

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

Present: Kenny MacLean (Chairman), Jean Hollingdale (Secretary), Jean Bailey (Treasurer), Eliza Leslie Melville, Jennifer Haslam, Sue Tarr (Minute Sec), Alex Mackenzie; Daryn Lucas (SSE); Chris Morrison and Roddy MacLean (Balfour Beatty); 1 member of public.

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

Apologies: Bob Moir.

Declarations of Interest: none.

Chairman's Comments: RCOP Soup Lunch in Garve was disappointing to see so few attending. Tracey Shaw has been in touch about Digital Courses. Church Update – services at Kinlochluichart will be 11am; there will be no services on 7th & 27th July. There is a shortage of preachers. The Chairman wished to thank members of the community for their best wishes on his starting a new postie job in Lochcarron next week.

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Approval of the minutes of the meeting held 3rd June 2014: Proposed, Alex Mackenzie; seconded, Eliza Leslie Melville.

SSE – Daryn Lucas, Project Manager for the Beaulay-Mossford overhead line renewal gave an update, and answered questions.

Work is due to re start on Garve Hill in July. The new towers are being moved uphill a bit to be on flatter ground. Preliminary work on access tracks will start mid July; new towers will go up and old towers come down by June 2015. Presently the access track details are being finalised with Highland Council and Forestry Commission to minimise impact on the landscape.

Completion of the bell mouth at Killin has been delayed. The drainage requires ongoing monitoring and agreement from Network Rail and Transport Scotland, response has been slow. Reinstatement of kerbs/ verges will be done once work is complete. Work is being carried out where the underground cable was exposed during the landslide to take water away from the slope to prevent a repeat occurring.

Timescale for work on the access track on Garve Hill is Aug – Sept. Geotechnical and habitat surveys have been done. Work hours will be 7am-7pm in summer and 8am-5pm in winter. There will be noise during construction, especially when they need to go through rock. Extracted rock will be re-used on site where possible, otherwise it will be removed. There will be no blasting. New towers will be going up from Mar 2015.

There will be traffic lights on the main road while the bell mouth is being completed; after that traffic lights won't be needed. A grass-heather seed mix will be used for the final reinstatement.

Matters Arising:

Broadband – an email has been received from a resident concerning poor internet connections. Roll-out of the next generation broadband is underway and aims to deliver 84% coverage of Highland by 2016. HC and HIE are in liaison to identify gaps in coverage as the roll-out proceeds.

Strathgarve road – sections have been resurfaced at the school and Strathgarve.

Wall at Garve Hotel – the damaged section has been repaired.

Water pressure in Garve – Scottish Water is going to check it.

Offlets at Corriemoillie – in hand.

WW1 Commemoration – Community Councils have been invited to attend a service at Inverness Old High Church on 4th Aug and to nominate members of the community. Eliza Leslie Melville and Jennifer Haslam to attend; also passed on to Uisdean Menzies. There is also a commemoration at Edinburgh Castle on 10th Aug.

Police Report: Activities include a road safety initiative held across the division; licensed premises checks being carried out and road patrols of the village carried out to target antisocial behaviour. 14 persons have been charged with speeding offences, 4 persons charged with dangerous driving, 1

person charged with using a hand held mobile device, 2 males arrested for disorder offences and 1 misuse of drugs search warrant executed.

Garve Bus Shelter – the police came and investigated. The damage seems unlikely to have been vandalism, however if anyone has information regarding this, or misuse of controlled drugs, road traffic offences or any other matter please contact Dingwall Police Station on 101.

Treasurer's Report:

Total balance b/f	1844.08	
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
Treasurer's Account b/f	757.38	
Less Garve Village Hall April & June mtgs	-31.50	725.88
Carried Forward		<u>£1812.58</u>

The Treasurer will reimburse Jennifer Haslam and other members for expenses in preparing soup and sandwiches for the RCOP event when payment has been received from Tracey Shaw.

Correspondence: By email, HC Policy – Community Challenge Fund; HC Policy – Scottish Govt Review of Section 36 Consenting Process Electricity; Peter Gormley – LCT; AGNV – letter re broadband; Strathpeffer CC mins; Lochcarron CC mins; Highland Third Sector Interface Seminar Ullapool 8th July; Enterprising Thinking Seminar Ullapool 8th July; HC Policy – National Planning Framework publication of final documents; Scottish Rural Parliament notification of G&DCC interest; HC Policy – WW1 Commemorations briefing; PC Beverley - Police Report; HC Policy – Community Empowerment Bill; Scottish Rural Parliament – survey. By Post: Planning Dept – Fannich Hydro Scheme; Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan Update.

AOB: A member of the public suggested that HC could save money by cutting street lighting hours during the night. Some trials at reducing street lighting have been successful but some communities don't like it.

The Chairman noted that a screening report to make a temporary track on Loch Rosque Estate permanent had been lodged.

Consultations: Scottish Government Review of Section 36 consenting process – no comments. Community Empowerment Bill – no comments.

Planning: There are two new applications.

Land off A835 SE of Aultguish Inn, Installation of overhead line. Members had no comments.

Land West of Fannich Lodge, Lochluichart - Installation of 500kW hydro electric scheme including three intake structures, powerhouse, buried pipeline, bridge & access improvements. Eliza Leslie Melville declared that Lochluichart Estate is objecting to some of the access changes. Members had no comments.

Dates of future meetings:

Tues 5th Aug 2014 at 7pm in Garve Village Hall
 Tues 2nd Sept 2014 at 7pm in Achnasheen Village Hall
 Tues 7th Oct 2014 at 7pm in Garve Village Hall
 Tues 4th Nov 2014 at 7pm in Achnasheen Village Hall

The Chairman closed by wishing Jean Bailey well for her upcoming knee operation, and similarly Jock Logie who is undergoing a knee operation too. The meeting was closed at 8pm.