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

**on Tuesday 5 March 2024 on webcam**

**Community Council elected members present on webcam**: Kenny Maclean (Chairman & Secretary), Bob Moir (Vice Chairman), Caroline Gamble (Treasurer) and Sadie-Michaela Harris.

**Also present on webcam**: Cllr Liz Kraft, Tina Hartley (Community Engagement and Development Officer, TG&DDC), Peter Kane & Lewis Robertson (Kane Partnership), Seumas Skinner (Community Liaison Manager, Statkraft UK) and three members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm 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 cannot attend our meetings can, as always, write to us by post or email with any issues they wish raised at [garveanddistrictcc@yahoo.com](mailto:garveanddistrictcc@yahoo.com) Our website [www.community-council.org.uk/garveanddistrict/](http://www.community-council.org.uk/garveanddistrict/) continues to receive 150-200 visitors per month (out of a community of around 270 people). The Community Council area covers from Garve to Aultguish and from Garve to Achnasheen and is the only organisation that represents the whole community.  We are elected by the community every four years or so and usually meet once a month.  Draft minutes and a list of current members of the Community Council can be viewed at our website. We are also on social media - [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552992414355](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552992414355) which now has 93 followers, thank you for doing so.

**Declarations of Interest** – the Vice Chairman is a Garve Public Hall Trustee and a Friend of Garve War Memorial. The Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Community Council member Sadie-Michaela Harris are all members of the traffic calming group. The Chairman (who is also Secretary) declared a financial interest in the upcoming discussion around the Secretarial fee. 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 ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 30 January 2024 via webcam were proposed without 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. Minutes will be signed by our Chairman and Treasurer in due course via post.

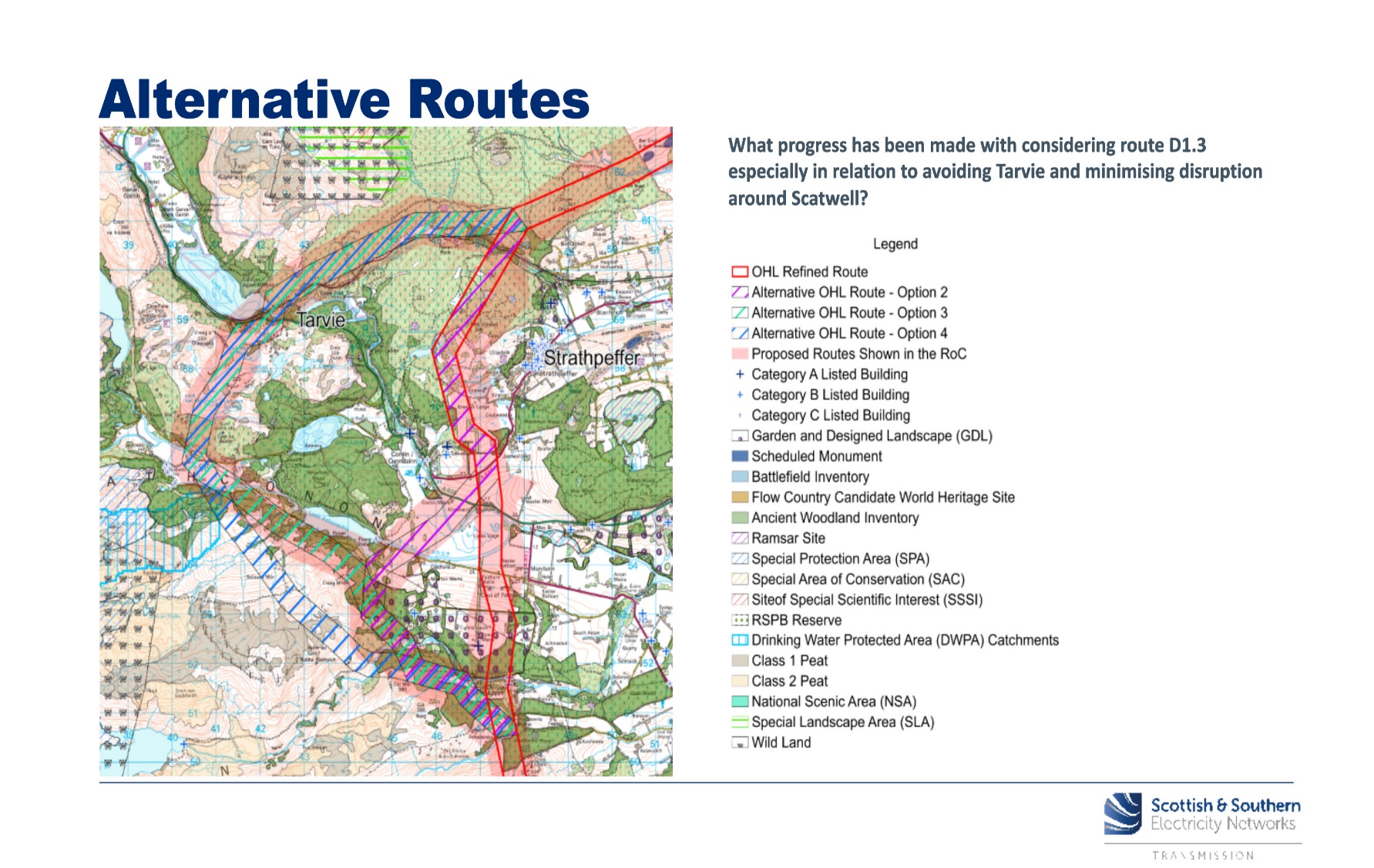
**Matters arising** – **Boralex** – <https://www.boralex.com> – no update on the project this month but Boralex do hope to be able to provide an update in the coming months.

