

~~Draft~~ minutes of Garve & District Community Council meeting held 5th Feb 2013
in Garve Village Hall

Present: Kenny MacLean (Chairman), Jean Hollingdale (Secretary), Sue Tarr (Minute Sec), Bob Moir, Alex Mackenzie; Cllr Ian Cockburn; Susan Steven (Chair of Marybank, Scatwell & Strathconon CC).

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

Apologies: Jennifer Haslam, Eliza Leslie Melville, Jean Bailey, Jean Urquhart MSP, Fiona Milligan (Infinergy), Dennis Kearney (Jones Bros), PC John Beverly.

Declarations of Interest: none. Cllr Cockburn will not take part in planning or licensing discussions.

Chairman's Comments:

Best wishes to Ilse Jack following her recent illness; Best wishes to Gillian Bell who has moved from the area. Jean Bailey thanks the Community Councillors and Dennis Kearney for the gift and also all her friends and neighbours who have helped following her operation.

The Kessock Bridge works start on Monday; the Chairman was unable to attend the Inverness Transport Forum. Work will also take place on Flood Alleviation Scheme but this will not coincide with the Kessock Bridge work. The Chairman is unable to attend either the Mid Ross District Partnership or the Skye, Lochalsh & Wester Ross Partnership meetings.

Church update – services will be at 12.30pm at Kinlochluichart unless otherwise advertised (see church website). This Sat there is a Soup Lunch church fundraiser in Strathpeffer Church Hall.

All G&DCC 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 gddcc@fsmail.net, tel/fax 01997 414201) or at each G&DCC meeting.

Approval of minutes of the meeting held 8th Jan 2013: proposed by Kenny MacLean and seconded by Alex Mackenzie.

Matters arising:

Grudie Picnic area – work is completed with parking for cars and rocks placed so that vehicles can't drive down to the riverside. Thanks to Forestry Commission Scotland and Peter Mackay for liaising on this.

Eneco update – Eneco have formally taken over the Lochluichart Windfarm Extension from Infinergy and expect to complete work along with the main Windfarm.

E-On update – Work has not yet started on tree felling on the Corriemoillie Windfarm site; this is expected to commence later this year. Currently working on upgrading the access track, subject to SSE conditions, from the main road at Corriemoillie. The E-On Liaison Officer has not yet been appointed. Community benefit negotiations with HC are ongoing.

Infinergy update – Infinergy has handed over the Lochluichart Extension to Eneco. Fiona Milligan has invited Kenny MacLean and Jennifer Haslam to visit Dufftown to talk about G&DCC's experience of setting up the Lochluichart Community Trust.

Jubilee Tree – SSE/Browns have planted the Jubilee Tree. Sue Tarr described different types of memorial plaque available, including plastic, brass, bronze, granite and slate. The cost of inscription for brass, bronze, granite or slate depends on the number of letters. The plastic plaque is available free of charge courtesy of Donnie Gunn. Sue to work on lettering. Members agreed to make available the remaining £124.52 Jubilee fund for a plastic plaque to be placed at the tree and a slate plaque for placing in Garve Village Hall. Permission has been requested from the Hall Trustees, G&DCC awaiting confirmation.

Tarvie Landslip – The drainage investigation is complete. CCTV is to be used to check inside culverts and drains for blockages and pressure jets used to clear culverts. Query about Contin CC position on the landslip. Cllr Cockburn informed the meeting that Contin CC had not met recently due to some problems but should be meeting again within next 2 weeks. Sue Tarr to try and attend. Jean Hollingdale mentioned that a member of the public had raised an issue about Craigdarroch Lodge sign at our last meeting; Cllr Cockburn to inform Contin CC.

Wester Ross Alliance – the AGM has been put back to May 2013. Members will be informed. The Biosphere Steering Group is meeting soon to get this project moving; and a Cape Wrath Trail committee is being formed along with groups from Lochaber, Sutherland and Caithness. There will be 3 committee members from Wester Ross.

Hydro Scheme Community Benefit – secretary to ask Robbie Bain for an update and what the position relating to all new hydro schemes in the area is.

