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

**held on Tuesday 6 September 2022 on webcam**

**Community Council members present on webcam**: Kenny Maclean (Chairman), Jennifer Haslam (Secretary), Caroline Gamble (Treasurer), Bob Moir, Sadie-Michaela Harris and co-opted member Hamish Leslie Melville.

**Also present on webcam**: Cllr Liz Kraft, Carol Smith (LCT Secretary) and three members of the public.

**Apologies**: Community Council member Joe Stewart.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed everyone. He reminded members of the public that although our meetings are not public meetings, they were still very welcome to attend Community Council meetings even on webcam and take part in the discussions under his guidance (see section 12 of the Constitution). Those who can’t attend our meetings can, as always, write to the Secretary by post or email with any issues they wish raised. Our website <http://www.community-council.org.uk/garveanddistrict/> continues to receive 150-200 visitors per month (out of a community of around 270 people).

Best wishes to Bertha Logie who has been unwell recently and our Chairman was delighted to see former Cllr Dr Ian Cockburn last Sunday in person. Ian and his wife are well and were asking after everyone at the Community Council.

**Declarations of Interest** – co-opted member Hamish Leslie Melville declared an interest in the Infinergy project and the proposed battery storage facility. Community Council member Bob Moir is a Garve Public Hall Trustee. The Treasurer is a member of the Garve Litter Busters Group. The Treasurer and Community Council members Bob Moir and Sadie-Michaela Harris are all members of the Traffic Calming group. Community Council members confirmed that they had read all documents due to be discussed tonight before the start of this meeting.

**Approval of draft minutes** of the last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 2 August 2022 and Friday 12 August 2022 via webcam. We received one proposed amendment from Kim Bannister, a Mossford resident who did attend our last meeting. She suggests we add the following … *“This is not only due to the fast-moving traffic but also not having a reliable walkway. The B&B along the road advertises that you can walk to Lochluichart Railway Station and their guests quite often do meaning we all have to cross the busy road to get to the station”.* Community Council members unanimously agreed the proposed amendment and noted no other proposed amendments were received either before or after the 14-day deadline. The draft minutes were then proposed with the amendment by Bob Moir and seconded by Sadie-Michaela Harris, unanimously agreed. Minutes are available at Garve Post Office, Achnasheen Village Noticeboard, on our website or via email. Hard/electronic copies are also available on request from the Secretary. Minutes will be signed by our Chairman and Secretary in due course via post.

**Matters arising** – **Proposed Battery Storage facility** - co-opted member Hamish Leslie Melville declared an interest in this project and took no part in the discussions. <https://meetings.ili-energy.com/lochluichart-energy-storage-project/> - no further news.

**Infinergy** – co-opted member Hamish Leslie Melville declared an interest in this project and took no part in the discussions. [www.lxxwindfarm.co.uk/](http://www.lxxwindfarm.co.uk/) - no further news except see a planning related matter later in these minutes.

**Highland Council updates** – [www.highland.gov.uk](http://www.highland.gov.uk) – we note Cllr Biz Campbell is now Chairperson of the local area committee with Cllr Kraft as Vice-Chairperson. They will swop roles in 12-months’ time. The 2022/23 winter area plan was agreed at their recent meeting held on Monday 29 August 2022. Cllr Kraft is now on the Wester Ross Biosphere group and that Shieldaig Community Council has been unable to reform again.

**Trees in The Avenue** – the latest update from Tuesday 16 August 2022 via Cllr Kraft is that the tree surgeon hopes to carry out work at the end of September - first week in October 2022, tbc depending if their quote is acceptable to The Highland Council. They will also check to see if there is a real need for a MEWP as they try to avoid using large machines where possible as they tend to do more harm than good, again tbc. Our thanks to Cllr Kraft for the update which has already appeared on our website.