**Kirkan Windfarm** – <http://www.kirkanwindfarm.co.uk> – no update.

**Proposed Tarvie windfarm** – <https://tarviewindfarm.com> – no update.

**Proposed SSE Fairburn extension** – <https://www.sserenewables.com/onshore-wind/in-development/fairburn-extension> – no update.

**SSEN Spittal – Beauly 400kV project** - <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/project-map/spittal--loch-buidhe--beauly-400kv-connection> - SSEN are holding further public consultations about the proposed new powerline which could be built at the eastern end of Loch Garve. More details at <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/events/?p=2&d=1>.... Please note, we did request the timings for Garve be moved to afternoon/evenings but SSEN prefer a mix of mornings, afternoons and evenings. Garve residents are welcome to attend Contin, Marybank or Strathpeffer exhibitions if those times are more suitable or they can contact SSEN directly with any questions or comments they may have. Wednesday 20 March 2024, 10am–1pm at Contin Village Hall, Wednesday 20 March 2024, 3pm–7pm at Fairburn Memorial Hall, Marybank, Thursday 21 March 2024, 10am–1pm at Garve Public Hall and Thursday 21 March 2024, 3pm–7pm at Strathpeffer Pavilion. This update has already appeared on our online channels. An online meeting called by Strathpeffer Community Council took place between Community Council representatives and SSEN on Friday 23 February 2024 which Community Council member Sadie-Michaela Harris attended. Sadie along with other Community Council members felt timings for the upcoming public exhibitions were not the best but SSEN still maintain that they want to continue to engage with key stakeholders as the project progresses. A S37 application is unlikely before the end of the year. Sadie noted around half the attendees were from SSEN, the rest from Community Councils along the proposed route. Sadie felt there was a lot of talk, but a lack of detail and explanation especially for the public who will attend the exhibitions. Undergrounding was asked again, especially as it can be done for many kms in the Alps so why not here in the Highlands? It was felt the SSEN representatives in attendance were there to deliver the project as is, rather than consider other options. Notes of the meeting are in the library section of our website. Cllr Kraft noted undergrounding of the Skye to Beauly line is happening following a planning decision on that project. Sadie felt a diagram explaining why undergrounding is not possible would be helpful and has already requested SSEN to provide one. Is capacity an issue? The Vice Chairman noted cables are buried at sea (transatlantic) as well as underground so what is the real issue here? Yesterday, SSEN called their own meeting with Community Councils for this Thursday afternoon. We hope to be able to attend though it is short notice! *(Post meeting note – Bob, Kenny & Sadie did attend but were left with more questions than answers. Only 6 or 7 of the 24 Community Councils along the proposed route attended, perhaps a sign of how short the notice was).*