Police Report: Road traffic matters continue to be targeted with seven persons being cautioned and charged with speeding offences, two with dangerous driving and three persons cautioned and charged with failing to have a MOT. There is an alert of a telephone scam calling mobile phones where the charges are reversed costing £10/min.

Treasurer's Report: Total balance b/fwd £2395.13;

S. Citizens b/fwd 557.36 add receipts from Burns Night 285.00 plus donations from Burns Night 60.00 less costs haggis etc -47.18 less hall hire Burns Night -28.00 (Burns Night raised 269.82) S Citizens carry forward 827.18;

War Memorial no change 140.86;

Diamond Jubilee no change 124.52;

Treasurer's Acc no change 1572.39;

Total carried forward £2,664.95.

Burns Night – £269.82 was raised towards the Senior Citizens' party. It was a good night with over 50 people attending. Thanks to all who helped on the night, contributed baking or made donations and to all who attended.

The next fundraising event planned is the Summer Fair on 15th June in Garve Village Hall 10am-4pm. 10 stalls all from within the area have booked. Community Councillors are asked to collect items for the tombola eg unwanted gifts, bottles.

Bank of Scotland letter – office bearers to supply the required information concerning type of organisation and activities of G&DCC.

Correspondence: By email, TranServ – update on Tarvie landslip; NHS Briefing Note 6; Robbie Bain – MoD Money for Services Children's Education; Angeline Walker HC – G&DCC list update; Robbie Bain – Network Rail re Red Light Cover at Garve Level crossing; Marianne Townsley SSE – change of PR; HC – CC evaluation; Robbie Bain – severe weather warning; Cathel Macaskill TranServ – Kessock Bridge update; Strathpeffer CC Mins; PC Beverly – Police Report; E-On – Update; Two Lochs Radio – Achnasheen coverage; HEN project – Green Routes to feeling good conference; NHS Highland Health Voices. By Post, Ross-shire Voluntary Action – update of G&DCC details; Playground Equip brochure; TECS HC – Heavy Goods Uplift Survey (members completed); ARCH – Investigating Community Heritage projects (www.archhighland.org.uk); Northern Meeting Charitable Piping Trust – wish to contact pipers (www.northernmeetingpiping.com)

AOB (Members): Bob Moir queried the outcome regarding ice in the Station carpark, which is a hazard for anyone walking across. The sign stating that it is a carpark apparently is misleading and should have been removed as there is no public access to the station on that side of the railway.

Jennifer Haslam had reported to the Chairman of an incident recently where the traffic lights at the Corriemoillie Sub Station works had failed and traffic was in chaos. The Chairman was able to report it to SSE and they fixed the traffic lights straight away.

Another incident in January involved a burst water main in Achnasheen and the Chairman contacted Scottish Water who had it sorted the following day. G&DCC appreciates the prompt action in both cases.

Kenny MacLean raised a problem with the distribution of BT Phone Books recently, where books were apparently thrown from a van into people's gardens where they got completely sodden and households between Garve and Achnasheen didn't receive a Phone Book at all. BT is redelivering copies and if households have not received one by 20th Feb please contact BT Customer Services on 0800 800 150.

Power cut in Achnasheen/ Achanalt – there was to be a scheduled power cut today to allow tree felling to take place in the local area; this has now been postponed again following December's postponement due to bad weather. Residents will be informed when the work can take place.

AOB (Members of Public): Marybank, Scatwell & Strathconon CC Chairperson Susan Steven requested details of how LCT was set up; this could help Marybank as they are considering something similar. Kenny MacLean to forward copies of relevant documents.

Consultation – HC Review of Community Council Constitution: members had no comments.

Planning: There have been no new planning applications. One application has been determined, Strathgarve Lodge - Change of use from care home to residential, permission granted.

Licensing: None.

Date of next meeting:

Tues 5th March 2013 7pm Achnasheen Village Hall

Tues 2nd April 2013 7pm Garve Village Hall

Tues 7th May 7pm Achnasheen Village Hall

Tues 4th June AGM followed by Ordinary Meeting 7pm Garve Village Hall

All are welcome to attend.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10pm.