**Minutes of the Garve & District Community Council ordinary meeting**

**held on 4 October 2016 in Garve Village Hall**

**Community Council members present:** Kenny Maclean (Chairman), Jennifer Haslam (Secretary), Eliza Leslie Melville (Treasurer), Bob Moir and Caroline Gamble. **Also present:** Cllr Dr Ian Cockburn, Val MacIver (Platform PR) and 8 members of the public.

**The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm** and welcomed everyone.

**Apologies:** PC Craig Rose and Andy Russell (EDF).

**Declarations of Interest:** none. Community Council members confirmed that they had read all draft minutes, consultations and planning applications due to be discussed tonight before the start of this meeting.

**Chairman’s Comments:** Community Council members send their congratulations to Jennifer and Max Haslam on becoming grandparents. Daughter Josie gave birth a few days after our last Community Council meeting to a baby boy 9lb 1oz.

The next services at Kinlochluichart Church are at 11.30am on 16 October, 20 November and 4 December.

All G&DCC agendas, minutes and dates of future meetings are available on the Community Council website [www.community-council.org.uk/garveanddistrict](http://www.community-council.org.uk/garveanddistrict) or by contacting the Secretary on [gdcc@fsmail.net](mailto:gdcc@fsmail.net) or at Broadoaks, Grudie Bridge, By Garve, IV23 2QB.

They are also available on the Achnasheen Village notice board and via the G&DCC emailing list. Additional copies are available in Garve Post Office so members of the community can take them away with them. The Community Council website receives around 150 hits per month and we now have over 50 people on the emailing list.

**Approval of minutes** of the last ordinary meeting held on 6 September 2016 were approved by Bob Moir and Caroline Gamble following the correction of two typos.

**Matters arising - EDF update** – Andy Russell has provided a written update which is attached to these minutes. Val MacIver provided a verbal update tonight. She started by explaining that EDF were aware of some problems regarding turbine transport over the last month with vehicles stopped on the Garve level crossing and lorries struggling to pass the wide loads just to the west of Garve Village on 16 September. Concern was expressed from the floor about long tailbacks between Mayburgh and Contin. Perhaps the lorry could make better use of the laybys on this section of road. Queues of around 50 cars were noted though on other days it can be around 20 cars. Turbine movements are the responsibility of Police Scotland who have been notified by EDF of these concerns. The Community Council would welcome sight of the Police’s response to these concerns. Trucks now leave Invergordon at 6.15am due to the darker mornings or 10.00am if it is windy as it can be difficult to load the trucks if it is too windy. Police Scotland will not allow turbine movements in the dark so it is possible the departure time from Invergordon will be later than 6.15am as time goes on. EDF are aware of ferry/bus/train times. Turbine transport movements will continue this month and perhaps into early November. The electronic signs at Moy bridge and Achanalt have been updated. Text updates are still available. On site, work has continued and is slightly ahead of schedule despite the windy conditions. The 11th turbine out of 17 is now fully built with work progressing on the remaining 6 turbines. Plans are with the Highland Council regarding tree planting on site which will cover around 140ha. Permission for the telecommunications mast on site have been approved by the Highland Council. Connection into the Corriemoillie Substation is progressing well. The Foundation Scotland report regarding community benefit from this windfarm is now available in the library section of the Community Council website - [www.community-council.org.uk/GarveandDistrict/library](http://www.community-council.org.uk/GarveandDistrict/library) A site visit and liaison meeting is currently planned for 20 October. Val MacIver was thanked for her update.

**SSE Update** – work on the underground cable between Grudie and Achnasheen is now nearing completion with topsoil being laid on the verges in recent weeks.

**Community Needs Survey** - Community Council members have received a draft of the final report along with the draft of the two-page summary that will be delivered to every house in the area. A copy of the full report will go on the Community Council website. Community Council members and Jean Bailey who is a member of the steering group were happy with the drafts provided. Amanda and Jo plan to present their findings at a presentation to the Community so that members of the Community have an opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Date TBC but it looks like it will be 1 November. A flier for this presentation will also be delivered to every house in the area. Community Council members agreed to move our next Community Council meeting to 2 November. The Chairman suggested a special meeting should be held, perhaps in mid-November with all local constituted groups to discuss how the communities wishes can be met. Date TBC.

**Adoption of Garve bus shelters** – Eneco are awaiting an update from the Highland Council about the yellow bus shelter. Eneco have asked us to note that they have not organised the installation of the new shelter.

