

~~Draft~~ Minutes of Garve and District Community Council Meeting  
held 2nd July 2013 in Achnasheen Village Hall

Present: Kenny MacLean (Chairman), Jean Hollingdale (Secretary), Jean Bailey (Treasurer), Eliza Leslie Melville, Jennifer Haslam, Sue Tarr (Minute Sec), Bob Moir, Alex Mackenzie; Dennis Kearney (Jones Bros); Martin MacPhee (Eneco); Cllr Biz Campbell; 1 member of public.

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

Apologies: Cllr Ian Cockburn, Fiona Milligan.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Chairman's Comments: The Chairman thanked everyone for keeping him in touch while he has been working out with the area. He extended condolences to the family of Jessie MacIver who passed away; he welcomed Jackie MacDonald back to Achnasheen. Best wishes to Ilse Jack who has been unwell.

The Chairman was unable to attend the following: Marybank, Scatwell & Strathconon AGM; special Parent Council meeting called as the headteacher is moving; Strathgarve Primary Sports Day; West Ross Deer Management Group. He did attend the next Parent Council meeting and the SSE exhibition at Marybank regarding the Fairburn Extension. The proposed number of turbines has been reduced from 35 to 12.

All G&DCC minutes and agendas are available at

[www.community-council.org.uk/garveanddistrict](http://www.community-council.org.uk/garveanddistrict); Garve PO; Garve and Achnasheen Village notice boards; in the AGNV and on the AGNV website; direct from the Secretary on [gdcc@fsmail.net](mailto:gdcc@fsmail.net) or tel/fax 01997 414201; and at every G&DCC meeting.

Approval of the minutes of meeting held 4th June 2013 was proposed by Bob Moir and seconded by Jennifer Haslam.

#### Matters Arising:

Highland Council changes - Chief executive Alasdair Dodds is retiring; his deputy takes over on 1st Sept. The Ross, Cromarty and Skye area committee is to be reformed with the first meeting being held in Oct. The Planning Committee structure remains the same. If a planning application receives 10 objections it will be referred to the planning committee; currently it is 5. The constitutional review of Community Councils is in progress and there is a possibility of more training for CCs. There is an upcoming Ward Forum to be held in Garve Village Hall on 16th Sept at 7pm.

Tarvie landslip - work is in progress.

Eneco / Jones update - transport of turbines due to start 5th August. A trial run is to take place on Mon 8th July leaving Invergordon at 9am and arriving on site 10.30am.

The Chairman requested an update on how the trial run went. The community will receive notification through local press and radio when turbines start coming through. Ferry traffic, Loopallu, train times etc are taken into account but the police make the decisions.

White lining at Gorstan - this should be done in the autumn.

BT Box causing impeded drainage at Gorstan junction - matter in hand.

Potholes at Kinlochluichart Church - Alex Mackenzie reported via the service desk and received a reference number on 7th June at 11.24am but no repairs have been made. The road at Lochluichart Station is getting very bad.

NHS Public Partnership meetings - Pam Morrison is willing to attend as a representative of Garve & District Community Council. Sue Tarr proposed her as a representative and Bob Moir seconded, all agreed. G&DCC to keep Pam informed of dates of meetings. Home care for those who need it is an issue in the Wester Ross area (which includes Achnasheen - Garve is in Mid Ross). The next meeting will be in Lochcarron 16th Sept at 1.30pm and all are welcome.

#### Police Report -

Apologies for lack of report at last meeting. Road traffic matters are continuing to be targeted within the area with one person being cautioned and charged with careless driving after a

road traffic collision on the A835 at Gorstan. Ten persons have been cautioned and charged with speeding offences including one person being cautioned and charged with dangerous driving.

Police Scotland Highland and Islands Division are to report 44 people to the Procurator Fiscal and have seized £20,000 worth of drugs during an intelligence led operation in the lead up to the festival season.

Police would like to remind members of the public to remain vigilant against fraudulent activities, in particular advance fee fraud.

Advance fee fraud is when a person is asked to provide payment in advance of promised wealth, gifts, prizes or employment. Contact can be by mail, phone, fax or email.