**SSEN underground cable** from the Western Isles to Beauly – Lisa Marchi has been in touch to say they had planned public exhibitions in March 2024 but they have decided it would be far too early as construction is not programmed to start until January 2026 however, they do plan undertaking some Ground Investigation (GI) work starting towards the end of March 2024 - early April 2024 for approximately 10 weeks, tbc. We thank Lisa for her update. Our understanding is that the underground cable will run down beside the A835 before cutting through The Avenue, Killin Farm and then onto Beauly. Cllr Kraft does not believe planning permission is required but hopes SSEN will engage with local communities throughout the project. **In slightly related news**, the local MP recently had a very informative meeting with National Grid regarding their planning cycle for the nation's electricity transmission network. A briefing note to share with his constituents is now available in the library section of our website.

We have been made aware of the proposed **Creachan Windfarm** which is outside of our area to the north.

**Proposed Carn Fearna windfarm** – <https://projects.statkraft.co.uk/Carn-Fearna/> The proposed Carn Fearna windfarm is proposed for an area of land 1.5km east of Garve. It is proposed that the windfarm will

consist of up to 11 turbines with a maximum height of 200m and potential generation capacity of

72.6MW. An initial public exhibition took place last year, with plans for a further round this spring. We were updated at this meeting that Statkraft wanted to produce a straightforward yet detailed report. 59 people signed in at the exhibitions though it is acknowledged more attended but did not sign in, it was not mandatory. Contin attracted a large crowd, perhaps Garve people also attending. Concerns about SSEN projects were raised but this is not something Statkraft can deal with, please contact SSEN directly. Of the 1,700 freepost reply cards posted to homes and available at consultation events, 105 reply cards were completed, either by post, completed in person at the exhibitions or completed online which Statkraft felt was a good response when compared to other projects. Of those 105 individuals, 61% (63 respondents) agreed more renewable energy was required. 30% (32 respondents) agreed that this should take the form of onshore wind, with 19% (20 respondents) agreeing that the proposed site was a suitable location for a wind farm. Visual impact was a major concern for those attending the exhibitions along with renewable energy in general, community benefit/ownership and pylons which in this case will be put up to the Corriemoillie Substation rather than via Rogie. A full report is available on the Statkraft website. The next round of public exhibitions will highlight any design changes as they are not at “Design Chill” stage yet. Several additional viewpoints and noise receptors are also being considered following feedback. Community Council members thanked Peter, Lewis and Seumas for attending and for their regular updates. It is good to be getting feedback so early on in a project and we hope evenings for the public exhibitions are being considered (noted). It was also confirmed that regarding community benefit/ownership, several options could be considered but Statkraft also do not want to be making promises too early in the process, especially before planning permission is granted. Our Chairman also noted that with Boralex, even when planning permission has been granted, nothing is set in stone.

**The Highland Council updates** – [www.highland.gov.uk](http://www.highland.gov.uk) – **the budget** for 2024/25 was passed by full council on Thursday 29 February 2024, Council Tax has been frozen - <https://www.highland.gov.uk/budget>

As first reported at our April 2023 ordinary meeting, there are to be **changes to bin collections** in our area. More details available at <https://www.highland.gov.uk/news/article/15935/improvements_to_waste_and_recycling_collections_across_highland_%E2%80%93_starting_in_ross_and_cromarty> This update has already appeared on our online channels.

