

~~Draft~~ Minutes of Garve & District Community Council meeting
held 5th Nov 2013 in Achnasheen Village Hall

Present: Kenny MacLean (Chairman), Jean Hollingdale (Secretary), Eliza Leslie Melville, Jennifer Haslam, Sue Tarr (Minute Sec), Alex Mackenzie; Fiona Milligan (Infinergy); Cllr Ian Cockburn; 1 member of public.

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

Apologies: Bob Moir, Jean Bailey, Martin Macphee, Chief Insp Ross MacKillop.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Chairman's Comments: The Chairman was unable to attend the SSE exhibition marking the 70th anniversary. He attended the NHS Wester Ross Public Partnership Forum, where patient transport is an issue. At a recent HC meeting it was decided to reduce seven depts. into five next year. The Chairman attended the Parent Council Meeting; office bearers are Sarah Bedwell as Chair, Karen Grant as Secretary and Wendy Shaw as Treasurer.

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Approval of the minutes of the meeting held 1st Oct 2013: proposed by Alex Mackenzie and seconded by Jean Hollingdale.

Matters Arising:

New Woodland Proposal, Silverbridge - Steven Liddle of Scottish Woodlands had forwarded plans. Members had no comment.

Eneco & Infinergy update - both companies have donated Senior Citizens' raffle prizes. Transportation of turbines ends this Fri (8th Nov).

"LEO" are preparing for the handover from Infinergy to Eneco; some website issues have been identified; and Green Energy has re-named its tariffs. Discussions are ongoing as to how the LEO money will be paid. Infinergy encourage residents to sign up to LEO in order to receive their rebate when generation starts.

E-On update - Matilda Urie requested information on who owns the roads between Invergordon and Glascarnoch as this will be the transport route for E-On turbines.

Carn Gorm update - the planning application has been put back to the end of Nov. Consultants working on the Environmental Impact Assessment required more time to complete the work. The other chapters are completed. PI Renewables noted the negative publicity in the press. Re transport of turbines, PI Renewables wanted to know if G&DCC could suggest any improvements following Lochluichart transportation. They plan to make a presentation at either the Dec or Jan meeting.

Members discussed turbine transport and agreed that having a regular time each day helped people know what to expect; also avoid the tourist season if possible.

Remembrance Service - Eliza Leslie Melville has donated a wreath. Cllr Cockburn is unable to attend and requested a community council member lay the HC wreath on his behalf. Secretary to email Uisdean Menzies about these arrangements. The service will take place at 12.30 on 10th Nov at Garve War Memorial.

Deer fence at Grudie - A side gate has been installed and the main gate now locked. SSE is chasing the contractor about tidying up and the gaps under the fence.

Blocked drain at BT Exchange, Garve - this is not HC responsibility. Cllr Cockburn to continue chasing.

Offlet at Gorstan Junction - flooding here is still a problem. Also 2 at Grudie Bridge need clearing. However 1 at Torriegorry has been cleared. Cllr Cockburn recommended that G&DCC phone these complaints into HC and get a ref no for the job so progress can be monitored.

20mph road markings - the white line machine has broken down; ongoing.

Garve Railway Footbridge - work on repainting has not started yet but the squad is in the area.

Signage at Railway Carpark, Garve - Robbie Bain is dealing with.

Senior Citizens Party - invites are out and 40 acceptances so far. Arrangements for transport, raffle, entertainment and wine were confirmed.

Community Councillor Training - Kenny MacLean, Jean Hollingdale and Jennifer Haslam will attend the Ullapool session and Eliza Leslie Melville, Sue Tarr and Alex Mackenzie will attend the Dingwall session.

Police Report - there have been three persons charged with speeding, one MOT offence and one dangerous driving.

Treasurer's report - the Chairman updated members in the treasurer's absence. The funds stand as follows: Senior Citizens £1,220.37; War Memorial £140.86; Bench Fund £50.00; Treasurers Account £1,575.35; Total £2,986.58.

Fundraising events for next year - It was agreed to hold a Bingo Night on 15th Feb 2014, tbc on booking Garve Hall. Planning for a Flower & Vegetable Show to start in Jan 2014.

Correspondence: By email, HC Policy - Review of Traffic Warden provision and Public Service and opening hours at police offices; Inner Moray Firth Development Plan Proposals; E-On - request for road ownership with map; PI Renewables - Carn Gorm update; Robbie Bain - reply to request for flood report 1994; HC Training for Community Councils dates; Lochcarron CC mins; Strathpeffer CC mins; Police report. By Post, HC Inner Moray Firth Development Plan Proposals (hard copy); FCS - Forest Plan for Longart and Garbat; HC Training for Community Councils dates; Consultation request for Hydro Scheme, Strathvaich Lodge.

AOB (Members):

Eliza Leslie Melville asked if there was an update on the Ledgowan access situation. Cllr Cockburn replied that HC were investigating and the Access Officer and legal dept were involved.

Jennifer Haslam had been contacted about an issue in Matheson Road where some sections of a shed are lying beside the pavement. Cllr Cockburn to put G&DCC in touch with HC contact that can deal with this. Some concerns had also been raised about use of a chainsaw while young children were playing.

She also raised the issue of local residents who had to remain in hospital because of lack of home care. Kenny MacLean to find out NHS information for future reference.

Sue Tam said the beech trees at the Killin end of Station Road needed cutting back as they were obstructing the sight line for vehicles from Killin Level Crossing. Sec to contact BEAR.

Alex Mackenzie reported that the litter bin at Garve New Cemetery was full to the top and had not been emptied for a couple of weeks. Sec to contact June at HC.

Consultations:

Police Scotland Traffic Warden Review - The police intend withdrawing the traffic warden service. No comments.

Police Scotland Public Counter Service Provision - it is proposed to cut the opening hours for the Dingwall Police Station to 8am-6pm. No comments.

HC Inner Moray Firth Development Plan - although Garve falls in the Inner Moray Firth area, there will not be a development plan for Garve - planning applications will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Achnasheen is outwith the area. No comments.

Planning Applications:

Two applications have been granted;

Overhead line at Achnasheen, and Additional pole at Strathbran.

There is one new application, 100kW hydroelectric scheme at Strathvaich. No comments.

Licensing: none.

Proposed dates of meetings for 2014 were agreed and will be confirmed when venues are booked.

Dates of future meetings:

Tues 3rd Dec 2013 at 7pm in Garve Village Hall

Tues 7th Jan 2014 at 7pm in Garve Village Hall

Tues 4th Feb 2014 at 7pm in Garve Village Hall

Tues 4th Mar 2014 at 7pm in Achnasheen Village Hall

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25pm.