**White lines in Garve Village** have been added to the list of jobs to be done. Cllr Kraft will chase this matter up as it was felt this has been on the list since perhaps before Covid. Community Council member Sadie-Michaela Harris noted that recent traffic count via the CCTV cameras on Garve Public Hall. Bob Moir (as a Hall Trustee) informed the meeting the average count is around 180 vehicle movements in both directions per day in and out of Stirling Drive. It was also noted the 20mph zone was part of the Safer Route to Schools program. *(Post meeting note from Cllr Kraft received the morning after our meeting - the white lining machine has been in the workshop for months. Ward five haven’t had access to it all year I’m afraid. When it is fixed, we will get it and attend to the junctions, etc.)*

Co-opted member Hamish Leslie Melville asked about the white lines at the Gorstan Junction. They are getting so faded now that people may overshoot the junction causing an accident. Cllr Kraft is looking into the Gorstan Junction with Transport Scotland.

**Potholes at the Garve Recycle Bins** have been filled in, our thanks to Cllr Kraft and all concerned. *(Post meeting note – it appears that further work is required. Cllr Kraft is chasing up the matter).*

Cllr Kraft confirmed that she has spoken to the Wyvis Natural Playpark group and a sign pointing traffic in the right direction to the Playpark away from Garve Village is in hand. Her contact within the sign department of The Highland Council has been off ill and may now be on annual leave.

**Silverbridge toilets** – Community Council member Bob Moir notes they are open and operational again however, car park space was restricted by contractor’s vehicles when he visited on Wednesday 31 August 2022 and by a convoy system that was in place at the time. The contractor’s vehicles were part of the recent resurfacing of the A835 in that area (see further information later in these minutes).

**Mossford drains** – a video received on Tuesday 16 August 2022 from Mossford residents of the water on the roads following recent downpours was passed on directly to The Highland Council and Cllr Kraft. The Road’s Department thanked us for forwarding on the video and again confirmed the drains are on the list of jobs to be done the next time the Gully Sucker is in our area. The drains were cleared by the now famous Gully Sucker on Monday 22 August 2022. Our huge thanks to all concerned for their help in this matter. This update has already appeared on our website.

Concern has been raised by Jocelyn Seligman whose family own Strathbran Estate regarding the **layby at the Boathouse**, about two miles east of Achanalt. Reports of damage to buildings, cut down trees and rubbish have been received. Jos has suggested closing the layby altogether. We asked for photographic evidence which Jos has kindly supplied which do indeed show a number of issues on their land. Cllr Kraft has contacted the Access Officer and we await a response. We have also advised Jos that the matter should be reported to the Police. The Secretary suggested cutting down the trees between the road and the layby as was done in the Grudie laybys by Lochluichart Estate, a huge help at the time.

**Rubbish on Achanalt verges** – following enquiries by The Highland Council, the rubbish appears to be blocking a private driveway so they will take no further action.

**Achnasheen EVC** – in the last few days the orange barriers that have blocked off the unit to the public since it was installed around five and a half years ago have been removed and taken away. Yesterday, we were informed that the required work to upgrade the unit was completed and the unit energised last week. The EVC team now need to wait for the commissioning certificate to then process the commissioning, then the unit will be available to the public. They don’t think that should be any longer than two weeks, then the unit will show on [https://chargeplacescotland.org](https://chargeplacescotland.org/) and be available to the public. Our thanks to all concerned. Other EVC’s are available in Lochcarron, Torridon and Strathpeffer. Concern was expressed by many at this meeting that wayleaves, land ownership issues etc … were not looked at first. Due diligence appears not to have been carried out. Our Chairman expressed his hope that lessons had been learnt so that other communities in the Highlands do not find themselves in the same situation as ourselves. Cllr Kraft noted the feelings of the meeting and noted a similar problem is still ongoing in Poolewe. Sadly, land ownership appears to be an issue there with no agreement looking to be forthcoming and a compulsory purchase order is not possible for an EVC.