**Strathgarve Primary School** – an initial informal meeting between council officials and parents took place recently. We have been advised that the meeting was useful for both sides and one where the parents made very constructive comments.  All the parents were present except for one family, who sent in a letter instead. The parents were unanimous in opposing mothballing or closure. Council officials discussed the situation with the building, and advised there was little chance of investment in the school building in the short to medium term, due to other pressures. The parents advised that they would rather continue with the current building situation than lose the school altogether. They highlighted the long travel times from parts of the school catchment area and had significant concerns about the reliability of transport in bad weather, or if the road was blocked by accidents etc… Council officials have also confirmed there is an additional issue at Strathgarve with the low school roll, currently eight pupils in total and unlikely to rise. Council officials will now need to carefully consider the views the parents had expressed. We note the **Community Council logo project** is in hand. In related news, **Kinlochewe Primary School** (whose catchment area includes Achnasheen) – council officials contacted local parents in Kinlochewe before Christmas as the school has been “mothballed” since the summer of 2022, to try and ascertain their views on the future of the school.  It was suggested postponing the review of the school’s future for another 6 months, on the basis that there were houses for sale in the Kinlochewe/Torridon area, that might lead to more families moving in.  Council officials agreed but will revisit the matter in the late summer. It should perhaps be noted that there are disadvantages about leaving a school “mothballed” for an extended period, as empty buildings can deteriorate. We welcome these updates and are pleased parents are being contacted directly at both schools. **In the case of both schools**, neither can be closed before a formal public consultation has been carried out. Community Council member Sadie-Michaela Harris noted <https://www.highland.gov.uk/news/article/15905/primary_strategic_network_in_education> and wondered what it would bring to local schools? Cllr Kraft felt it would bring staff closer together by being able to learn and support one another, just like all being in the same building. Concern was raised at this meeting about the possible future of both schools. If Kinlochewe were to close, Achnasheen children would be nearer to Strathgarve but would Strathgarve still be there? Travel/distance, especially for the youngest was raised. Mothballing costs money but how long do you wait to see if the building is ever going to be needed again? Cllr Kraft thinks there may be limits, so called “red lines” about travel for youngsters, she has already asked but has not received a reply. Cllr Kraft also noted repopulation is a hot topic just now but no schools may not encourage families to move into an area. Some teachers feel isolated in small communities with low school roll so attracting staff could be an issue too. Our Chairman visited Kinlochewe Primary School recently and felt the building was in a very poor state of repair and no furniture in the classrooms. Play equipment outside is rusting, hardly a good sign of the “mothballing,” it reminded him of Achnasheen Primary School and how it was mothballed, then closed. Is history repeating itself he asked? Is there asbestos in these buildings? Cllr Kraft will ask as that would also be a factor. We await developments.

**Replanting Trees in The Avenue** – awaiting a contractor to be appointed.

**Wooden sign for core path** in Garve has been repaired, thanks to all. The sign has been attached to **Wooden fencing** which has been in disrepair for some time. Cllr Kraft is unsure if we will have Seasonal Access Rangers going forward but will keep us updated as NatureScot will no longer part fund them. Would the proposed **Visitor Levy** fund them? Cllr Kraft’s understanding is that the Scottish Government are still to pass all the legislation required before The Highland Council can implement such a scheme so perhaps two years away and The Highland Council would need to draw up a Highland wide Tourism Strategy first but a **voluntary campervan levy** could be implemented now which would raise funds following discussions at Thursday’s Highland Council meeting. It is thought responsible campervan owners would want to take part in the £40 per year scheme and they would receive a sticker to display on their campervan. A Traffic Order has also been made so they are prohibited from camping in cemetery car parks, this will be enforced.

There are **two large potholes** near the school on the road leading up to Blackwater Bridge. The Treasurer has reported both FS-Case-588367157 on Tuesday 20 February 2024, our thanks to her. Community Council member Sadie-Michaela Harris noted further issues over at Strathgarve w/c Monday 19 February 2024 where temporary cold tar fillings have already started to wash out. Cllr Kraft has been made aware. Cllr Kraft confirmed the hotbox in is the ward this week and we note trials of a new thermal pothole repair kit - <https://www.highland.gov.uk/news/article/15938/chair_confirms_dates_for_thermal_trial>

**Wyvis Natural Playpark sign, nearest toilet signs** **and hedge cut back** are all still outstanding. Cllr Kraft continues to make enquiries. It has also been noted that there has been no progress on the **Garve biosphere gateway sign**, but the Development Company will revisit this once the GD CORe land development has taken place.

