

~~Draft~~ Minutes of Garve & District Community Council Meeting
Held 1st April 2014 in Garve Village Hall

Present: Kenny MacLean (Chairman), Jean Hollingdale (Secretary), Jean Bailey (Treasurer), Jennifer Haslam, Sue Tarr (Minute Sec), Bob Moir, Alex Mackenzie; Cllr Ian Cockburn; Sarah Bedwell and Karen Grant (Parent Council).

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

Apologies: Eliza Leslie Melville, Fiona Milligan, Martin Macphee.

Declarations of Interest: the Chairman will leave the meeting during Treasurer's Report.

Chairman's comments: It was noted with sadness that Liz Pritchard, former travelling teacher and community representative, had passed away. The local WRI group was congratulated on their success at the recent Bulb & baking Show at which they won 4 cups and 1 salver; it is hoped that they will also do well at the forthcoming Handicraft Show on April 10th / 11th in Dingwall Academy.

Parent Council update – Mrs Ross had a farewell get together with present and past pupils, parents and friends attending. There will be a temporary teacher in place after Easter until the position is filled.

The Parent Council has several events planned: Temple Spa Night on Sat 24th May in Garve Village Hall, entry £5 with beauty treatment demonstrations (to raise funds for Garve School); Raffle of a Hamper to be drawn on 18th April – tickets available to buy; Egg Hunt on Good Friday; a Clairvoyant Night and a Whist Drive are also in the pipeline. Money raised will go towards purchasing play equipment and also activities for the children throughout the year.

The Chairman attended the Stromeferry Bypass Exhibition in Lochcarron. All options are expensive, the cheapest being to keep patching the rockface as at present.

The Church of Scotland Easter Sunday Service will be held in Contin Church.

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as well as at Garve P.O., at Garve and Achnasheen Village notice boards, in the AGNV and on the AGNV website, direct from the Secretary on tel/fax 01997 414201 and at every G&DCC meeting.

Approval of minutes of meeting held 4th March 2014: Proposed by Jennifer Haslam and seconded by Bob Moir.

Matters Arising:

Polling Station Review – no changes for Garve or Achnasheen.

Tarvie Landslip – the road surface has been renewed, white lining to follow.

Drain at Garve BT Exchange – this is still flooding after heavy rain. The drain on the road was cleared recently. Also the drain at the Hall has been flooding very badly, it has been investigated and there is a blockage out of reach but BEAR are coming back to sort it. Ian Cockburn to see if HC can deal with the Exchange drain.

Potholes at Strathgarve Primary School – in hand.

Litter on roadside verges – HC are responsible for clearing litter from verges. If a littering offence is witnessed please phone HC on 01349 886603 noting car registration, date and time; please note the incident has to be reported within 7 days and the witness must be prepared to make a signed statement. The fine for fly tipping has increased to £200 as of 1st April, littering has increased to £80 and the charge for Bulky Items uplift has increased to £16.22.

Re-shaping Care for Older People – the meeting heard about an event Gairloch has planned where various organisations will be present to give help or advice about their services. Tracey Shaw would give assistance and provide funding to organise an event in Garve where members of the community can come and say what they would like for this area to help meet the needs of older people. Agreed to invite Tracey Shaw to next meeting to get the ball rolling.

SSE deer fence at Grudie – there are still bundles of old wire. Kenny MacLean to contact Lisa Marchi.

Crash barrier at Grudie Bridge – still not repaired.

Eneco update – Blade repairs are nearly complete for Turbine 02 so a large crane and associated ballast lorries will be coming up the road fairly soon.

The wind farm opening is planned for the 14th of May. 14 turbines are now in operations and it is estimated the remainder will be within the next month or so. The site remains curtailed to 14MW and testing is currently underway to lift this restriction which should be in near future.

Corriemoillie Substation – the community councillors are invited to visit the new substation on 9th May.
Police Report – none this month.

Treasurers Report – The Chairman handed the meeting to Jean Bailey, and left the room.

Total balance b/f	2551.08	
Senior Citizens Fund no change	871.37	871.37
Bench Fund no change	50.00	50.00
War Memorial no change	140.86	140.86
Treasurers Acc. b/f	1488.85	
Less Achnasheen Amenities March meeting	-20.00	
Less Secretary Fee	-250.00	
Less Minute Secretary Fee	-250.00	
Less Auditors Fee	-100.00	868.85

Carried Forward

£1931.08

It was recognised by members that the Chairman puts in a lot of time attending meetings and felt he should be reimbursed. The feeling generally was that any Community Councillor attending meetings on behalf of G&DCC should be encouraged to claim travelling expenses. It was not clear what the best method of claiming expenses was and it was agreed to ask Robbie Bain for advice. At present the running costs of G&DCC are not covered by the Highland Council grant; in future it may be necessary to do some fund-raising, or it may be that the CC looks at cutting back on expenditure e.g. by reducing the number of meetings held in the year.

Jean Bailey handed the meeting back to the Chairman.

Appointment of Auditor – Jean Bailey proposed Ann Macrae continue as auditor; seconded by Alex Mackenzie and agreed by all.

Correspondence: By Email, Rural Cycling Event Poster; Drew Hendry re HC Service Point Review; Rebecca Munro re HC Service Point Review; P.I. Renewables re Carn Gorm Windfarm; HC Policy, Inverness & Black Isle U3A Study Day; John Boocock, open letter to CC's; HC Policy, Peoples Millions open for business; HC Ranger Guided Walks 2014 pdf; June Ross TECS, information on litter; reply from Tracy Shaw RCOP Community Networker Mid Ross; Jennifer Haslam, community lunch; Highland Third Sector Interface, Ministerial Visit; Highland Third Sector Interface Newsletter; HC Policy, Customer Service Review of Service Points; Lochcarron CC mins; Strathpeffer CC mins; HC New Service Structure and changes to strategic committee names.
By Post, NHS poster.

AOB: Bob Moir reported some good news, that streetlights not working in Stirling Drive were reported on Sun evening and were on again by Mon.

He highlighted the number of road cones left at the SSE road access at Killin and that some were blowing onto the road and causing a hazard to traffic.

There was also a query about the locked gate which has been put in and whether the right of way was inaccessible as a result.

It was noted that there was a good display of daffodils in Garve this year, although there was some disappointment that some had been picked.

Planning: two applications have been determined –

Land off A835, Aultgush – erection of 12m tower with 2 antenna, 2 transmission dishes and equipment cabins enclosed within compound and formation of access track – granted.

Tigh na Srutha Lochluichart, erection of decking – granted.

There are two new applications:

Land at Corriemoillie Quarry, Garve – Formation of access track. No Comments.

Land at Allt Achadh na Sine Achnasheen – Construction of 800kW hydro-electric scheme amendment to design of powerhouse building approved under 11/00770/FUL. No Comments.

Date of next meeting:

Tues 6th May 2014 7pm in Achnasheen Village Hall

Tues 3rd June 2014 7pm, AGM followed by Ordinary meeting in Garve Village Hall

Tues 1st July 2014 7pm in Achnasheen Village Hall

Tues 5th Aug 2014 7pm in Garve Village Hall

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm