

~~Draft~~ Minutes: Garve and District Community Council meeting held
2nd August 2011 at Garve Village Hall.

PRESENT: Kenny MacLean (Chairman), Jean Bailey (Treasurer), Jean Hollingdale (Secretary), Sue Tarr, Alex MacKenzie, Pam Morrison, Jennifer Haslam, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Jock Logie, Robbie Bain (Ward Manager), Matilda Urie (E-On), 3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Bob Moir, Ruari Matheson, Nigel McManus (Eneco), Nicola Brookes (Eneco), PC Alison Millar, Fiona Milligan (Infinergy), Nick Sage (Infinergy).

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed everyone.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Lady Eliza Leslie Melville (planning and community benefit), Kenny MacLean (one item non financial of planning).

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Members were informed that the Secretary's computer has had technical problems over the past month but these have now been resolved with the installation of a dongle! Chairman then read out a press release with comments from the ex Head teacher of Garve and Marybank schools Mr. Robert Quigley who is now Head teacher of the new Milton of Leys School. We send our best wishes to him in his new post. Chairman was unable to attend the Eneco "meet the developer" drop in at Aultguish Inn on 27th July 2011. From all accounts it was a very well attended event. Chairman then thanked members for keeping him in the loop while he was out of the area on business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: for 5th July 2011. Proposed by Alex MacKenzie, seconded by Jock Logie.

MATTERS ARISING:

White lining on HC roads: ongoing. Robbie Bain to ask for an update.

Bin for Grudie: Ongoing. Robbie Bain to contact TEC services and also inform Nel Macdonald-Rolfe (Dog Warden) that Jennifer Haslam had collected another four bags of litter from the Grudie lay-by which requires collecting. Previously there was a problem that the lay-by bins were not being emptied regularly. Now they are emptied on the domestic run each week. It was noted that there are no bins between Achnasheen and Gorstan (16 miles) which is not a good situation. The Chairman read out a press release on HC Zero Tolerance on litter and fly-tipping which is covered by 'The Antisocial Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004' which introduced fixed penalty notices for littering and fly-tipping and the penalty is £50. Communities could do litter patrols with "Litter" van – people have to be warned that they are under surveillance before a fine can be imposed.

Smiley sign: ongoing.

Trader's Insurance: Should traders have their own public liability insurance? Robbie Bain suggested that the more insurance there is around the better.

Scottish Water: a representative from Scottish Water will attend our next meeting to answer any questions we may have.

Pot Holes: The pot holes in Station Road Lochluichart, Strathgarve and Burial Ground area Garve were again reported to Robbie Bain, ongoing. Some residents of Strathgarve have written directly to the Roads Department, noted.

Tarvie Lay-by: ongoing.

Transportation of Turbines: A letter has been sent to Northern Constabulary stating our concerns about delays even though this will not occur until 2013.

Trees overhanging pavement on Station Road, Garve: Secretary has spoken to TranServ, an inspector has been sent out and taken photographs to re-assess the situation and will report back to TranServ work should be carried out within 28 days of this report. Secretary to contact TranServ to check out this report.

Trees on Stirling Drive Garve: Robbie Bain will look into this matter.

HC website error: this has now been corrected.

Loose kerb stones outside Garve Village Hall and Achanalt: Ongoing, Robbie Bain was informed that a visitor to the area had tripped over the kerb stone at Garve; the Chairman has put a cone over the kerb stone to warn the public.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of 2nd August 2011 the three bank accounts are now amalgamated and the current balance is £2,264.45. Since the last meeting the only payment has been the rent for Achnasheen Village Hall £30.00. A breakdown of accounts is: Senior Citizens £1387.96, War Memorial £170.86, Treasurer's Account £705.63. Total: £2,264.45. To date we have not received our grant for 2011/12 from the Highland Council. We have not received confirmation for credit of insurance deducted for the AGNV printer. Treasurer and Robbie Bain to check. Future fund raising was mentioned and it was decided not to have a fund raising event until next year. There are other events planned in Garve Village Hall – Art Fair in September & Christmas Fair first weekend in December.

CORRESPONDENCE: Email: Consultation of Highlands Statutorily Protected Species (Draft) Supplementary Guidance; HC planning meeting for 19th July; Eneco contact details; Lochbroom CC mins; Lochcarron CC mins; Shieldaig CC mins; Eneco update; Infinergy prepay meters update; Eneco update; E-On date for public meeting; Post: Scottish Water drawings; CAB Board members required; HSCHT July newsletter.

