

~~Draft~~ Minutes of Garve & District Community Council meeting held 6th Nov 2012
in Achnasheen Village Hall

Present: Kenny MacLean (Chairman), Jean Hollingdale (Secretary), Jean Bailey (Treasurer), Jennifer Haslam, Sue Tarr (Minute Secretary), Alex Mackenzie, Dennis Kearney (Jones Bros); 4 members of the public; Cllr Ian Cockburn for part of meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone.

Apologies: Eliza Leslie Melville, Bob Moir, Fiona Milligan (Infinergy), Jean Urquhart MSP, Cathel Macaskill (TranServ), PC John Beverly.

Declarations of Interest: None. Cllr Cockburn will not discuss planning issues.

Chairman's Comments: Strathgarve Primary School Parent Council is up and running again. Church Update – the recent Sale of Work raised £830.57 to date. Members of the public are welcome to attend Community Council meetings. Garve & District Community Council minutes and agendas are available at Garve PO, Garve and Achnasheen Village noticeboards, online at www.achnasheenandgarve.com, in the AGNV, direct from the Secretary (on gdcc@fsmail.net, tel/fax 01997 414201) or at each G&DCC meeting.

Approval of the minutes of meeting held 2 Oct 2012 – An amendment to the minutes was requested by email from Donald Morris, to change "Fèis supportive of model" to "Fèisan nan Gaidheal interested in the model". All agreed to the amendment. Proposed, Jennifer Haslam; seconded, Jean Hollingdale.

Matters Arising:

Curfew – HC has agreed to abolish the curfew relating to nightclubs.

HC Quality Awards Nominations – our nominee, June Ross, was not shortlisted. The awards went to Marina Swanson, Heather Simpson, and the Portree Street Cleaning Team. Details on the HC website.

Jubilee Tree – Permission has been granted by TranServ to plant the tree at the Gorstan layby. Waiting to liaise with Marianne Townsley, SSE.

Deer Fence at Grudie – no further news.

Grudie Picnic Area – Peter Mackay has confirmed the Forestry Commission is aware of the problem and is checking the area. There are new signs coming this year and next year it has been approved to reinstate the picnic area with seats, tables and parking facilities and this should deter fishermen taking their vehicles down to the river. Jennifer Haslam thought a gate should be put in to stop vehicles going down to the river. Jennifer and Bob to stay in touch with FC over this issue.

Jones Bros Update – (Lochluichart Windfarm) – last report was not enough water on site; now too much. The construction is progressing with half of the turbine platforms built and the tracks are almost complete. The concrete works have been held up due to weather conditions. Phase 1 aiming for completion before Christmas but this is looking unlikely now.

Lochluichart Extension – Jones Bros are putting together information for consultants to submit to HC Planning Dept. There is no contract yet.

Jones Bros have invited the Community Council members to a site visit on 20th Nov. One member of the public present was interested in going; there would be four spare seats available on the minibus for members of the public. Anyone else interested to email Dennis Kearney. Members thanked Dennis for the invitation.

E-On Update – nothing further.

TranServ Update - Hazelbrae Landslip – there was a further mini landslip after repairs were done here, which now been repaired for the second time. TranServ has lost the contract for maintenance of the Ullapool road and from 1st April the contract will go to BEAR. There are various roadworks in the Inverness area caused by mitigation works in preparation for next year's Kessock Bridge repairs and also the River Ness Flood Alleviation Scheme has started.

TranServ is going to keep us informed about the Tarvie Landslip, currently investigation works are ongoing.

Wester Ross Alliance – no news.

Over 60's Dinner - held at Ledgowan Lodge Hotel on 25th Oct. 51 out of 53 attended and we have received several thankyou's. Thanks go to Eliza Leslie Melville for donating the wine, Achnasheen Amenities for donating hamper prizes, Craig and all the staff at Ledgowan, various offers of help with transport, Alex and Pam for the entertainment, and not forgetting the two mystery guisers. Jennifer Haslam proposed that Kenny Maclean and Jean Hollingdale should have their meals paid for and Sue Tarr (who was unable to attend on the night) be included as a recognition of all the hard work they had put into organising the dinner. Sue appreciated the offer but declined. Alex Mackenzie seconded. Kenny Maclean thanked the members.

Thinking ahead to next year's dinner, numbers are approaching the maximum that local venues can cater for (55). Various suggestions came forward; members to think about the options for next meeting.

Mossford Pedestrian Sign – Kenny MacLean and Jennifer Haslam have located the sign in the undergrowth. Cllr Cockburn has passed the info on to Bryan Stout.

Grass cutting at Garve War Memorial – Cllr Cockburn still investigating.

Police Report – Northern Constabulary continue to target road traffic offences, with one person charged with no MOT and another for no insurance; there have been two non-reportable road traffic collisions and one serious road traffic collision at Aultguish involving a motorcycle and two other vehicles where the rider of the motor cycle sustained serious injury.

There have been reports that a number of Irish males have been in the area trying to sell power equipment. Anyone with concerns about individuals calling at their homes or authenticity of goods offered should contact the police or trading standards officers.

Police are also reminding motorists, pedestrians and cyclists to stay visible on the road during dark nights and bad weather.