**HC/BEAR updates** – Cllr Cockburn confirmed that there has been no further news regarding Silverbridge or Rogie Falls toilets. The Chairman and Secretary noticed there is now a six-foot metal fence around Silverbridge toilets. Perhaps this is to stop people going around the back of the building and using it as a toilet. Cllr Cockburn also confirmed that he and his fellow Ward Councillors are still waiting to see the water quality reports. The Community Council has already requested a copy of these results and it too is still awaiting sight of the report. Cllr Cockburn will chase this up. A member of public asked what will happen once the playpark is built, where do people go if the toilets remain closed? There are already reports of problems not just at Silverbridge but elsewhere of laybys being used as toilets. The Secretary will ask the playpark group for their thoughts on this matter. The Grudie bin has been replaced. We are grateful to June Ross at the Highland Council and her team for all their help and wonder if the locking device on the stand in the Grudie layby is working properly. Perhaps this may explain why the bin keeps disappearing? The Secretary will write to June for her thoughts on this matter. Another accident took place at Gorstan Junction on 22 September despite the recent roadwork improvements. It was noted that on a number of occasions, the accidents appear to be caused by traffic travelling at speed from the Ullapool direction not realising that traffic is also trying to turn right onto the A832. Should the 40mph speed limit through Garve Village be extended to also cover this Junction and perhaps Little Garve Junction too? The Secretary will write to BEAR/HC/Police for their views on this matter. The Community Council is not aware of any planned changes to bus services in the area. A hole beside the road at Grudie has been reported (case reference FS6569380). It is thought this hole has caused several burst tyres. Bob Moir noted the 20mph road markings through Garve Village are still to be repainted. BEAR update – the street lights in Garve and Contin are now mostly off through the day but some lights stay on as part of the fix. Late last night we learnt of a problem with a street light in Garve Village where cables appeared to be hanging out of the bottom of the lamp post. The cover was open. BEAR repaired the fault very quickly after it was reported, we send them our thanks. Such instances which could be dangerous should be reported straight away to BEAR if it’s a trunk road matter on 03300 080520 or [enquiries@bearscotland.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@bearscotland.co.uk) Highland Council matters can be reported on 01349 886606 or on the Highland Council website [www.highland.gov.uk/report](http://www.highland.gov.uk/report) In both cases, it’s best to have photos of the actual problem. We have received a letter from a non-resident of our area raising concerns about the Garve level crossing. We note signage improvements in the last few weeks on the crossing and the following …

*Highway Code 306 - All road users, but particularly cyclists and motorcyclists, should take extra care when crossing the tracks, especially if the rails are wet. You should take particular care when crossing the rails at shallow angles. It is safest to cross the tracks directly at right angles or dismount. Other road users should be aware that cyclists and motorcyclists may need more space to cross the tracks safely.*

Cllr Cockburn was thanked for attending the meeting and left at 7.35pm.

**Produce Show** – the show took place on Saturday 10 September with around 35 people attending. Some photos were taken of the day. Sales - £16.00, teas - £13.60, Whisky game - £30.00, raffle - £141.00, entry and donations - £42.40 making a total of £243**.**00 plus £300 sponsorship from EDF. Expenses will have to be taken out of this figure (£148.97 – trophies, Hall hire, raffle tickets, chocolates and tea/milk). The winner of the Veg section was Max Haslam, Joan McPake was the runner up. The winner of the Fruit section was Sheree Grant, Pam Morrison and Susan Haslam were the runners up. The winner of the produce section was Barbra Sryjanen, the runners up were Margaret Grant and Jennifer Haslam. The winner of the flower section was Barbra Sryjanen, Pam Morrison was the runner up. The winner in the children’s section was Glen Stewart. Most points awarded (overall winner) went to Barbra Sryjanen. Many thanks to all who came and supported this event, Susan Haslam for her help in the background and to Ed and Dorrie Tarr for being our independent judges.