AOB (MEMBERS): Sue Tarr and Alex Mackenzie brought up the subject of youngsters jumping into the Blackwater river from both Silver Bridge and Wades Bridge, this is because of the accident that occurred last week-end. It is not just the danger involved; there is an issue with the amount of litter, beer cans and broken glass left behind. Loch Garve is another area. It was decided that G&DCC should liaise with Forestry Commission, Hydro and Transerv about signs warning the public of rapid rises in water levels on the river Blackwater. Also to ask the Police to make a presence over week-ends to check on underage drinking.

Alex MacKenzie asked Robbie Bain if it would be possible to have a Road Sign for Lochluichart Church as the Church cannot be seen from the road because of overgrown trees. Robbie Bain will look into this matter. Maybe some of the trees could be cut back.

The Chairman informed members of a telephone scam which is targeting households that include people over 60 years of age offering them half price Sky Television. When they find an interested party they then ask for Bank Account details. The Police have been informed. Sky Television have been informed and have no knowledge and are certainly not offering half price television. If anyone receives such a call inform the Police immediately. The Highland Council is working with the office of Fair Trading to warn the public of doorstep visits from rogue traders. 'Doorstep callers commit criminal offences when they mislead, hide their identity or do not give written notice of cancellation. Highland Council Trading Standards will investigate complaints made and urge residents to get into contact if they are at all suspicious. They liaise with Northern Constabulary in a combined effort to combat crime'. Concerned residents can contact The Highland Council's Trading standards Section at 38 Harbour Road, Inverness or telephone Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

Reduction of opening hours for HC Service Points begins 15th August 2011: Gairloch 9.30am to 1pm, Lochcarron 9.30am to 1pm, Ullapool 9.30am to 1pm, Dingwall 9.30 am to 4.30pm all Monday to Friday.

AOB (PUBLIC): A further query about Scottish Water was raised and will be passed to Scottish Water at the next meeting. Comments were made as to the resurfacing of some HC roads and not others. Robbie Bain made note of these comments.

SCOPING AND CONSULTATION: Scoping reports – none. Consultation of Highlands Statutorily Protected Species (Draft) Supplementary Guidance. Members have no comment to make.

PLANNING: The Chairman stood down for the 1st item of planning. The Chair was taken by the Treasurer – 11/02763/FUL. Achnasheen Post Office, Achnasheen IV22 2EE. Change of use from Post Office to holiday letting unit. Members have no comments to make.

Lady Eliza Leslie Melville was thanked and left the meeting.

The Chairman then returned to the chair for the next two planning applications; 11/02526/FUL, Land between Lochluichart and Loch Glascarnoch Garve, Borrow pit excavation works to enable the development and construction of the consented Lochluichart Wind Farm. Members have no comments to make. 11/02529/FUL, Land between Lochluichart and Loch Glascarnoch Garve, Borrow pit excavation works to enable the development and construction of the consented Lochluichart Wind Farm. Members have no comments to make.

LICENSING: None

COMMUNITY BENEFIT: Eneco update. Meet the Developer Drop In is to be 24th August 2011 at Garve Village Hall from 4.00pm until 8.00pm. This will be advertised in the local press. The setting up of a Liaison Group is anticipated sometime in the week commencing 3rd October 2011. Members agreed that Kenny MacLean should be the G&DCC representative on this group. It should be noted that the Community Benefit money will not be paid out to Lochluichart Community Trust until the windfarm has been generating and connected to the national grid for 6 months (late 2013/early 2014). Eneco have had estimates from Munro & Noble, Inverness and Highland Opportunity for setting up the trust. Highland Opportunity gave a lower estimate which included all our requirements; Munro & Noble were more expensive and did not include setting up Charitable Status. Sue Tarr asked Robbie Bain if Highland Opportunity are qualified enough to do the job. Robbie Bain stated they were and if required for legal purposes a solicitor could be brought in at a later date. The motion was put to members that we use Highland Opportunity. Proposed Kenny MacLean; Seconded Jock Logie, unanimously agreed. It was also suggested that Sue Tarr joins the CC community benefit group, unanimously agreed.

E-On update. Matilda Urie informed members that the E-On public meeting is to be held 23rd August 2011 Garve Village Hall from 6.00pm meeting starting 6.30pm until 8.00pm. This meeting will be advertised by E-On. This will be a discussion on the community's thoughts about E-On's community benefit. The local area to

Infinergy update: ongoing.

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Tuesday 4th October 2011, 7.00pm Garve Village Hall

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