**Achnasheen Village Hall and Public Toilets** – 89/178 of surveys sent out by The Highland Council were returned. 82% of respondents indicated they had attended events or functions within the hall but when asked if they would use the hall in the future, 64 out of the 89 participants answered no. Towards the end of the survey respondents were asked if they felt the hall was an important part of the community and 71% (59) answered no with 28% (23) stating yes. There was no mention of the Post Office service in the survey but strong support for retaining public toilet facilities. The full report can be viewed at <https://garve.org/aaa-survey-feb23> **In related news**, we have been advised 21 people attended the Christmas party in Achnasheen, thanks to Kathy Grist for the update. The Post Office service was closed again today but we understand it is hoping to return next week. Cllr Kraft understands Highland Council officials will/have met with Hall Committee but acknowledge a Community Asset Transfer will not be possible following the survey results. The focus now is the future of the public toilets and several options are under consideration including liaising with local businesses (via Comfort Scheme where The Highland Council gives the business a fixed payment for their toilets to be made available to the public) or a new block of toilets possibly paid for by the selling of the building. Skye Councillors have, in the past, raised concern about the toilets being closed. Concern has been raised via our Chairman that Achnasheen needs public toilets going forward which he agrees. The Highland Council do not have to provide toilets (no statutory duty) so could windfarm money be used for the running of toilets? In theory yes but there could be additional costs such as vandalism, staff wages if you cannot get volunteers, frozen and blocked pipes, tap to pay etc … but lorry drivers, emergency services, delivery drivers would all be grateful for the service. Also, see

<https://www.beatricewind.com/post/partnership-fund-bows-out-with-final-round-of-funding-worth-more-than-646k>

The Highland Council notes that **residents should report issues 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 appreciates photos showing the actual problem.

**A835 Trunk Road issues - Killin Farm railway crossing improvements and barriers east of Garve** – we note works begun on Monday 12 February 2024 east of the crossing with works planned in two phases, this first phase due to last 12 weeks, ending around Friday 3 May 2024.

We also note the damage to the **crash barrier at the “Check Rail Corner”** which the MSP has raised, awaiting a reply from both Network Rail and Transport Scotland. Concern was raised regarding those jumping the red lights. Dashcam footage shared on social media has, we understand, been passed onto the police.

**Retaining wall** between Hazelbrae and Garve Hotel – the BEAR inspection team will attend the site and record any defects found regarding the stone wall, our thanks to them and our Treasurer for the updates. The Treasurer did not think flooding made the matter any better.

The **damaged crash barrier** **at the Gorstan Junction** has been repaired, our thanks to all. Cllr Kraft was disappointed a reply received by the MSP about upgrading the junction did not carry much hope. How many deaths or serious injuries does there need to be? Our Chairman worried “life changing injuries” is a phrase thrown about. Do people really stop to think what it really means?

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

**A local traffic calming meeting** is due to be held later this week. Our Chairman has already asked those in the group if there are any issues he can investigate beforehand, to help move things along, no responses received. He also noted no issues raised online in around a year - <https://garve.org/traffic-calming-may22> *(Post meeting note – concern remains about the speed of traffic. Enquiries will be made by our Chairman to see what the speed zone criteria is these days and what measures we can take ourselves).*

**Local and area place plans** – our Chairman attended a Biosphere workshop in Torridon on Thursday 22 February 2024. The Biosphere group would like the area place plan to focus on the natural and cultural heritage of the Biosphere area.  They would like to understand further the role of heritage in shaping sustainable rural communities by understanding what the people who live and work in the area envision for the future.  When asked, at the workshop, it was noted that a local place plan and an area place plan are different, a local place plan would only be a material consideration in the planning process whereas an area place plan will form part of the new Highland Wide Development Plan which is beginning to be drawn up - <https://www.highland.gov.uk/news/article/15894/committee_updated_on_new_highland_local_development_plan> The Biosphere group hope to have a first draft of their area place plan available for public consultation by June 2024 and a final version by October 2024.  Our Chairman felt next steps were key, it is too early to say too much at this stage but it was acknowledged that other workshops had identified similar trends, issues and concerns. At this meeting, there still appeared to be confusion over the two plans and how much weight they carry in the planning process. Cllr Kraft felt a local place plan should feed into the area place plan as people and places are at the heart of any community - <https://www.transformingplanning.scot/media/1208/place-placemaking.pdf> and <https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/178/development_plans/1043/local_place_plans> *(thanks to Sadie for the links).* Contin/Strathpeffer/Dingwall might join their plans up, tbc. Gairloch Community Council has received funding to help them draw their local place plan up but does it also cover a wider area? Our Chairman was all for public consultation but it must be meaningful and repeated the explanation given at the Biosphere workshop as above and as reported at our last ordinary meeting. Access to mapping was again raised, perhaps a member of the Development Company might have to join the Community Council as an associate member? Perhaps a joint meeting of the three organisations is needed once further clarification is sought? Tina Hartley (Community Engagement and Development Officer, TG&DDC) confirmed the Development Company had met with Planning Aid Scotland and Highland Council planning but doubted if Planning Aid consultants now had the capacity to help. Tina has been on holiday so does not know Heather’s feedback from the Ullapool Biosphere workshop. Our Chairman will make further enquiries. *(Post meeting note – our Chairman has spoken to Highland Council officials who were very helpful, a Local Place Plan does carry weight so work has begun to draw one up, our thanks to Tina for her help on this).*