**Community Newsletter** – The second newsletter steering group meeting was due to have taken place at 7.00pm on 21 September at Lochluichart Community Hall. The meeting was advertised in the last set of minutes and on the Community Council website.  Only one member of public attended along with the Chairman.  Three apologies were received before the meeting. By 7.30pm it was felt best that this topic now goes before the full Community Council for consideration. The main points since the earlier steering group meeting are … one email was received after fliers had been delivered to every house asking for ideas or suggestions.  No suggestions in the suggestion box at the Produce Show. Verbal feedback suggested original material would be welcomed but this has not been forthcoming. Editors of neighbouring publications suggested avoiding monthly issues - too much work. They too are struggling for content. The Printers have confirmed that they are happy with PDF, Word or Publisher files.  A5 is slightly cheaper to print than A4. Jackie West has passed over details of AGNV email account, google drive, drop box and blog to the Chairman. The member of public who attended the last steering group meeting noted that an Editor is "a person responsible for all or part of a magazine or newspaper".  They felt it should be more than "a person" and that this could also help with proof reading. They also felt an issue every 3-4 months may be a bit dated by the time it is published. The Chairman has since spoken to several people who were involved before and found some contributors want a break, as do some who helped distribute the newsletter.  Perhaps they are tired or feel they have done their bit. It was noted that if there had been interest and enthusiasm in the Community to keep it going, the old group wouldn’t have had to dissolve. The Chairman asked if Community Council members had any questions regarding the funding received from the now dissolved group (£991.07)? The Secretary asked why was the amount less than we had given them in January 2011? The Chairman and Bob confirmed that it had been the old group’s intention to give back a similar amount, but printing costs of their last issue were more than expected as their last issue run to 48 pages. It was felt a publication needs volunteers who are willing to give their time *every* month. It was agreed that this topic will be looked at again in the New Year *if* original stories and original articles were being submitted via [gdcc@fsmail.net](mailto:gdcc@fsmail.net) to help fill the pages.

**Over 60’s trip** – Suggested venues have been difficult to contact over the last few weeks or have not been helpful. Since the last Community Council meeting a suggestion has been received - perhaps a party in the Hall for everyone in the Community, young and old. Caroline will make enquiries regarding musicians and will report back to Community Council members.

**BT Phoneboxes** - The Highland Council website is now reporting that BT plan to remove 178 phoneboxes from the Highlands. It appears they wish to remove those payphones that were used less than 250 times in the last 12 months. Aultguish payphone was used 52 times in the last 12 months, Garve payphone was used 20 times in the last 12 months and the Achanalt payphone was used twice in the last 12 months. The Community Council has, following its last meeting, written urging these payphones are retained.

**Defibrillators** – So far we have received positive responses from Achnasheen and Garve Village Hall’s along with Inchbae Lodge. We send them all our thanks. The Chairman asked three electricians to quote for the work involved, two have replied to say they are too busy. He is awaiting a reply from the third. This has meant an application to the LCT for funding by 30 September was not possible. The Chairman will continue to work on this project and will report back in due course. LCT have been informed of the progress made as have those properties willing to accommodate a Defibrillator.

**Old Community Council files** – Some Community Council members visited the Chairman’s house last Wednesday evening to help sort out the old files. We now have Community Council minutes in order all the way back to April 1994. If anybody has Community Council minutes older than April 1994, the Chairman would be interested in seeing a copy. Topics discussed exactly 20 years ago tonight by the Community Council in Garve Village Hall included how to advertise Community Council meetings better and perhaps make better use of noticeboards, Community Council Constitution updates, overflowing bottle banks in Garve, speeding in Garve, Garve level crossing, public toilets and the ongoing problems with the Garve TV mast. All correspondences sent and received by the Community Council are now in order back to January 2012. Other relevant documents pre January 2012 are also held. The Chairman will bring all the old minutes to the December meeting so all Community Council members and the public can view them. It was agreed a clear out should take place once a year.

**Joint Community Council meeting** – A meeting of all active Community Councils in Ward 6 will take place later this month.

**Garve Railway Station Footbridge** – Network Rail have advised that they do not have plans to carry out work on the Garve Railway Station footbridge before April 2019.   Based on the current condition and structural assessment results they have for the bridge; the structure is not a priority and it may be the case that any work will be pushed back further. They will continue to carry out yearly visual checks and 5-yearly detailed examinations of the bridge.  They confirmed that the bridge is not a listed structure.

**Broadband** – Garve exchange will be receiving faster broadband as part of the DSSB program with work on the exchange due to start shortly, according to Community Broadband Scotland. As first thought, there are no plans to bring faster broadband to Aultguish or Achnasheen exchanges as part of the current DSSB program. We have not received an update from the Steering group in Achnasheen that were looking at possible solutions for the Achnasheen area.

