

~~Draft~~ Minutes of Garve & District Community Council meeting
Held 2nd Sept 2014 in Achnasheen 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; two members of the public.

Apologies: Eliza Leslie Melville.

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

Declarations of Interest: none.

Chairman's Comments: There will be no service at Kinlochluichart Church of Scotland on 28th Sept.

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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 the minutes of meeting held 5th Aug 2014: Proposed by Alex Mackenzie and seconded by Jean Bailey.

Matters Arising:

Community Hydro Schemes – G&DCC have not followed this up with Kirknewton Community Development Trust.

Railway Fence, Loch Garve – damage to the fence has been reported to Network Rail.

Gorstan road surface – Ian Cockburn reported that there is a meeting at the end of the month to allocate money and he will try and get Gorstan included in the list of priorities.

Benches in the community – no suggestions have come forward yet.

Yellow Pages – any further issues with dumping of rubbish we should contact Nell the Dog Warden.

Landslip at Strathbran – Highland Council is dealing with this.

Litter at Wades Bridge – The Forestry Commission had already organised a cleanup and it is looking a lot better. Local volunteers still hope to organise a morning, with support from FC.

Post-boxes at Achnasheen and Tarvie have now been relocated.

Over 60's party – Sue Tarr has the LCT application form ready for signatures and submitting.

Members agreed that this year's party would be held at Garve Hotel, date etc to be confirmed.

Garden Produce Show – Jennifer Haslam has got sponsorship of £130 from local businesses which will cover the cost of the hall and the prizes. Thanks to all who kindly sponsored this event. There will be stalls for G&DCC, Parent Council and WRI and the show will be open to the public 12-2.30pm next Sat 13th Sept.

Police Report – none.

Treasurer's Report:

Total balance b/f	1870.40	
Senior Citizens Fund	895.84	
Add RCOP balance transf. from Treasurer ac	57.82	953.66
Bench Fund – no change	50.00	50.00
War Memorial Fund – no change	140.86	140.86
Treasurers Ac b/f	783.70	
Minus transf. to Senior Citizens - RCOP	-57.82	
Add HC Community Council grant	971.88	
Minus HC Insurance	-88.13	1609.63
Carried forward		<u>£2754.15</u>

Correspondence: by Email, Highland Council – Quality Awards Nomination Forms. Members agreed to nominate the refuse collecting teams on both Garve and Achnasheen runs plus the lay-bys as they do an excellent job.

Scottish Rural Parliament – Rural Hour On Line; Network Rail - Reference Number For Fencing Repair A835; Tony Foster – Community Hydro Scheme; Reply From Tony Foster – Community Hydro Scheme; Scottish Rural Parliament – Rural Hour On Line; Poster Highland Third Sector Conference Dates; Sue Tarr – Re Litter At Wades Bridge; Lochcarron CC Minutes; Strathpeffer CC Minutes; Robbie Bain – District Partnership Mid Ross Meeting; Reply From Garve Hotel – Re. Over 60's Dinner; Scottish Rural Parliament News Letter; Sue Tarr copy of email to Cllr. Cockburn. By Post: Poster For The Highland Military Tattoo 5th To 7th September Fort George; Information For Replacement Lighting Around The Railway Station Achnasheen.

Copy Letter by Hand from Mr. Macphail to Highland Council. The Chairman read out the letter which concerns lack of action on clearing the Corriemoillie offlets which cause a problem with standing water. Members agreed with his sentiments.

AOB:

Bob Moir – the state of the footbridge at Garve Railway Station is deteriorating and with the winter coming up there is concern that more salt will be used on the bridge which is already rusting very badly. It was supposed to be repaired last Oct. Sec to write to Scotrail.

The bus shelter in Garve still has not been repaired and the school children should have better shelter. Cllr Cockburn to follow up.

Alex Mackenzie - there is a street light out at Matheson Road. Kenny MacLean to report the fault; it is easy to do via the website.

Jennifer Haslam – There is a sunken patch on the road near Tarvie Services. Kenny MacLean to report it to BEAR.

Kenny MacLean – one of the street lights at Achnasheen started leaning; he reported it and it has been fixed.

Remembrance Sunday will be 9th Nov. Gordon Maclean is taking the service at the War Memorial at 12.30pm. Cllr Cockburn confirmed he could attend to lay the HC wreath. Bob Moir to lay the Community Council wreath. Sec to contact Uisdean Menzies to let him know.

AOB (members of public):

A member of public raised the Strathgarve road which has had two areas resurfaced but the bit in between is still needing repair. Cllr Cockburn to follow up.

Screening Report: The Chairman noted that SSE is looking at installing a second overhead line (wooden poles) between Achnasheen and Kinlochewe running alongside the existing line. The Glen Docherty section could be underground.

Consultation on renewal of light fittings at Achnasheen village centre – one of the light fittings is suffering from corrosion and needs replacing; HC is proposing to replace all the similar ones on safety grounds. Pictures of the new type fittings were supplied. The existing columns will be retained and repainted. The new fittings will be LED which are cheaper to run. The Chairman has notified surrounding households and no comments have been received. Members all agreed that the new fittings were in keeping with the existing design and raised no objections.

Planning:

The Chairman noted a building warrant for a house at Killin Farm.

There are no new planning applications.

Dates of Future Meetings:

Tues 7th Oct 2014 7pm in Garve Village Hall

Tues 4th Nov 2014 7pm in Achnasheen Village Hall

Tues 2nd Dec 2014 7pm in Garve Village Hall

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