**Proposals for a National Park** that includes Ben Wyvis have been dropped due to the number of concerns raised following public exhibitions held recently. The proposed Wester Ross & Lochalsh National Park has also been dropped - <https://wrb.scot/resources/national-park-consultation-2023> and the proposals for Skye & Rassay and Affric & Loch Ness have also been dropped.

**GD CORe land** – we note from the Development Company December 2023 board minutes that they have applied to the LCT in support of continuing costs for the GD CORe land, including fencing, legal fees, grass cutting, council tax, building maintenance and insurance. 2023/24 grant: £10,000, remaining: £767.54. <https://garve.org/community-ownership-nov23> Our Chairman asked Tina Hartley (Community Engagement and Development Officer, TG&DDC) for a general update on where things stand. Tina confirmed that they were awaiting Garve Public Hall opening as they wished to link the Garve engagement event into the next coffee morning to be held there.  Following this, they will gather all feedback to date and present the results to the community. Tina also confirmed that joining up with a coffee morning increased footfall and that the Events group are due to meet shortly so an exact date should be known after that.

**Garve mains water** – a few days after our last ordinary meeting, we received reports of further bursts in Garve which were quickly resolved. We have asked for an update when exactly the works to replace pipes will start?  Concern has also been raised about possible damage to homeowners’ boilers when water pressure drops.  One resident has received the following message from Scottish Water ... *"Apologies it has taken so long - if there is any damages incurred to your boiler or anything due to the pressure faults then please retain receipts and get back in touch as you may be entitled to a claim."*  Perhaps such possible additional expenses to Scottish Water is yet another reason why this project needs to press on as soon as possible. Our Chairman has sent two emails and made two phone calls to try to get an update for this meeting, no responses. We therefore await an update. The Vice Chairman noted pressure coming back on can also be an issue if you are in the shower at the time, someone was nearly scolded recently.

**Garve Public Hall** is now open, see their new website for details - <https://www.garvepublichall.com/> where we are told *“Garve Public Hall Trustees were thrilled to open the hall’s doors once again to the community on Saturday 10 February 2024 following the recent renovations. The day was well attended, and excellent feedback received. Garve Public Hall has sat at the heart of its community for over 100 years, historically supporting residents of Garve and the surrounding area.  Following community consultation, renovation of the hall has been a priority since 2016, with the project being clearly identified in the area’s Community Development Plan. The hall has undergone a major transformation whilst maintaining the traditional character of this historic building - old and new coming together.”* The Treasurer asked if the extended car park was in use? Yes when Hall in use, fencing and gates under consideration so stop campervans or hill walkers using it out with Hall use times.

**A joint Community Council meeting** was held on Wednesday 28 February 2024 covering the future of the mobile library service (a business case is to go before The Highland Council), roads and various other matters. It was noted that it was an interesting, well attended meeting with good engagement by all. Cllr Kraft also attended whose input was appreciated. *(Post meeting note – the notes of the meeting are now available in the library section of our website).*

**Trees on telephone lines** have been reported and attended to. We also note the digital landline switchover file and where your rubbish journey goes are all in the library section of our website, both worth a read!