**Lochluichart Postbox** – Royal Mail has written to say they havespoken to the local Collections Manager who is arranging a risk assessment to be carried out for the proposed move. We have sent a picture of the location to aid in this task. The Community Council has since learnt that the proposed move has been agreed by Royal Mail following their own risk assessment and the Postbox is due to be moved within the next three months.  This is subject to planning surveys which ensures there are no underground cables that would impact on the installation.

**Remembrance Sunday** – The Treasurer will arrange a wreath and drop it off at the Secretary’s house.It was agreed that Bob Moir will attend the Remembrance Sunday service and lay the Community Council wreath. If Bob is unable to attend due to work commitments, the Chairman will lay the wreath instead. Cllr Cockburn will lay the Highland Council wreath. The Secretary will write to ascertain the time of the service on 13 November.

**Co-option**. No letters or emails have been received from residents of the Community willing to have their name considered for co-option. The Community Council has two vacancies. The Community Council members consider it to be very important to have as broad a representation of our community as possible, as we cover a wide variety of community issues and to do this well, we need members from all corners of our large area, young or old.  We usually meet on the first Tuesday of the month, either in Garve or Achnasheen and would welcome all nominations.  If you are aged 16 or over, reside in the Community Council area and are on the electoral roll and would like to be considered for co-option to the Community Council, please email [gdcc@fsmail.net](mailto:gdcc@fsmail.net) with your name and contact details.  Your nomination will be considered by Community Council members at their next ordinary meeting.

**Police report** – PC Craig Rose reports that there have been three minor road traffic collisions in the area including a further RTC at Gorstan Junction in the last month. One person charged for speeding at Achanalt. Area Inspector David Ogilvie has written the following “*Current issues affecting our communities include concerns regarding speeding vehicles and supported by our colleagues in the Road Policing Unit, we continue to visit a number of locations to deter and detect offenders as well as working with partners in the Highland Council to find practical solutions for certain areas where possible.*

*Still a problem are cold callers on telephones contacting people and scamming them out of significant sums of money simply by saying they work in a bank without the need to identify themselves.*

*The darker nights are upon us and the temperature will start to go down soon. Please encourage your communities to secure any valuable items around their properties and ensure their oil tanks are locked and if possible, get additional security measures in place around the property, for example, motion activated security lights, locks on tanks/outbuildings, lock house and vehicle doors as well as reporting any suspicious vehicular activity in or around remote or secluded properties. We have a very low occurrence of these types of crimes but it is wise to take precautions.*”

The Chairman noted it was -2C in Achnasheen at 5.00am on Saturday morning. He also noted a press report about fake £50 notes in the Dingwall/Inverness/Nairn area. Some Community Council members thought the face on the fake note looked like the late actor Sid James!

**Treasurers report** - Over 60’s fund remains unchanged at £696.77. Bench fund remains unchanged at £200.00. Community fund was £1,790.36 plus proceeds from the Produce Show of £243.00 minus expenses of the Produce Show of £148.97 = £1,884.39. This figure already includes the £300 sponsorship of the Produce show from EDF (total profit from the show £394.03). CC admin was £798.21 minus £32.63 for ink and £110 for Hall hires = £655.58. Community Needs Survey remains unchanged at £4,600.00 but the final bill will be coming soon following tonight’s discussions. Community Newsletter remains unchanged at £991.07. Total in bank = £9,027.81. Audited accounts for the last financial period (1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016) are available on the Community Council website and at the Community Council meetings.

**Correspondences** - By Email – HC – Public toilet charging questionnaire; HC – planning for week ending 9 September; Murdo Mackenzie – Defibrillators; Gill Ross – Defibrillators; Hazel Kerio – Defibrillators; 5 emails from Jenny Macpherson – turbine transport updates; 2 emails from Jake Diamont – Lochluichart Postbox; Network Rail – Garve Railway Station Footbridge; Emma McCallum – Draft Lochcarron CC minutes; HC – planning for week ending 16 September; Phil Moore – Community Newsletter; HC – Decriminalised parking enforcement consultation; Robbie Bain – Joint CC meeting; Sarah Marshall & Felix Spittal – broadband updates; Eneco – Garve bus shelter updates; Claire Blackwell – Webinars; Jean Hollingdale – Gorstan Junction; HC – planning for week ending 23 September; 4 emails from Amanda Bryan – Community Needs Survey update; Iona Shephard – Garve Level Crossing concerns; 2 emails from June Ross – Grudie bin; HC – West Plan update; HC – planning for week ending 30 September; PC Craig Rose – Police report; HC – Development plans newsletter; HC – Consultation on Draft Gambling Act Statement of Policy; Andy Russell – Construction update. One item received by post – HAGS playpark equipment.

