

~~Minutes~~ Minutes: Garve and District Community Council AGM held 7th June 2011 Garve Village Hall

PRESENT: Kenny MacLean (Chairman), Jean Bailey (Treasurer), Jean Hollingdale (Sec.), Pam Morrison, Sue Tarr, Jennifer Haslam, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Jock Logie, Ruari Matheson; Nick Sage and Fiona Milligan (Infinergy); Matilda Urie (E-On); Nel MacDonald- Rolfe (HC Dog Warden); 4 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Bob Moir, Alex Mackenzie, Robbie Bain (Ward Manager), Cllr. Jean Urquhart; Nicola Brookes and Nigel MacManus (Eneco), Alison Millar (Northern Constabulary).

The chairman opened the AGM meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: of AGM held 7th October 2010. Proposed; Jennifer Haslam, Seconded; Pam Morrison. The Chairman explained that under the new constitution, all documents referred to at this meeting must be sent to HC. He confirmed that this had already been done.

COPY of CHAIRMANS REPORT: As many of you know, I feel that a Chairman's annual report should not just be a look back on the last twelve months, it should also look forward to the coming months and it should also thank certain individuals for their help to the G&DCC or for playing their part within the community.

In my last Chairman's annual report presented to G&DCC members at the last G&DCC AGM held on the 7 October 2010 I said the following:

"... In the coming months we will have the over sixty's party, there will be discussions on windfarms and the potential community benefit from them and the management of that money, the future of the AGNV ... as well as the usual problems that keep the G&DCC so varied and interesting such as problems with street lighting, rubbish, road drains, potholes etc ..."

I think it would be fair to say that we have covered all of those issues and a few others since the last AGM eight months ago.

The AGNV is now an independent community magazine which is something the AGNV group wanted to do in the latter part of last year and with the help of the G&DCC looking at their proposed constitution and the public meeting held in January of this year, which has now been achieved. The AGNV group now deals with the day to day running of the magazine.

The over sixty's Christmas dinner was one of the best attended in recent years. I think the Aultguish Inn did the community proud in the way they kept the event on track despite the terrible wintry conditions that night. The various donations from people in the community as well as local businesses really helped to make the night enjoyable for all.

The negotiations between E-ON and HC over community benefit from the now consented E-ON Corriemoillie windfarm are ongoing. I know the G&DCC members wish both parties well.

Infinergy have begun looking into an extension to the consented Eneco Lochluichart windfarm. They have held two public "drop in" sessions. Infinergy have also started looking into community benefit directed towards those who live within the G&DCC area.

A liaison group to help keep the community informed of the construction of the windfarms will be up and running in a few months time following initial discussions at our meetings. I for one welcome anything that helps keep the public fully informed.

A Fundraising committee was set up earlier this year to help raise funds for the various projects that the G&DCC oversee. The table at the Spring Fair was well supported by the public for which I am very grateful. A Summer Fair was held ten days ago. My thanks to all concerned.

The new Scheme for CC's, Constitution, standing orders and code of conduct have now all been adopted following a three stage consultation process run by HC involving CC's and the public across the Highlands.

The G&DCC has considered one scoping report, nine consultations documents, two building warrants and eleven planning applications since the last AGM all of which involve a lot of papers to read! I am most grateful to G&DCC members who take the time to read the paperwork that comes along with this job that we do.

We have also dealt with a number of other issues since October 2010 such as a lack of rubbish bins in our lay bys, the dumping of rubbish and we have taken an active role in the local litter pick. We have looked into faulty street lighting. We have looked into improving the broadband service to the more rural houses in the G&DCC area. The overgrown trees in Stirling Drive have now been cut, several road signs have been renewed, memorial benches have been placed at the War Memorial, grit bin provision has been improved in places, several issues with level crossings in and around the area have been looked into and every house in the G&DCC area will have a blue recycle bin from October this year. The G&DCC has also highlighted the state of the road surface following another hard winter. It should be noted that HC and TranServ are currently dealing with our concerns. The police have taken an active role reprimanding speeding drivers on our roads after the G&DCC raised its concerns.