**Achnasheen Wi-Fi** - apparently the Achnasheen Wi-Fi is no longer available because The Highland Council has stopped paying the bill!  The funding was coming from the Inverness City & Region Deal. Our Chairman has asked Cllr Kraft to make enquiries. Cllr Kraft confirmed she is making enquires and that other Community Councils are also reporting the same issues. Carol Smith (LCT Secretary) wondered if the contract was for a set period which has now expired? Bob Moir (as a Hall Trustee) explained that the Wi-Fi in Garve Public Hall was installed by TG&DDC but after the two-year contract ended, there was no more funding so the Hall Trustees found themselves a new provider on a yearly contract. Our Chairman confirmed the Hall Wi-Fi was very suitable for our AGM back in June 2022.

**“Smiley” sign for Achnasheen?** – Cllr Kraft confirmed that the “smiley” signs in Lochcarron and Strathpeffer are there for the schools and should be turned off at weekends and school holidays. Cllr Kraft is awaiting a reply on more details if one could be installed in Achnasheen. The Chairman noted that there are still school signs in Achnasheen even though the school formally closed around 15 years ago!

**Speed survey on A832** – ongoing! Cllr Kraft is awaiting a reply from the Road Safety Team but notes other committees within The Highland Council are looking at traffic calming in general. Community Council member Sadie-Michaela Harris felt realistic timescales are essential instead of us asking for updates every month or so. Cllr Kraft agreed with the point. Co-opted member Hamish Leslie Melville recalls a truck travelling at 72mph through Mossford! It was suggested the Road Safety Team be invited to a ward business meeting so the four ward councillors can discuss these matters face to face as it appears there is general agreement between Councillor’s, different Highland Council departments etc …but nobody taking the lead.

The Treasurer did suggest the use of **white bollards** with red reflectors on top at entrance/exit points along the whole length of the A832. Cllr Kraft noted the suggestion for the Road’s Department and thought there might be funding. Mossford and the Church entrance/exit were suggested as top priority locations for such bollards.

It is disappointing to report that **fly tipping** has once again been seen at the Achnasheen Recycle Bins. It should be noted that this location (and Garve) are for glass bottles and clothes only. All other items should be taken to the Dingwall Recycle Centre or The Highland Council do provide an uplift service – <https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/1063/rubbish_-_household_waste/132/dispose_of_large_household_items> The bin men or the Seasonal Access Officer will deal with the current problem when they can, our thanks to them both.

We note **jet packing** work is taking place on the A890 south of Achnasheen and **grass verge cutting** in various locations on the A890 and A832 have taking place over the last few weeks which we appreciate.

**Highland Council response times** – Cllr Kraft has been informed that if someone wishes to [record a complaint](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.highland.gov.uk%2Finfo%2F670%2Fconsultations_complaints_and_compliments%2F368%2Fmake_a_complaint&data=05%7C01%7Cliz.kraft.cllr%40highland.gov.uk%7C1ae4ccc2f94d472943e708da902589f7%7C89f0b56e6d164fe89dba176fa940f7c9%7C0%7C0%7C637980788147937674%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BrFw62bd6h5z%2FAPdKN8nHoTcnCuj%2FlLttCWvO0%2BGEV8%3D&reserved=0) against The Highland Council, they aim to respond in five working days for a stage one (Frontline) complaint and twenty working days for an stage two (Investigation). They decide which stage the complaint merits. For [Freedom of Information requests](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.highland.gov.uk%2Finfo%2F704%2Fdata_protection_and_freedom_of_information%2F330%2Faccess_information_we_hold&data=05%7C01%7Cliz.kraft.cllr%40highland.gov.uk%7C1ae4ccc2f94d472943e708da902589f7%7C89f0b56e6d164fe89dba176fa940f7c9%7C0%7C0%7C637980788148093891%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=XhGcVLpYwhyAjyuDKByZbv4cedUkdvdBhnM8n3ZQdyM%3D&reserved=0) they aim to respond in twenty working days (please note for Environmental Information Requests, where the request may be voluminous/complex they do have the facility to extend this to forty working days). For [Data Rights Requests](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.highland.gov.uk%2Finfo%2F704%2Fdata_protection_and_freedom_of_information%2F341%2Finformation_we_hold_about_you&data=05%7C01%7Cliz.kraft.cllr%40highland.gov.uk%7C1ae4ccc2f94d472943e708da902589f7%7C89f0b56e6d164fe89dba176fa940f7c9%7C0%7C0%7C637980788148093891%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FV4knVXfb4eTdp11pIG4reDf7MnuCIIthhHCL%2F25AYQ%3D&reserved=0) where an individual is looking for information held about them, they aim to respond in thirty days (there is also a facility to extend cases which are voluminous/complex by an extra sixty days). In terms of direct contact with Officers by email, The Highland Council do not currently have a set timescale for this and they would discourage people from using this route, instead The Highland Council notes that **issues should be reported directly to them** by calling The Highland Council’s Call Centre on 01349 886606 or via [www.highland.gov.uk/report](http://www.highland.gov.uk/report) In all cases, you will be given a reference number. The Highland Council also appreciate photos showing the actual problem. Community Council member Sadie-Michaela Harris felt the ping pong of emails between Councillor’s, Community Council and Officers was totally unacceptable. Both Cllr Kraft and our Chairman noted some Officers are very good at replying, other less so. It was also felt that the portal system used was dated and not reliable as one is never given any timescales/feedback on issues raised. It was suggested our Chairman raise this particular point at the next joint Community Council meeting. Cllr Kraft noted that her and other Councillors have already raised concerns and how the “public face” of The Highland Council is perceived and perhaps a total review of services is needed. There is a sense that nobody takes responsibility anymore. Community Council member Sadie-Michaela Harris asked who is responsible? Where does the buck stop? Cllr Kraft suggested the Chief Executive.

**A835 trunk road** – we have received a letter from Transport Scotland confirming their officials have asked the operating company, BEAR Scotland, to carry out **speed surveys on the A835** through Garve. These surveys will confirm existing speeds through the community, volume of traffic and inform if further consideration should be given to speed management measures and/or a lower speed limit. It is expected that these surveys will be carried out in early autumn to reflect typical traffic conditions, which reflects their best practice for collecting traffic data. Transport Scotland has suggested that speed data is collected and reviewed prior to making arrangements **for a meeting with the community**. The letter goes on to note that all road users are under the legal obligation to drive in a manner appropriate for the environment and condition of each road. Concern was raised by some at this meeting that a speed survey would be better undertaken in the summer months but Community Council member Bob Moir noted slow campervans in the summer months may hinder the survey.

In relation to our concerns regarding the **hedge adjacent to the A835**, officials have asked BEAR Scotland to inspect and carry out trimming of any overgrown vegetation that may be required.

The Treasurer suggested the **concealed exit sign** on the second Little Garve turn off from the Ullapool side be made bigger? Cllr Kraft will raise with Transport Scotland.

We note **surfacing improvements** that took place last month on the A835 between Little Garve and Silverbridge and also note further resurfacing works starting this week (though not at weekends) again on the A835 south of Aultguish. On behalf of Transport Scotland, BEAR Scotland will be carrying out essential surfacing improvements on the A835 south of Aultguish, with works set to get underway from Thursday 8 September 2022. The project will see 1.8 kilometres of the A835 south of Aultguish resurfaced, creating a smoother and safer road for motorists. The project is scheduled to take place over ten days, with works planned between 7.00am and 7.00pm each day. No works will take place on Saturday or Sunday. All works are anticipated to be complete by 7.00pm Wednesday 21 September 2022, subject to weather conditions. To ensure the safety of roadworkers as well as motorists, a 10mph convoy system will be in place during working hours. The convoy system will be removed out with working hours; however, a 30mph speed limit will be in place out with working hours as traffic will be travelling over a temporary surface. Access through the works site for emergency services will be maintained at all times. Both these updates appeared on our website and those on our emailing list living in these areas were informed.