There were also comments that there had been an outbreak of thefts in the Lochcarron area of tools etc from sheds.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Total balance b/f	2839.38	
Senior Citizens' Fund	968.02	
Add Summer Fair proceeds	352.35	
Less Summer Fair expenses - Hall etc	-76.00	1244.37
War Memorial no change	140.86	140.86
Treasurer's Acc.	1730.50	
Less Garve Hall April & June mtgs	-42.00	
Less Refreshment Costs AGM 2013	-17.15	1671.35
Carried Forward	<b><u>£3056.58</u></b>	

Fundraising - The Summer Fair was well attended. There is to be an Xmas Fair at Ledgowan Hotel on 16th Nov, however members felt there were too many other events on at that time of year to be able to attend, but thanked Jackie West for the invitation.

Fundraising Sub Committee to meet on 22nd July in Garve Village Hall at 6pm to discuss next fundraising event and organizing of Senior Citizen's Dinner.

Correspondence: By email, Robbie Bain - info Highland Culture Fund; Transport Scotland - Tarvie Landslip; Ross-shire Voluntary Action - request for community volunteer nominations (declined); HC Admin Office - change of address; Lochcarron CC minutes; Strathpeffer CC minutes; PC John Beverly - Police Report; (By Post) West Ross Deer Management - meeting; Parkers Wholesale catalogue; Leader - Revitalising Communities in the Highlands; Playscape - play equipment brochure.

Mr C. Hamilton - The Bertram Dickson Memorial at Strathbran is in a poor state and the Aircrew Association is not in a position to make repairs. Strathbran Estate is going to look into what can be done. It is understood that the family of Bertram Dickson will be marking the anniversary of his death later this year. It was interesting to note that Bertram Dickson and his achievements had featured on "Antiques Roadshow" last week.

AOB (Members): Sue Tarr said that the bridge at Garve Station was at least in need of painting if not repair. Secretary to write to Network Rail and First Group.

Jean Bailey gave an update on plant containers for Garve Station. Thanks to Bob Moir for donating a container and Sue Tarr for help. There are six more barrels coming from Network Rail.

Concerns were raised about Lochluichart Station looking untidy.

Kenny MacLean reported that the Achnasheen streetlights had been faulty, but were fixed the day after reporting them. Also the grasscutting in Achnasheen has been done following a report to TECS.

AOB ( Members of Public): Cllr Biz Campbell highlighted the Challenge Fund which is available for communities to run local services but advised that successful applications must be cheaper than the HC service.

Martin MacPhee has leaflets about forthcoming Eneco Wind Turbine name competition.

Pam Morrison gave an update on the noise pollution issue. Mary Scanlon MSP has received a response from Chief Superintendent Julian Innes. He is not sure if he can be much help, but would like to chat with local residents to see if there is any way he can assist. Mary Scanlon suggests inviting him to a G&DCC meeting. Various issues about motorbikes were discussed - reasons for noise, speed, motorbike magazines encouraging bikers to use certain roads. Agreed to invite him and publicise the meeting as the Chairman is keen for members of the public to come along also.

Planning Applications: None. The Chairman informed the meeting about a building warrant application for Inchbae Cafe.

Licensing Applications: None.

#### Dates of Future Meetings:

Tues 6th Aug 2013 Garve Village Hall at 7pm - includes SSE presentation on the Mossford-Beaully Pylon Line Upgrade.

Tues 3rd Sept 2013 Achnasheen Village Hall 7pm

Tues 1st Oct 2013 Garve Village Hall 7pm

Tues 5th Nov 2013 Achnasheen Village Hall 7pm

Tues 3rd Dec 2013 Garve Village Hall 7pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

## Garve & District Community Council Fundraising Sub Committee Meeting

held 22nd July 2013 in Garve Village Hall

Present: Kenny MacLean, Jennifer Haslam, Alex Mackenzie, Jean Bailey, Jean Hollingdale, Sue Tarr, Eliza Leslie Melville; one member of public.

Apologies: Bob Moir.

Items to discuss: 1) Fundraising  
2) Senior Citizens Party

Fundraising: The Senior Citizens fund is £1200, which should cover the cost of the party. Agreed to look at a fundraising event in the New Year. Next year G&DCC should consider applying to Lochluichart Community Trust for money for the party.

Senior Citizens Party: Last year's party was very well attended with 51. Unfortunately Aultguish Inn is up for sale; Ledgowan Hotel has a maximum capacity of 55. Possible venues this year might be Garve Hotel and Garve Hall. Secretary to contact Garve Hotel in first instance.

Ideas for entertainment, wine and raffle were discussed. Secretary to contact local works contractors from the pylons, sub station and windfarms for contributions to raffle.