All of this has happened over eight ordinary meetings and two special meetings of the G&DCC since the last AGM. The minutes for just those meetings are over twenty five pages long. The meetings have been well attended by the members of the G&DCC, representatives from different companies, agencies and the public. Everyone is welcome to attend as long as they behave themselves! There has been one public meeting chaired by Mr. Bob Cameron held back in January regarding Community Benefit where for the first time ever, representatives from all three windfarms were present along with representatives from a potential distributing body for the funds. The G&DCC itself has held two meetings of the now dissolved Sub-committee that looked into Community Benefit. One meeting was held in January with the AGNV group following on from their own public meeting. One meeting in November to organise the over sixty's Christmas dinner and four meetings of the Fund Raising Committee have been held since February.

We have distributed five sets of fliers to every house in the G&DCC area since October. These have been another way along with the minutes that help to keep everyone in the G&DCC area up to date with the G&DCC discussions and decisions. My thanks to the flier volunteers and also the outlets in the G&DCC area that helped us to get the information out to the community.

Since October I have attended one royal visit, three public "drop in" sessions on various issues, four Parent Council meetings, and one meeting in November in Marybank regarding the SCF fund for the SSE Fairburn windfarm, three HC meetings and four meetings of neighbouring Community Councils. All this has been reported back to G&DCC members within Chairman's Comments. I feel the more informed we are as a group the more informed our discussions and decisions will be.

I still feel none of the issues could have been dealt with so quickly if we hadn't moved to monthly G&DCC meetings, a decision taken by G&DCC members last August. I feel that decision has been key as to where we are as a CC and therefore as a community today.

At this time we think of former members who no longer serve beside us, namely Mr. Jimmy Ruggles-Brise and Mr. Steve Jones who both contributed in many ways to the G&DCC. We wish the gentlemen well.

In the next few months we will continue to work on all the various issues that come before the CC for the benefit of this community that we represent. There will be elections to the G&DCC in November which will be run by HC. This will lead to, for the first time that I can recall, the community electing only eight individuals to represent the community for a four year term.

I would like to thank all the members of this CC for their continuing support they show me, for their help and advice and for all the hard work they do on behalf of the community. I believe its called team work. There is clearly still a determination, after all this time, to get the work of the G&DCC done and done properly. As I have said on many occasions, the G&DCC can't solve everything overnight, but it can help in its own small way. We must thank Mrs. Jennifer Haslam, who oversees any catering requirements the G&DCC may have at our meetings. She is ably assisted by Mrs. Penny Moir and we thank her too.

A special thank you must go to Mrs. Jean Hollingdale who, as Madam Secretary helps me every inch of the way. I must also thank Mrs. Jean Bailey who, as Madam Treasurer helps to keep the figures correct. They do say that behind every man there is a woman, well I have two women behind me and both are called Jean!

We also thank Miss Sue Tarr for all the hard work she does for us by representing this community at the Wester Ross Alliance and for producing so many of the fliers and posters.

A thank you must go to our Ward Councillors as well as Mr. Bob Cameron and Mr. Robbie Bain for their input and advice. I for one am always grateful to them all for taking the time to visit us and for all their help on a multitude of issues. I must also thank all the energy companies and associated colleagues for their help, time and dedication they have shown us especially Mr. Guy Madgwick from Eneco who stated at a special meeting of the G&DCC in February that he would take a personal interest over Community Benefit. I also thank all the other parties involved for playing their part in concluding the discussions and getting that legal agreement signed. We can now all move onto the next stage in the process – the setting up of the Lochluichart Community Trust.

We must thank Mr. Uisdean Menzies and his mother, for their continued up keep of the War Memorial and its surroundings.

Finally, but by no means least, a thank you must go to the public, both those who attend our meetings with their input and thoughts and to those who can't always make a meeting but always ask to be kept informed of our discussions. This kind of support which I and therefore the CC receive from those we represent does help make this VOLUNTARY job so much easier. I am most grateful to all concerned.

Questions were invited on the Chairman's Report, none received.

TREASURER'S REPORT: All Community Council members have received a copy of 2010/11 accounts. Balance b/f £3481.22, balance c/f £1806.93 to 2011/12. Now minus News and Views monies. A deficit on the year of: War Memorial £74.40; Senior citizens £271.52; Treasurer's Account £212.64 (Monthly meetings means more

rent); total £558.56. Balances now stand at: War Memorial £82.34; Senior Citizens £638.96; Treasurer's Account £1085.63; total £1806.93. Questions about accounts were invited – it was clarified that the deficits meant that expenditure was more than income for that year – the deficits were covered by surplus funds from previous year.