**Faults on the Trunk Road (A835)** should be reported via [www.bearscot.com/report-a-defect/](http://www.bearscot.com/report-a-defect/)

**Wades Bridge –** Murdo Maclennan at Forestry & Land Scotland tells us that Historic Environment Scotland have confirmed to them that Scheduled Monument Consent will be required before the cleaning of the bridge can take place. They have received guidance from Historic Environment Scotland on how to clean graffiti and are now putting together a methodology statement which will include small cleaning trials as per the guidance. We thank Murdo for his updates which we have already posted on our website and **would encourage anyone with any information about the graffiti on Wades Bridge to speak to the Police directly on 101, quoting incident number 1480 from Friday 5 August 2022. Interestingly, Cllr Muriel Cockburn noted that the vandalism** looks identical to graffiti in her ward (Badenoch and Strathspey). Our Treasurer also noted the same recently when travelling down the A9. Co-opted member Hamish Leslie Melville felt the total cost of the clean-up, which will run into thousands, should be noted and if those responsible are found, they should pay. Several people in attendance agreed.

**Our chairman was asked recently why did The Highland Council change the rule around three years ago regarding those who have moved out of the area but can stay on the Community Council until the next election? The individual had no concerns regarding our Secretary staying on, just wondered why the rule changed. As explained at our August 2021 meeting, The Highland Council changed the rule following public consultation.**

**Transport to Church** - we have learnt in recent weeks that a request for transport to a carol service at Kinlochluichart Church on Sunday 18 December 2022 has been declined. Carol Smith (LCT Secretary) was able to clarify at this meeting that providing transport for the benefit of Contin people rather than Garve people was an issue but moreover, under the legal agreements between the LCT and Eneco, available at <https://www.lochluichartcommunitytrust.com/legal-documents>, 1.3a) iii) they cannot provide funds that promote political or religious groups. Carol also confirmed that the EDF Corriemoillie legal agreement mirrors much of the Eneco legal document. Our thanks to Carol for her clarification.

**The updated TG&DDC Community Development Plan** in now available online. Although not noted in the plan, our Chairman knows Tina Hartley (Principal Community Engagement and Development Officer) is very grateful for his input on various issues over the years, especially matters before her time working in the area.

**TG&DDC community land survey** – drop-in sessions were held by TG&DDC in Garve and Achnasheen Saturday 27 August 2022. A summary sheet of the results gathered from 105 respondents (about 40% of residents) were available which TG&DDC have now posted to every house in the area. Any further feedback or comments are welcomed and should be sent directly to Tina Hartley by this Friday.

**A joint meeting** of the LCT, TG&DDC and the Community Council has been pencilled in for Tuesday 27 September 2022. Community Council members had no agenda items at this stage but Carol is happy to receive any suggestions up to a week before the meeting.

We ask it be noted that the **LCT** draft minutes of 16 August 2022 state we are concerned that joint meetings are held in public. This is not the case, we just highlighted that if we host, then under our rules the meeting would need to be publicly accessible. Carol Smith (LCT Secretary) is happy to amend the draft minute accordingly, our thanks to her. Our Chairman asked if any Community Council member objected to the joint meetings being publicly accessible? None did but it was suggested that perhaps a note of such meetings be made that can be published. Our Chairman did note that individual items on a Community Council meeting agenda can be discussed “in-camera”, but both he and Community Council member Bob Moir agreed that it is rare. *(See 11.1 h) of the Constitution).*

Garve & District Community Council currently has **one vacancy** on the Community Council.  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 would like members from all corners of our large area.  We usually meet on the first Tuesday of the month.  If you are aged 16 or over, live in the Community Council area and are on the electoral roll and would like to be considered for co-option onto the Community Council, please email [garveanddistrictcc@yahoo.com](mailto:garveanddistrictcc@yahoo.com) with your name and contact details. We note both the LCT and TG&DDC have vacancies on their boards. Please contact them directly for more information. This update has already appeared on our website.

**Police report** - Cllr Kraft understands an officer has now been appointed to liaise directly with us, further enquiries led us to finding out that PC Calum Mackay is the new Community Council liaison officer. His report covering Friday 1 July 2022 – Tuesday 23 August 2022 showed 22 incidents reported to the Police. These included abandoned vehicles, 2x silent 999 calls made from the Garve area, a warrant executed at a Garve address, various road collisions (including with Deer and wheelie bins), breakdowns and dangerous overtaking, advice given to a member of the public about a neighbour’s CCTV, vandalism on Wades Bridge, a child protection matter, theft of Diesel, neighbour disputes and a further report of vandalism.

