNH - Golden Eagles information

Sepa – magazine

Peter Peacock – Upgrading of Broadband and Leader money available for this project

Highland Council - Quality Awards - winners

Highland Environmental Network - newsletter