The Treasurer made some recommendations relating to the accounts: Two items in the accounts relate to 2009/10, Accountants Fees and Secretarial Allowance. These two items should be included in the relevant year. The costs of the Auditor's fees can easily be added in March; also the CC could pay Secretary's allowance on a monthly basis or maybe quarterly after the next election. The Auditor and Secretary would get paid twice in this current financial year. The other point raised is the number of Bank Accounts the CC has; it would be better to have just one account. It would still be possible to detail income and expenditure to each activity.

Comments invited from the floor – general agreement, "the simpler the better".

Motion - to merge three bank accounts into one account, proposed by Jean Bailey; seconded by Jock Logie, vote unanimous in favour. Motion - Secretary's Allowance and Auditor's Fees to be paid at the end of the relevant financial year, proposed by Jean Bailey; seconded by Kenny MacLean, vote unanimous in favour. Motion - Approval of Financial Report Year End 31st March 2011 with amendment of "donation from Glascarnoch Gun Club" should read "Glascarnoch Sheepdog Trial", proposed by Kenny MacLean; seconded by Jean Hollingdale, vote unanimous in favour.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: Jennifer Haslam proposed that All Office Bearers continue unopposed; seconded by Ruari Matheson, vote unanimous in favour. It was agreed by all members that Kenny MacLean continue to deal with Press Relations and Parent Council.

The Chairman thanked the CC members for their continued support; Lady Eliza Leslie Melville thanked the Office bearers for all their hard work.

PROVISIONAL DATES FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS: Tuesday 5th July 2011, 7pm Achnasheen Village Hall; Tuesday 2nd August 2011, 7pm Garve Village Hall; Tuesday 6th September 2011, Achnasheen Village Hall; Tuesday 4th October 2011, 7pm Garve Village Hall; Tuesday 1st November 2011, 7pm Achnasheen Village Hall - Venue to be confirmed; Tuesday 6th December 2011, 7pm Garve Village Hall; Tuesday 3rd January 2012, 7pm Achnasheen Village Hall – Venue to be confirmed; Tuesday 7th February 2012, 7pm Garve Village Hall- Venue to be confirmed; Tuesday 6th March 2012, 7pm Achnasheen Village Hall – Venue to be confirmed; Tuesday 3rd April 2012, 7pm Garve Village Hall – Venue to be confirmed; Tuesday 1st May 2012, 7pm Achnasheen Village Hall – Venue to be confirmed; Tuesday 5th June 2012, AGM followed by ordinary meeting, 7pm Garve Village Hall – Venue to be confirmed. Proposed by Lady Eliza Leslie Melville and seconded by Sue Tarr, all agreed.

AOB: A member of the public commented how refreshing it was to attend CC meetings in the last year. Flowers were presented to the Treasurer and Secretary by Jennifer Haslam.

DATE OF NEXT AGM: Tuesday 5th June 2012, 7pm, Garve Village Hall.

AGM closed 7.35pm; tea was provided by Jennifer Haslam.

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNNITY COUNCIL

**Income and Expenditure Account
Year Ended 31st March 2011**

Prepared by the C.C. Treasurer
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GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for Year ended 31st. March 2011

INCOME		2011
	£	£
Highland Council Grant		1,120.17
<u>Donations</u>		
M. Burh S.Citizens Dinner	50.00	
Anon "	100.00	
P. Morrison "	11.00	
Mr. & Mrs Smith "	40.00	
Glascarnoch Gun Club "	150.00	
News and Views "	30.00	381.00
<u>Other income</u>		
Car Boot Sale S.Citizens Dinner	30.60	
Car Boot Sale War Memorial	80.60	
Christmas Fair S.Citizens Dinner	110.50	
Christmas Fair War Memorial	58.50	
Sale of News and Views Printer	1.00	
Achnasheen and Garve News and Views Sales etc.	1,280.36	1,561.56
Bank Account Interest		2.22
Total Income		<u><u>£3,064.95</u></u>
EXPENDITURE		
<u>Highland Council Grant</u>		
P. Liability Insurance	67.10	
Secretary's Fees	400.00	
Meetings Expenses - Halls	357.50	
Administration	131.28	
Accountants Fees 2009/10	229.13	1,185.01
<u>Donations</u>		
Strathgarve School		150.00
<u>Community Events Costs</u>		
S.Citizens Christmas Dinner		794.50
<u>Maintenance Costs</u>		
War Memorial Costs		213.64
Achnasheen and Garve News and Views		
Magazine Costs		1,085.08
Transfer of total monies b/forward		1,311.01
Total Expenditure		<u><u>£4,739.24</u></u>
Deficit for the year		<u><u>£1,675.29</u></u>
Balance b/forward 2010		£3,481.22
Balance c/forward 2011		<u><u>£1,806.93</u></u>