As reported at previous Community Council meetings, anyone who wishes to raise an issue with the Police is asked to **call them directly on 101** at the time of the incident and make a witness statement.  Video, dashcam or photo evidence is also welcomed, indeed encouraged by the Police.

We have received a note from Helen Christie regarding parking in Achnasheen. As agreed at our last ordinary meeting, anyone with concerns, especially regarding obstruction should call the Police on 101 at the time with photo/video evidence.

Press reports inform us that a 53-year-old individual has admitted driving carelessly while travelling at excessive speeds on the A832 at Achanalt while overtaking a cyclist. The incident occurred at 10.10am on Saturday 30 April 2022 while they were heading west towards Achnasheen. The individual was fined £640.00 and issued with seven penalty points.

Kathy Grist as a member of public noted that on the same weekend as the incident at Wades Bridge, blue bins were being riffled through, perhaps looking for personal data. Perhaps one to watch! Our Chairman thanked Kathy for the information and suggested all personal documents should be shredded first.

**Treasurer’s report** - The Treasurer updated the meeting that the most recent bank statement she received dated Friday 24 June 2022 showed a balance of £1,134.97 but a very kind donation of £500.00 has been received so we have £1,634.97. The individual felt the Community Council did a valuable job representing the whole community and their donation was their way of “levelling up”, our thanks to them. The Treasurer is unsure if we have received our Highland Council grant yet, tbc. Community Council member Bob Moir noted that if we are moving to online banking, paper statements may have stopped automatically by the bank. The Treasurer is still to claim petrol money and as online banking is making progress but not complete yet, she will wait until the matter is resolved. A suggestion had been made at our June 2022 ordinary meeting about a **fundraising night, perhaps a quiz night.** Tonight, Community Council members felt it was still a good idea and it should take place before Garve Public Hall closes for refurbishment. Some suggested our Chairman be Quizmaster but he felt someone from out with the area would be better. Carol Smith (LCT Secretary) reminded Community Council members that there was still £580.00 set aside for them for the 2020 community ceilidh. It was proposed by Sadie-Michaela Harris and seconded by Bob Moir that the £580.00 be returned to the main LCT pot and a new application be made for this new event, unanimously agreed. Co-opted member Hamish Leslie Melville asked about the history of the Hall and the plans. Bob Moir (as a Hall Trustee) confirmed the Hall was built in 1909 and they have old pictures of the Hall which they hope to display. They will also be retaining a number of features such as the clock, the pews, wooden panels etc … but the work will mean the Hall being closed for around nine months. The Trustees want quality work with modern facilities so the building lasts another 100 years. There were no questions for the Treasurer.

**AOB from Community Council members** – Community Council Bob Moir was sorry to **report incidents** of laybys being used as toilets in Garve, Rogie Falls, Achanalt and Gorstan. It seems people have no shame these days and weren’t even hiding what they were doing.

Bob also noted [www.dreambelieveachievehighland.com](http://www.dreambelieveachievehighland.com) will be cycling through our area on Saturday 24 September 2022 travelling from the Skye to Kessock Bridges raising funds. The charity provides grants for children with disabilities and additional needs to access specialised therapies. It appears to be well organised and Garve Public Hall Trustees have agreed to them using the Hall and Toilets as a pit stop for free as their contribution to the charity.

Co-opted member Hamish Leslie Melville noted the **Venison sale** raising funds for the joint parish will be held on Saturday 19 November 2022 in Contin Village Hall.

Hamish also noted that **a road in Strathconon** has been resurfaced so well its’ as good as a racing track! Was it partly privately funded? Cllr Kraft thought not but would check the exact circumstances as she does recall the road being in a poor state before.

