

~~Draft~~ Minutes of Garve & District Community Council meeting  
Held 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in Garve 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; Cllr Ian Cockburn; Fiona Milligan (Infinergy); 4 members of public.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed everyone.

Apologies: Nick Sage (Infinergy), Dennis Kearney (Jones Bros).

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Cockburn will not take part in planning or licensing matters. Eliza Leslie Melville has an interest in screening requests for four hydro schemes.

Chairman's Comments: Thanks to Jennifer Haslam and Eliza Leslie Melville for attending to the tea and sandwiches; thanks also for all texts, emails etc. keeping him in touch while working away from the area. Get Well Wishes to Harry Grainge. The Chairman was unable to attend the Mid Ross District Partnership meeting, the Wester Ross District Partnership meeting, the Lochcarron CC, Marybank, Scatwell and Strathconon CC or the Glenelg Development Trust Forum. Jean Bailey and a member of the public attended the Fairburn Windfarm Open day. Sue Tarr attended the Wester Ross Alliance AGM; current WRA projects are the Cape Wrath Trail and the Biosphere Reserve. The WRA tax dispute has been resolved. WRA are currently looking at finding a source of income.

The Chairman attended the Parent Council meeting; arrangements for the Sports Day are in hand. He attended the E-On drop-in outlining proposals for underground cable at Corriemoillie; along with Jean Hollingdale and Jean Bailey he attended the AGNV AGM. Along with Jennifer Haslam he attended a meeting in Dufftown about Windfarm community benefit.

There will be no Church service at Kinlochluichart on the 16<sup>th</sup> June (BBQ at Strathpeffer) or 30<sup>th</sup> June (Communion service at Contin).

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 noticeboards; 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 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013: Proposed by Bob Moir and seconded by Jean Bailey.

Matters arising:

HC TEC Services – following the meeting held in May Highland Council is reducing the number of road priorities for winter maintenance from 4 to 3.

Stromeferry Bypass – HC is investigating nine options for the future; remedial work started yesterday (3<sup>rd</sup> June) and will continue for 8 weeks. Some traffic delays are expected. Cllr Cockburn stated that the preferred route will be selected by this time next year and that it is top priority.

Tarvie Landslip – update from Joanne Seath, Transport Scotland stated that BEAR will be starting work on 17<sup>th</sup> June for 3 weeks. She is moving to Road Safety and will be replaced by Malcolm Wilson. Stirling Drive pothole – This was fixed yesterday, but Bob Moir had problems with the HC system for reporting potholes; also Alex Mackenzie and a member of the public had reported this pothole previously and no action resulted. Jean Hollingdale reported it via Robbie Bain. Cllr Cockburn is moving to the TECS committee and will highlight the problems with the website. Richard Greene is still on TECS committee also.

Strathgarve Avenue – no update from SSE but press reports suggest the Western Isles Connector project has been delayed until 2017.

Jubilee Tree – members of the public joined community councillors and SSE representatives to place the plaque at the tree. It looks very good thanks to Bob Moir. SSE has sent some photos.

Jones Bros – no update.

Infinergy – no update.

Summer Fair (15<sup>th</sup> June) – this has been advertised in the AGNV and local press. Jennifer Haslam and Jean Hollingdale have preparations for teas in hand. Items for the tombola should be handed in to Jean Hollingdale beforehand please.

Police Report – our most recent report is from May. Road traffic matters are continuing to be targeted within the area with one person being cautioned and charged with drink driving, eleven persons with speeding offences and one person cautioned and charged with using a mobile phone whilst driving. Dingwall Police Station is now open 8am – 8pm; out with these hours police can be contacted by phoning 101.

Treasurer's Report:			
Total balance b/f	1877.77		
Senior Citizens Fund	848.02		
Add Summer Fair payments for 12 tables	120.00	968.02	
War Memorial no change	140.86	140.86	
Treasurer's Acc	888.89		
Less Achnasheen Hall hire May 2013	-20.00		
Less refreshments April 2013	-24.80		
Add Highland Council Grant	971.88		
Less Insurance 2013/14	<u>-85.47</u>	886.41	1730.50
Carried Forward		<u><b>£2,839.38</b></u>	

Correspondence: By Email, Ross-shire Voluntary Action, Free Planning Advice for Community Groups; Police Report; Robbie Bain, potholes reply; Robbie Bain, Glenelg meeting for Offshore Renewables; Robbie Bain, receipt of CC Accounts; HC Consultation re managing obstructions within adopted roads; tellmescotland, benefits for CC's; Inner Moray firth Development Plan, alternative sites and uses consultation; HC Consultation on Highland Licensing Board – Draft Policy Statement 2013-16; Town and Country Planning Information; Bob Moir re potholes in Garve Village; Torridon & Kinlochewe CC mins; Strathpeffer CC mins & AGM mins; Lochcarron CC mins; SEALL events on Skye.

By Post, Eneco – new office in Inverness; HC, Fairtrade in Highland; Capita Conferences, Housing Benefit in Scotland / Tracking Homelessness. Via Sue Tarr, Highland Leader 2007-2013 report.

AOB (Members): Jennifer Haslam raised the faded white lines in the carpark beside Garve Village Hall; now that it is being used more it would improve the parking situation if parking spaces were clearly marked. The "20" road markings in the village are also faded. We are still waiting for white lining to be done on the Gorstan – Grudie Bridge section of road. Cllr Cockburn to chase up but he noted that parking bays would be low priority.

Lochluichart Community Trust is launching a competition for all under 18s in the area to design a logo for the LCT, and would like to encourage everyone to enter. More details will be available after the school holidays.

Potholes at the Church are getting bad. Jennifer to phone the Service Desk on 01349 886 606 and get a Ref No.

Jean Hollingdale reported that the damaged BT box at the Gorstan slip road had been repaired by KPL but they had filled the road run off in with concrete which was now causing flooding on the road. Cllr Cockburn to follow up.

AOB (Members of Public):

Pam Morrison has received the support of Mary Scanlon MSP in her research on noise pollution on the A832 and A835. The response from HC outlines that an Action Plan to manage noise on major roads is triggered by 6 million passages per year thereby excluding the A832.

Consultations: Scottish Government Historic Scotland Merger – members had no comments.

Highland Council Inner Moray Firth Development Plan – alternative sites; none in G&DCC area.

HC Traffic Obstructions – consultation on placing of shop signs and other obstructions on pavements and road verges. Members had no comments.

Licensing Board Revised Policy Statement on plastic glasses. Bob Moir objected to plastic glasses. Cllr Cockburn noted the comments.

Planning Applications: Two applications have been granted, House at Achnaclerach and Extension to House at Black Bridge.

Licencing Applications: none.

Date of next meeting:

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013 in Achnasheen Village Hall at 7pm – All Welcome.

Eliza Leslie Melville left the meeting.

Screening requests: 4 screening requests have been lodged with HC, for hydro schemes on Lochluichart Estate. G&DCC have not been asked for input at this stage of the process. Details can be viewed on the HC Planning website.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.