We have been made aware **of a path** that has been washed away following recent storms in Little Garve. Forestry & Land Scotland are aware of the issue and repairs are in hand. More details at <https://forestryandland.gov.scot/visit/little-garve>

**Garve & District War Memorial** - this year is the 100th anniversary of the Garve & District War Memorial and the volunteers who look after it are looking for any ex-service personnel who live in the Community Council area that would like to take part in the celebration on Saturday 26 October 2024. Anyone interested, just email [garvewarmemorial@gmail.com](mailto:garvewarmemorial@gmail.com) This update has already appeared on our online channels.

**Police report** - no formal report received but as reported at previous Community Council meetings, anyone who wishes to raise an issue with the police are 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. The police can also be contacted on [www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/](http://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/) **Press reports** inform us a 38-year-old man who claimed to police he had smashed and overturned his car near Achnasheen after he swerved to avoid a deer last February (2023), was in fact over the drink drive limit. He was 118mcgs when breathalysed at the scene, the limit is 50mcgs. The individual was fined £320 and banned from driving for a year.

**Treasurer’s report** – the Treasurer reported our total bank balance is £2,147.96. The breakdown is as follows … Treasurers account was £200.11 -£30.00 petrol and public liability insurance of £97.20 (was £86.00) = £72.91. Reserve £1,613.45. Wreath fund (in memory of Eliza) £461.60. It was agreed that The Treasurer approach our Auditor to see if she is willing to audit for us once again as year-end is 31 March. Following discussion via email that excluded our Chairman at his own request, it was proposed by Caroline Gamble, seconded by Bob Moir that the Secretary fee be reduced by 50% to £175.00 as our Chairman is already doing half the Secretary work as our Chairman, agreed although it was also noted that Community Council members would like to have given more to our Chairman if funds had allowed. Our Chairman abstained from this vote. There were no questions for the Treasurer but suggestions for a fundraiser were requested, perhaps a ceilidh or a bingo night?

**AOB from Community Council members** – Our Chairman noted the recent figures from The Office of Rail & Road <https://dataportal.orr.gov.uk/station-usage> showing our **railway stations** are, in most cases, back to pre-pandemic levels of use with 3,302 passengers using Achnasheen in 2022/23, 282 passengers using Achanalt, 182 passengers using Lochluichart and 3,290 passengers using Garve. Our Chairman thought the numbers were all very interesting when thinking about a community bus. *(Post meeting note – a update on the proposed community bus is now available at* [*https://garve.org/march-24-update*](https://garve.org/march-24-update)*)*

**AOB from members of the public** - no issues raised by those present. Those who cannot attend our meetings can, as always, write to us by post or email with any issues they wish raised at [garveanddistrictcc@yahoo.com](mailto:garveanddistrictcc@yahoo.com)

**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** - **two new planning applications** havebeen received by The Highland Council since our last ordinary meeting. **23/05905/FUL** is a proposed battery energy storage facility comprising a compound of battery and electrical equipment, access track, landscaping and ancillary works on land 705M NW Of Grudie Cottage, Grudie Bridge. We have advertised this planning application through our online channels. In other to meet tomorrow’s deadline for comments, Community Council members have already considered this application and have raised no objections.

**23/05955/FUL** is the formation of a hardstanding (in retrospect) on land 70M SE of The Summerhouse, Inchbae. We have advertised this planning application through our online channels and let neighbouring properties who we have email addresses for aware. Community Council members raised no objections but did note retrospective applications are concerning, why wasn’t proper homework not done to start with?

A possible planning breach can be reported at <https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/180/planning_-_applications_warrants_and_certificates/170/planning_enforcement/2>

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 were no new licensing issues** for us to consider this evening though we do note an application for a short term lets licence for the Gillies Rest in Achnasheen which was advertised on the premises.

**Dates of future meetings** – 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 this evening, a question he often asks 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 on request. Those who cannot attend our meetings can, as always, write to us by post or email with any issues they wish raised at [garveanddistrictcc@yahoo.com](mailto:garveanddistrictcc@yahoo.com)

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 9.40pm.

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