Treasurer's Report:

Total balance b/f	3481.84	
Senior Citizens	1576.71	
Donation received	25.00	
Less Hall Hire Bingo Night	-31.50	
Less Ledgowan 53 dinners	-1179.25	
Less gratuity to Ledgowan staff	-20.00	370.96
War Memorial no change	140.86	140.86
Diamond Jubilee no change	124.52	124.52
Treasurer's Acc	1639.75	
Less cost of refreshments Oct 12 meeting	-5.36	
Less Hire of Garve Hall Aug & Oct 12 meetings	-42.00	1592.39
Carried forward		<u>£2,228.73</u>

Fundraising – G&DCC is having a stall at Ledgowan Craft Fair on Sat 17th Nov and also at the Christmas Fair in Garve on 1st Dec. Arrangements are in hand; items for the tombola can be handed in to Jean Hollingdale **before** the 1st. Plans are also being made for a Burns Supper in January.

Correspondence: By Email, NHS – Public Partnership Forum Dates; Donald Morris – Thank you for his visit to last meeting and amendment to minutes; TranServ Cathel Macaskill - Tree at Gorstan lay by; NHS – Briefing Note 5; TranServ – Confirmation to plant tree Gorstan layby; Scoping Document for Carn Gorm Wind Farm; Scottish Govt. Consultation – National Planning Framework;

Robbie Bain – Capital Grant Funding from Sport Scotland – Legacy 2014 Active Places Fund; TranServ – Update on work to be carried out on Kessock Bridge; Police Report; HC Quality Awards 2012 – Special Awards Notification; Lochcarron CC Mins; Strathpeffer CC Mins; David Main, Dangerous bends at Lochluichart Railway Station Road; Jackie West, Ledgowan Craft Fair. By Post, Highland Senior Citizens Network Letter; 3 Thank you cards – Over 60's Dinner.

AOB (Members) Alex Mackenzie reported the road from Matheson Rd to Strathgarve is in a very poor state with bad potholes. Tree cutting is taking place there and the road is due to be repaired after timber extraction completed but something is needed before then. Cllr Cockburn to follow up.

The school bus turning at Lochluichart Church is again causing a problem churning up the verge. There is also a query as to whether the bus should be going up to Achanalt to pick up school pupils rather than turning at Lochluichart. Cllr Cockburn to liaise with Cllr Campbell on this matter.

Kenny MacLean reported the roadside drains at Gorstan need clearing to prevent a repeat of the flooding recently experienced. Cllr Cockburn has passed this information on.

Some information notices at both Achnasheen and Lochluichart Railway Stations are out of date and misleading, i.e. mention of daily postbus services to the west and station layout maps. Garve Railway Station appears up to date.

There have been some bus service changes - Skyeways have given up the Lochcarron service and there are some changes to the Ullapool service, but G&DCC have not been notified by HC. Cllr Cockburn explained that the contracts are still being finalised. When this is done HC will notify us that contracts have been agreed. They are trying to keep existing services in place but contractors may change.

Remembrance Service at Garve War Memorial will be this Sunday (11th Nov) at 12.30pm. Jennifer Haslam to lay the G&DCC wreath. Some concern about the access being difficult for less able people. AOB (Members of Public) – Pam Morrison reported on her campaign to find out more about motorbike noise pollution. She has written to Rob Gibson MSP, Charles Kennedy MP and Stewart Stevenson (Scottish Minister for Environment and Climate Change). Drew Hill at Transport Scotland has advised that the A832 is not a trunk road and responsibility rests with HC. There are 4 legislations relating to motorbike noise; these are available on Scottish Govt website. The Chairman offered to print out the information for her. Mrs Morrison thanked him and intends to carry on with her research.

Scoping report – Proposed Windfarm of 19 turbines at Cam Gorm (Little Wyvis). This is available to view on the HC Planning Dept website. Statutory consultees are being asked to comment on the Environmental Impact Assessment structure and methodology and specify issues to be addressed by the EIA. The public are not able to comment at this stage. It was noted that the proposed Windfarm lies in Strathpeffer CC area although it will affect G&DCC area. Members have no comments on Scoping Report. Sue Tarr suggested that G&DCC contact the development company and request that the community be kept informed about the project. Secretary to contact PI Renewables Limited.

Scottish Govt National Planning Framework Consultation – this consultation relates to policy on big infrastructure projects. No comments.

Planning applications:

Amended Bell Mouth Junction at Corriemoillie – permission granted.

Wind Turbine at Ledgowan – awaiting determination.

Two new applications:

Erection of House, Land to North of Silverbridge Lodge, Silverbridge, Garve – no comments.

Erection of Forestry-related building at Lochluichart Lodge – no comments.

Licensing Applications: none.

Dates of future meetings: The Chairman proposed dates for next year on the 1st Tues of each month at 7pm alternating between Garve and Achnasheen except for the winter months which will be in Garve, subject to the halls being available. Seconded by Alex Mackenzie, all agreed.

Next meeting: Tues 4th Dec 2012 in Garve Village Hall at 7pm; Tues 8th Jan 2013 in Garve Village Hall at 7pm; Tues 5th Feb 2013 in Garve Village Hall at 7pm; Tues 5th Mar 2013 in Achnasheen Village Hall at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.