**AOB from CC members** – The Treasurer noted the barriers at the Garve level crossing stayed down after the 9.52am train to Kyle of Lochalsh went through on 15 September for around 10 minutes however, Network Rail employees were on site so it is presumed they were testing the crossing. The Treasurer also brought to our attention that work on the powerline from Mossford has begun and appears to be progressing well. Caroline Gamble asked if we knew what holes were being dug in Matheson Road and near the School. The Community Council has not received any notice of works but it could be regarding underground cables.

**AOB from members of the Public** – Two members of the public asked about sight lines and verges on the Highland Council roads. It was explained that the Highland Council only cut verges to aid sight lines, not entire lengths of road verges anymore. A member of the public asked about potholes on the Highland Council roads. It was explained that potholes are reported to the Highland Council but are dealt with on a priory basis for instance, the A832 Gorstan to Achnasheen road would take priority over a small side road which is rarely used. The Chairman advised all road defects are reported directly to the Highland Council or BEAR and that members of the public keep a note of the reference number they are given. Another member of the Public asked about the now famous leaning tower of Garve. We will ask BT for an update once Bob takes a photo of the structure. The member of public also asked about Garve Railway Station yard and car park, it appears to be getting untidy again. The gate remains broken. We will write to Network Rail for an update once Bob takes some photos of the areas causing concern. Another member of the public raised concerns about a tree in Achanalt. The Chairman will visit the site in due course.

**Screening reports, scoping reports and consultations** – we note a Screening report and a Scoping report have appeared on the Highland Council website for a 500kW run-of-the-river hydro scheme at Garbat. This has come as news to the Community Council and residents of Garbat. The Secretary will write to the developer asking them to attend our next Community Council meeting. At our last Community Council meeting we noted a consultation from Forest Enterprise Scotland – Land Management plan. Community Council members have now had time to view these plans which were only available online. Community Council members had no comments. HC - Public Convenience charging consultation – is 50p acceptable? The deadline for comments was only three weeks, not much time for the Community Council or the public to make representations. Community Council members felt 50p was too much, no more than 20p. HC – Decriminalised parking enforcement – off streets. The introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) in the Highlands will allow responsibility for enforcing parking and waiting and loading regulations to be transferred from Police Scotland to The Highland Council. The Highland Council will also receive powers to uplift vehicles. Press reports inform us that a new traffic enforcement team will start work in Inverness and other parts of the Highlands from yesterday. We wondered if 12-14 wardens would be enough to cover the whole of the Highlands? This consultation also had a tight deadline to meet. The Chairman will raise consultation timescales at the joint Community Council meeting later this month. HC – West Plan Main Issues Report (MIR) Summary & Additional Sites Consultation. Around 750 comments were received during the Main Issues Report consultation from around 170 respondents.  This included a range of comments from individuals, landowners, developers and community groups.  The Highland Council also received comments providing details of sites that were not included in the MIR. The Highland Council have therefore decided that they will hold an Additional Sites Consultation, which seeks comments on selected sites that the Highland Council considers significant enough to require further consultation. It should be noted that the Highland Council is yet to consider the merits of these additional sites, however input at this stage can help the Highland Council decide which sites will be included later on. Any comments on the Additional Sites Consultation need to be received no later than 12 noon on Friday 28 October 2016 through <http://consult.highland.gov.uk/portal/westplanasc>. Community Council members had no comments as none of the additional sites are in our area. At 4.00pm this afternoon we received via email a consultation from the Highland Council on the proposed draft gambling act statement of policy 2017-2020. As the deadline for comments is not until 11 November, it was agreed to defer this consultation until the next Community Council meeting.

**Building warrants, planning issues and licensing issues** – The Chairman noted one building warrant is currently being shown on the Highland Council website for our area, amendments to a house near Garbat 13/00303/ERD. One previous planning application has been determined by the Highland Council since our last Community Council meeting – 16/03252/FUL is for a 6 metre telecommunications mast at the Corriemoillie Windfarm. The application had been granted permission by the Highland Council with no conditions. The Community Council has received notice of one new planning application since our last Community Council meeting – 16/03149/PNO is for an agricultural building at Gorstan. Community Council members had no comments. There were no licensing issues to consider.