**AOB from members of the public** – Flora Smith wished to say how disappointed she is that the **speed survey on the A835** will not take place in the summer months. Flora feels the speed traffic is leaving Garve heading East is faster now, more than ever and is getting more difficult to exit the Farm. She also felt it was very sad that **elderly Church members** can not get assistance to get to services. Carol Smith (LCT Secretary) again reminded the meeting that the elected Directors are governed by the legal documents. Perhaps if a funding application was made for a community bus for *general* use, perhaps that may be the way around the issue? Community Council member Sadie-Michaela Harris said her partner would be happy to take anyone to the Carol Service.

Kathy Grist felt **white lines** in Stirling Drive and Matheson Road in Garve should come after the road had been resurfaced. It was pointed out by Community Council member Sadie-Michaela Harris that, as discussed at our last ordinary meeting, budgets and product supply problems are an issue. Our Chairman also noted that The Highland Council do look at traffic volumes too. Kathy informed us that **potholes** are getting filled in with cold tar and just getting stamped on, not even rolled. Cllr Kraft noted the capital plan does change as roads get worse and that the jet packer can’t be everywhere however, if residents email her photos of particular problems, she is happy to look into the matter.

**Screening reports, scoping reports and consultations** – none. All Highland Council consultations are available at <http://consult.highland.gov.uk/portal> All Scottish Government consultations are available at <https://consult.gov.scot/consultation_finder>

**Building warrants, planning issues and licensing issues** - there is one new building warrant currently being shown on The Highland Council website for our area. 22/01339/DOM4 is the conversion and alteration of existing field workshop and library to form a single dwellinghouse at Crannach, Strathgarve. This relates to planning application 22/00498/FUL.

One previous planning application has been determined by The Highland Council since our last ordinary meeting. At our February 2022 ordinary meeting we considered 22/00244/S37 which was the proposed 33kv overhead power line from the proposed Lochluichart Wind Farm Extension II to Corriemoillie Substation. A S37 “raise no objection” decision has now been taken by the Case Officer.

No new planning applications have been received by The Highland Council since our last ordinary meeting.

There are currently two planning applications awaiting determination by The Highland Council for our area.

Community Council member Sadie-Michaela Harris noted the changes to permitted development rules from the end of this month - <https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/180/planning_-_applications_warrants_and_certificates/143/planning_permission/9> and wondered, following comments made to her, if these changes might affect the Inchbae campsite. It was felt that if the campsite wished to remain, they would need planning permission as detailed in the link above.

All planning applications can be viewed at [www.highland.gov.uk/info/180/planning\_-\_applications\_warrants\_and\_certificates/143/planning\_permission/4](http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/180/planning_-_applications_warrants_and_certificates/143/planning_permission/4)

There are no new licensing issues for us to consider this evening.

**Dates of future meetings** - *(Ordinary meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of every month unless stated otherwise)*

Tuesday 4 October 2022, 7.00pm, webcam

Tuesday 1 November 2022, 7.00pm, webcam

Tuesday 6 December 2022, 7.00pm, webcam

January 2023 – no meeting

Tuesday 7 February 2023, 7.00pm, venue/webcam tbc

Tuesday 7 March 2023, 7.00pm, venue/webcam tbc

Tuesday 4 April 2023, 7.00pm, venue/webcam tbc

Tuesday 2 May 2023, 7.00pm, venue/webcam tbc

Tuesday 6 June 2023, **AGM** followed by an ordinary meeting, 7.00pm, venue/webcam tbc

As usual, our Chairman started to draw the meeting to a close by asking all present if anyone had any final questions or thoughts on anything they had heard the evening, a question he often askes throughout the meeting too. Nobody had any final questions or thoughts. Although our meetings are not public meetings, members of the public are still very welcome to attend Community Council meetings and take part in the discussions under the guidance of the Chairman (see section 12 of the Constitution). A copy of our Constitution is available in the library section of our own website and hard/electronic copies are available from the Secretary.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.  He also thanked Community Council member Sadie-Michaela Harris for hosting the webcam session.  The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

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