

~~Draft~~ Minutes of the Garve & District Community Council Meeting
Held 5th Aug 2014 in Garve Village Hall

Present: Kenny MacLean (Chairman), Jean Hollingdale (Secretary), Jean Bailey (Treasurer), Jennifer Haslam, Sue Tarr (Minute Sec), Alex Mackenzie; Cllr Cockburn; 2 members of public.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm and invited any questions for Cllr Cockburn who has to leave early. A member of public raised the issue of the Gorstan road surface which is getting into a bad state. Cllr Cockburn will get someone to have a look.

Apologies: Bob Moir, Eliza Leslie Melville.

Declarations of Interest: none.

Chairman's Comments: He has stood down as Chair of the NHS Wester Ross Public Partnership Forum. Jean Bailey and Pam Morrison attended the last WRPPF and found it interesting.

The Parent Council Clairvoyant Night raised just over £500. Church Update – there will be no services at Kinlochluichart on 17th & 31st Aug, and there will be a Soup Lunch at Strathpeffer on 12th Aug. Jennifer Haslam and Harry Leslie Melville attended the WWI Commemoration service in Inverness; unfortunately Eliza Leslie Melville was unable to attend. It was very well organised and Highland Council should be congratulated. Sec to write a letter of thanks.

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www.community-council.org.uk/garveanddistrict 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 gdcc@fsmail.net, tel/fax 01997 414201 and at every G&DCC meeting.

Approval of minutes of the meeting held 1st July 2014: It was noted that times of church services changed from those in the minutes. Times may be changed at short notice in the meantime.

Proposed, Jean Hollingdale; seconded, Jennifer Haslam.

Matters Arising:

Railway Fence – there is a newly damaged section along Loch Garve. Sec to inform Network Rail.
Chippings in Achanalt lay-by - these have been moved and the lay-by is open to the public again.

Police Report: none.

Treasurer's Report:

Total balance b/f	1,812.58	
Senior Citizens Fund – no change	895.84	895.84
Bench Fund – no change	50.00	50.00
War Memorial – no change	140.86	140.86
Treasurers Acc b/f	725.88	
Add RCOP Invoice	150.00	
Less expenses RCOP event – food etc	-92.18	783.70
Carried Forward		<u>£1,870.40</u>

There is a £57 balance from the Reshaping Care for Older People event. Members agreed that this go into the Senior Citizens Fund.

The Achnasheen Hall Hire from last meeting will be added onto the next bill.

Over 60's Dinner – If there is anyone in the community who should be on the list, please contact the Secretary. Applying to Lochluichart Community Trust for funding for this year's dinner was discussed. The deadline for applications is 30th Sept. It was agreed to make an application based on previous years' costs with G&DCC spending £500 from Senior Citizen's Fund and £1000 from LCT. Kenny MacLean, Jean Bailey and Jennifer Haslam as Directors of LCT cannot be involved in the G&DCC application. It was agreed that Sue Tarr look at filling in the application form. Jean Hollingdale to make enquiries about venue capacities and dates.

Bench Fund – G&DCC could look at applying to LCT for benches in the area, for example Garve village, Achnasheen pond and other places. If anyone has suggestions for where they would like to see a bench please let a Community Councillor know.

Other fundraising – the Parent Council have invited G&DCC to be involved in a Beetle Drive. Members agreed this would be a good idea.

The Highland Council grant has not come through yet. Treasurer to email Robbie Bain.

Correspondence:

Scottish Rural Parliament – Rural Hour 8th July 2014 – rural businesses

Information session for Third Sector Organisations – 17th July 2014 Fort William

Receipt of nomination to attend First World War Commemoration – 4th August 2014

Scottish Rural Parliament – Rural Hour Scottish rural businesses.

Scottish Water – customer forum for water news update.

Highland Third Sector Interface – community safety and reducing reoffending forum.

Tracy Shaw – Boccia Tournament – dates.

Highland Third Sector Interface – Conference 3rd September 2014. Eden Court.

Themes announced for rural parliament.

Kirknewton Community Development Trust – enquiry for interest from the community to set up a hydro scheme on forestry estate land. Charitable Organisation offering to arrange pre-application grants for the local community to take on building a hydro scheme. Kenny MacLean to find out more info.

Visit Wester Ross – The Celtic Fringe – plans to commission a survey of visitor experience. G&DCC to write a letter of support.

Robbie Bain weather warning.

Highland Third Sector Interface – nominations for awards.

Lochcarron CC – mins.

Strathpeffer CC – mins.

AOB:

Jennifer Haslam: a number of Yellow Pages have been dumped in the lay-by bin and down the bank at Grudie. Jennifer to get in touch with Yellow Pages.

Jean Bailey: a member of the public had noted the comment about poor attendance at the RCOP event and they did not know about it. They did not receive a flier. The Chairman thanked them for bringing it to our attention.

Kenny MacLean: the Achnasheen Post box is to be relocated to the main road and Tarvie Post box relocated to Tarvie Services later this month.

As of 20th Oct, carrier bags will cost 5p in all shops.

There has been a small landslide at Strathbran with debris washed across the road.

AOB (Members of Public):

A member of public raised the litter problem at Wades Bridge. A local resident does a lot to help keep it tidy but this was a bigger problem, where a lot of young folk come to swim in the summer and leave a lot of rubbish behind. Some local volunteers could spend a morning clearing up. Sec to contact Forestry Commission to liaise.

Planning Applications:

Two applications have been determined,

Erection of House at Killin Farm, permission granted.

Installation of overhead line SE of Aultguish Inn, permission granted

There are two new applications,

Land at Allt Achadh na Sine, Achnasheen, Formation of access track. Members had no comments.

Land at Aultguish Inn, Siting of temporary building for use as information centre (retrospective).

Members had no comments.

Date of next meeting:

Tues 2nd Sept 2014 7pm Achnasheen Village Hall

Tues 7th Oct 2014 7pm Garve Village Hall

Tues 4th Nov 2014 7pm Achnasheen Village Hall

Tues 2nd Dec 2014 7pm Garve Village Hall

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.