

**Draft Minutes: Garve and District Community Council meeting held
7th June 2011 at Garve Village Hall**

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

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

The chairman opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed everybody.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Lady Eliza Leslie Melville (Community Benefit).

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Thanks were given to Jennifer Haslam for providing the teas and cakes after the AGM meeting. The Chairman had been to the Parent Council meeting on 12th May; the new Head teacher Jane Bentley will start in August. The Church linking of Contin parish with Strathpeffer has now taken place. The vacancy for a minister will be advertised shortly. He visited the Forestry Commission drop-in on local Forest Design Plans on 16th May. Attended Lochbroom CC meeting on 19th May 2011. He was unable to attend the Trustees "Tool Kit" seminar but two members of CC were able to attend. He was invited to the school tea party held on 27th May. It was the children's way of thanking those who are involved in and around the school. The tea was most enjoyable.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: for 3rd May 2011 with one technicality that of Proposal of minutes for 5th April 2011 by Lady Eliza Leslie Melville. Re-approval of minutes for 5th April 2011: Proposed Ruari Matheson, Seconded Sue Tarr. Approval of 3rd May 2011 minute: Proposed Jean Bailey, Seconded Pam Morrison.

MATTERS ARISING: Road works on the Luib road section at Achnasheen started on 23rd May 2011. Resurfacing of the road between Grudie to Achanalt is now complete. The drains at Achnasheen have been cleaned and are now working well. In reference to HC Winter Road Maintenance, a meeting of TEC Services Committee was held on 26th May which the public was able to view via the HC website. Discussion followed about use of plough blades, extra training for plough drivers, funding having been cut too much in the past, priority roads and use of out-with contractors during severe conditions. TEC Services debate noted.

TranServ update: the Sec. has spoken to TranServ about our outstanding concerns around Garve. TranServ now have a policy of categories due to lack of funding, we are informed that our concerns have been put into category one which means that they will be dealt with this year.

White Lining on A832: the lack of white lines between Corran and Lochluichart will be looked at when the white lines are being done between Grudie and Achanalt.

Litter Bin Grudie: Nel MacDonald-Rolfe was asked if it would be possible to get a bin for Grudie as this matter has been ongoing for years. Nel stated that she will do what she can. Ongoing.

Loose Kerb Stones at Garve and Achanalt: Robbie Bain has reported this matter to TEC Services.

Bob Cameron (Corporate Manager) and June Forsythe retiral: both are leaving HC this summer and William Giffillan will be taking over the position of HC Corporate Manager. A letter was sent to Bob and June thanking them for all the help they have given to G&DCC over the past years. A reply of thanks has been received from June to let us know she will be staying on until December to help with the change over.

Smiley Sign: is broken and is in for repair, when repaired a new waiting list will be drawn up. Ongoing.

Car in Station Road: this has now been removed on to private ground. Nel MacDonald-Rolfe stated that she and a police officer had walked round the village; they plan to do this on future occasions too. Thanks were given and it was noted that Garve Village is looking much tidier. There are no dog issues at the moment. Nel was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

Dingwall Swimming Pool: reopening is now delayed to February 2012.

Rogie Falls Bridge: is now open to the public with a restriction on numbers allowed on the bridge at any one time. It has been decided by HC that the bridge will be replaced.

TREASURER'S REPORT: as at 7th June 2011, Treasurer's Account – paid auditors fees £80.00, balance 24th May 2011 £1005.71. Senior Citizens: Successful fund raising Summer Fair, on the day £533.27, less bunting £19.90, balance should be approximately £1352.33. Some extra monies still coming in. Therefore we have enough for the Senior Citizens Dinner. War Memorial: we received a generous cheque from Uisdean Menzies for £88.50 making the current balance £170.85. Hopefully this will cover this year's costs. Thanks to Treasurer for her report.

SUMMER FAIR: proceeds now stand at £543.37 following another £30 handed in tonight. Members will take the remaining plants and bric-a-brac to a car boot sale on 18th June 2011, it was agreed that bric-a-brac left after this sale will be donated to a charity shop. A thank you notice will appear in the next issue of AGNV. Discussion about bottle stall, it was agreed that if a child wins a bottle of alcohol the bottle will only be given to a parent of the child or delivered after by a member of the CC, rather than any adult as before. Unfortunately a CC member's balloon pump went missing during the Summer Fair, if anyone knows where it is we would be most grateful to have it returned. It has come to our notice that all market traders should have their own Public Liability Insurance when attending events. Robbie Bain will clarify G&DCC insurance cover.

FUND RAISING SUB COMMITTEE: it was discussed whether the sub committee should be dissolved. It was generally agreed that it should be. Approval of the minutes of the last Fund Raising Sub Committee: Proposed Jean Bailey, seconded Jennifer Haslam. Motion to dissolve sub committee, Proposed by Jean Bailey, seconded by Jennifer Haslam, all agreed. Sue Tarr suggested if we have a Bingo night in the autumn it can be organised at a G&DCC ordinary meeting, all agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Email from Parent Council re-Summer Fair; NHS Community Care Plan; Frost Free-wind farm-communities invited to invest in wind farms; Shieldaig CC minutes; Trustee 'Tool Kit' Seminar; NHS update; Forestry Commission Drop-In; Highland Small Housing community Trust; HC Planning committee meeting – Fort William; Email from Infinergy re- Leo; Email HC approval of E-On 19 turbine wind farm; NHS clinic appointments poster; Kessock Bridge Notification of repairs; Lochbroom CC minutes; HC - CC training Kyleakin 15th June 2011.

ENECO UPDATE: Eneco unable to attend so updates on trial run, windfarm and Lochluichart Community Trust deferred till next meeting.

AOB (MEMBERS): Trustees 'Tool Kit' seminar: Sue Tarr and Jean Hollingdale attended. The talk outlined what is involved in being a trustee for a charity. There is a new type of organisation coming into being called a "SCIO" (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) which could be relevant to community benefit fund, also a New Act called the Bribery Act which will be implemented shortly. It was a very interesting seminar and useful web sites addresses were supplied.

Radio and Telephone masts: Lady Eliza Leslie Melville informed members of a proposed new radio mast to be installed at Aultguish for Emergency Services transmission. G&DCC have not received any planning for this mast to date. Jock Logie asked how many blank areas for mobile telephones are there in our area. It was thought that coverage was reasonable considering the geography of our area. Pam Morrison thought that a problem was that each company had their own mast; however it seems now that companies do share masts.

Garve Water Supply: Sec. to invite Scottish Water to attend one of our meetings and ask for an update on the future water supply for Garve. Anybody with a problem can call Scottish Water Customer Help Line 0845 601 8855.

Kessock Bridge: Work is to be carried out on the Kessock Bridge from Sunday 19th June 2011 for 8 days. Information in Post Offices and notice boards.

Ward Forum: the next Ward Forum will be held in Poolewe, Chairman and Pam Morrison to attend.

Speeding concerns: An email from the Parent Council concerning an incident at Lochluichart on 20th May 2011 was read out to members, where two motorcyclists came off their bikes because the school bus was stopped; thankfully the child managed to get out of the way unhurt. A copy to be sent to Robbie Bain and Northern Constabulary. Jennifer Haslam commented how difficult it has become for some Lochluichart residents to see oncoming traffic when leaving their properties. This is due mainly to overhanging trees.

Pot Holes: Strathgarve road pot holes require filling. Robbie Bain to be informed.

Wester Ross Alliance: Sue gave an update; the Biosphere Project based on Beinn Eighe will be coming up for consultation with communities.

CC training Kyleakin 15th June 2011: This is to help CC members understand the new constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct. There will be another training session in Dingwall at a later date, general agreement that that would be more suitable.

AOB (PUBLIC): None.

SCOPING REPORTS AND CONSULTATIONS: Forestry Commission drop-in showed plans for local forests for consultation. More detailed plans will follow later in year. Comment that more environmental management of forestry in the future was positive for this area. Work for Strathgarve included Rhododendron control and the clearing out of ditches to help prevent flooding of properties and roads later this year.

PLANNING: Three Planning Applications have been granted - Sub-station Corriemoillie, Power line at Corriemoillie and Aultguish Inn have all been passed with conditions. Planning Application 11/01881/OHL, Land at Dosmuckeran Achanalt, Installation of additional pole on existing 33,000 volt overhead line. Please note G&DCC have not received the planning application to date. CC Members had no comments to make on the application.

No Building Warrants received this month.

LICENSING APPLICATIONS: None.

Lady Eliza Leslie Melville was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT: Eneco - All members have received a copy of Discussion Notes on Lochluichart Community Trust from Eneco, this will be discussed at our next meeting.

E-On: Matilda Urie reported that negotiations about Community Benefit with HC are ongoing. E-On plan to set up a Public Meeting in Garve Village Hall, to discuss ideas and also invite Contin and Marybank communities. Date to be confirmed.

Infinergy: Fiona Milligan gave an update on LEO -- 5 people have signed up to date. She has been following up our concerns about the scheme affecting those on benefits. Because of the way the discount works it does not count as income. She has had verbal confirmation that the scheme will not affect anyone receiving social benefits. G&DCC requested this information in writing. Ruari Matheson asked how this would work for people who use prepaid cards/keys. Fiona Milligan will look into this and give an update at the next meeting.

Proposed Hydro Schemes: Robbie Bain has written to these companies and is awaiting a reply.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 5th July 2011 7pm Achnasheen Village Hall
2nd August 2011 7pm Garve Village Hall
6th September 2011 7pm Achnasheen Village Hall

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.40pm.