**Dates of future meetings** – following discussions earlier this evening, the Chairman proposed that we suspend standing order 1.2 to allow us to move the date of the next Community Council meeting to Wednesday 2 November at 7.00pm in Achnasheen Village Hall. The Treasurer seconded the motion and the motion was agreed by all Community Council members.

Wednesday 2 November 2016, 7.00pm, Achnasheen Village Hall \*\* PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE \*\*

Tuesday 6 December 2016, 7.00pm, Garve Village Hall

Tuesday 10 January 2017, 7.00pm, Garve Village Hall

Tuesday 7 February 2017, 7.00pm, Garve Village Hall

Tuesday 7 March 2017, 7.00pm, Achnasheen Village Hall

Tuesday 4 April 2017, 7.00pm, Garve Village Hall

Tuesday 2 May 2017, 7.00pm, Achnasheen Village Hall

Tuesday 6 June 2017, AGM followed by an ordinary meeting, 7.00pm, Garve Village Hall

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

**Note from Andy Russell, EDF Construction Project Manager**

**EDF Energy Renewables Limited ‐ Corriemoillie Wind Farm**

**Garve & District Community Council Monthly Progress Summary – 4th October 2016**

Turbine erection works is progressing well and we now have 11 no. fully installed and towers erected at all other locations. We now have a grid connection and are in the process of testing cables and connecting to the first turbines and looking towards commissioning the first turbines next week.

**Turbine construction programme**

Over the past month, wind turbine assembly has continued in earnest with some delays due to high wind speeds. The 11th full turbine was completed on 1st October and the main crane has moved to the next location. Base and mid tower assembly work has been completed at all turbine locations and the cranes doing this work will now focus on preparing rotors for the main crane (although this is only possible at 3 out of the 6 locations). Internal fit outs and cold commissioning is meanwhile progressing within the turbines.

**Turbine delivery programme**

Blade components have continued to depart from Invergordon via planned escorted abnormal load deliveries at 6am each day where possible. Nacelle convoys have been leaving from Southwaite (Carlisle) every few days at 9am, generally arriving on site at 6/7pm. Completion of the final 6 turbines will largely be determined by wind speeds over the coming weeks. EDF ER has continued to operate a range of services with the support of Platform PR to advise the local communities of the delivery schedule, including text messaging alerts, emails, radio communication and newspaper articles. The traffic matrix signs have also been updated to say ‘deliveries until October’.

**General construction programme**

RJ McLeod has continued with borrowpit reinstatement works. They have constructed fencing at the control building and switching station and laid gravel. Cable trenches have been backfilled around the site. Tilhill Forestry continues to forward timber to temporary chipping areas around the site that have been constructed by EDF ER. They are working predominantly in the lower parts of the site where ground is poorer before it gets too difficult to work in those areas as autumn sets in.

**Electrical programme**

Electrical works have progressed to allow energisation from the Corriemoillie substation and connections and tests are underway to allow this to be distributed to completed wind turbines. EDF ER is working closely with National Grid to ensure compliance with the transmission Grid Code in order for the mandatory Operational Notifications to be issued to allow generation. It is hoped that turbine commissioning will commence from 10th October 2016.

**Planning**

EDF ER formally submitted a compensatory tree planting plan to The Highland Council (THC) on 25th September in order to discharge Planning Condition 19. The total indicative restocking area has now been calculated at just under 140 hectares based on a detailed scoping report produced by RDS Forestry. A draft report has previously been reviewed by THC, Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and comments have been incorporated into the submitted plan. EDF ER now awaits a final decision from the local authority. Approval for the telecoms mast was confirmed by THC on 22nd September. EDF ER is now in a position to install a microwave communication system to support the installed satellite system; this installation should take place in the next month or so.

**Community Fund**

EDF ER has had initial discussions with Foundation Scotland to progress the Community Fund report circulated to local communities in August for comment. The reported highlighted key findings from the workshop session in May and subsequent meetings with local Community Councils. The next step is to ensure that the necessary infrastructure is in place to support the implementation of the funds within each of the Community Council areas in early 2017.

EDF ER is also pleased to be confirmed as headline sponsors of the Strathpuffer 12th annual 24-hour mountain bike endurance event in January 2017.

**Corriemoillie Wind Farm: View from west of site, Saturday 1st October 2016**