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BANK RECONCILIATION AT 31ST MARCH 2011

	£	£
Balance as at 1st. April 2010		£3,481.22
Add Income	£3,064.95	
Less Expenditure	£4,739.24	
Deficit for the year		£1,674.29
Balance as at 31st. March 2011		<u>£1,806.93</u>

Bank Statement as at 31st. March 2011		£1,836.93
Less Unpresented Cheque Comm. Council Account Chq. No. 20204		£30.00
Balance as at 31st. March 2011		<u>£1,806.93</u>

The only Balance Sheet Item is the Asset of Cash at bank
Being

Community Council Acc.- Bank of Scot Acc.00337750	£1,085.63
War Memorial Acc. - Bank of Scot Acc.00130547	£82.34
Senior Citizens Acc. - Bank of Scot Acc 00337769	£638.96
	<u>£1,806.93</u>

Independent Examiners Certificate

I hereby certify that the Accounts to the 31st. March 2011 are an accurate summary
of the underlying books and records of Garve and District Community Council.

Garve and District Community Council

Notes to Accounts

Community Council Treasurers Account for year ended 31st. March 2011

Income

Highland Council Grant	1,120.17	
Less P.Liab Ins. Taken at source	- 67.10	1,053.07
Bank Interest	1.41	
Less Tax Deducted	- 0.25	
Bank Int. Tr. From News and Views Acc.	0.04	1.20
Sale of Printer - Received from new Magazine's Bank Acc.		<u>1.00</u> 1055.27

Expenditure

Secretary's Fees 2009/10	400.00	
- Secretary's Expenses	131.28	
Hall Rent	357.50	
Donation to School	150.00	
Accountants Fees 2009/2010	<u>229.13</u>	1267.91

Deficit for 2010/2011	<u>£ 212.64</u>
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Balance b/fwd 1st April 2010	1298.27
Less Deficit	-212.64
Balance c/fwd 31st March 2011	<u>£ 1,085.63</u>

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War Memorial Account for year ended 31st March 2011

Income

Car Boot Fund Raiser	80.60	
Christmas Fair Fund Raiser	58.50	
Bank Interest	0.14	139.24

Expenditure

Fuel	73.00	
Oil etc.	24.16	
New Pot for Path	12.99	
Weed Killer	17.98	
New Plants and Shrubs	37.51	
Plaques for new seats	50.00	
Two wreaths	48.00	213.64

Deficit for 2010/2011 £74.40

Balance b/f 1st April 2010	156.74
Less Deficit	74.40
Balance c/f 31st. March 2011	<u>£82.34</u>

Senior Citizens Account for year ended 31st. March 2011

Income

Donations	381.00	
Car Boot Sale	30.60	
Christmas Fair	110.50	
Bank Interest	0.88	522.98

Expenditure

Aultguish Inn Christmas Dinner	787.50	
Hall for Meeting	7.00	794.50

Deficit for 2010/2011 £271.52

Balance b/f 1st April 2010	910.48
Less Deficit	271.52
Balance c/f 31st. March 2011	<u>£638.96</u>

ACHNASHEEN AND GARVE NEWS AND VIEWS

Receipts and Payments Account to 9th February 2011

INCOME

Sales of News and Views		110.05
Donations		150.00
Subscriptions		72.00
Advertising		600.15
Printing		337.20
Bank Interest	1.14	
Less Tax on Int.	- 0.19	0.95
		<u>1,229.35</u>

EXPENDITURE

H.O.E. - Contract	740.47
H.O.E. - Paper/Staples	199.75
Postage	37.25
Rent for Meetings	60.00
Effec.	<u>47.51</u>
	1,085.08

SURPLUS/DEFICIT £ 195.28

FUNDS b/fwd £ 1,115.73

BALANCE £ 1,311.01

Advance of Funds Paid 12/01/2011 Chq No.010016 £500.00

Balance paid 09/02/2011 Chq. No. 010018 £811.01

£1,311.01 ✓