

## GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 1997

Present: Uisdean Menzies (chairman), John Bedwell (vice chairman), Lady Eliza Leslie Melville (treasurer) Mrs Einir Hughes Winship (secretary), Miss Sheree Grant, Mrs Pat Campbell, Mrs Marian MacKenzie, Mrs Dena Ross, Mrs Pam Morrison, Mr Alec Mackenzie, Mr Brian Denoon, Mr Andrew Allan, and 10 members of the public.

Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and correct, proposed by Lady Eliza Leslie Melville and seconded by Mrs Marian MacKenzie.

### Matters Arising:

Blowbacks - three houses in Matheson Road still haven't been fitted with the new closed in fires. It is hoped the job will be done before Christmas.

Little Garve Bridge - it was agreed that the agreement between the Community Council and Forest Enterprise should be signed.

Unofficial car park on A835 - John Bedwell has a meeting arranged with Mr Brian Guthrie from the Scottish office. Mr Bedwell also hopes to point out to Mr Guthrie that "gateway" entrances to Garve plus "concealed entrance" signs would be a good idea, and might slow traffic down more.

TV - digital tv is coming and it is understood that everyone should then be able to get a good picture on their tv - without extra charges.

BT - letters have been received by everyone today giving information about available services - which nobody knew we could get! We still don't have the 1471 information on the number of the last caller, but this is hoped to be in place by June 1998.

Senior Citizens' Party - invitations are now out and all arrangements in hand. It takes place on Thursday 18th at Aultguish Inn. Raffle prizes are requested - please give to Uisdean Menzies.

Moles - appear to have been dealt with.

Grants - with grants from Highland Council many thousands of spring bulbs have been planted around the village, while shrub planting is going ahead. Roses have been donated by a number of generous people in the village, these have been planted where the bed of annuals were this summer.

It is not planned to apply for more environmental grants at the moment, however it is still intended to find someone who will look for grants.

Roads - Eddie Smith mentioned again the lack of a layby opposite Killin Farm entrance since the new road was made, which makes it very difficult indeed for large lorries turning into the farm. Contact Mr Robins of the Roads and Transport department.

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John Bedwell plans to speak to Mr Guthrie too about this, and mention the dangers of speeding traffic around the bends at Lochluichart. Lady Eliza is very concerned about this, and not least because school children have to cross the road for the school bus. A speed limit would possibly help.

Newsletter - RACE have agreed in principle to fund the startup, ie the first issue costs, but a business plan must be drawn up. A sub-committee will be formed - all those interested to put their names forward to the Secretary at the end of the meeting.

Playparks - Garve play equipment was originally bought for Achanalt! So it is somewhat antiquated, and unsafe - the roundabout was condemned by the Council two years ago. All there is in the way of equipment - slide, swings, rocking horse and roundabout. A general discussion took place about how to fund renewal/repairs as this will cost a lot of money. In the playpark by the school it would be necessary first to get rid of stones, level the ground, sow grass seed etc etc, not to mention making the fencing higher. Anyone with any ideas on raising funds, getting grants, please share your suggestions. Pam Morrison mentioned she may be able to find out something.

Aquadome - an excellent outing and a good time was had by all. Thanks especially to Lorenza who deal with all the payments etc on the day.

Parents' Association - Uisdean suggests cooperation and assistance, especially to get the 100 Club (70 Club) up and running well again. Youth club money is not available until new signatories are appointed for the cheque book. Brian Denoon said there is to be a PA meeting next week, funds are low, and he will discuss Uisdean's offer at the meeting. It was asked whether the Achnasheen parents would join in too.

Rabbits - coming from the hotel and becoming a nuisance. Probably writing to David Urquhart Travel, new owner, would be the best thing - if somebody can find an address.

#### Any Other Business:

Toilets - Protective Services have agreed that toilets at Achnasheen are not now going to close but will remain open during the winter. Garve Hall toilets will reopen, thanks to the Hall Committee.

Laybys - especially along the A832 Garve-Achnasheen are becoming full of rubbish which is not uplifted, fly tipping also seems to be taking place. Contact Protective Services.

Tree stump - at Garve School turning area - Highland Council cut the tree down but did not remove the stump - request they do so.

School parking area - far too small, it should be improved/enlarged.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm. Next meeting on Tuesday 3rd February 1998