

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th April 1998

Present: Mr Uisdean Menzies, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Mrs Einir Hughes Winship
Miss Sheree Grant, Mrs Dena Ross, Mr Andrew Allan, Mr Brian Denoon and
six members of the public.

Apologies: Mrs Pat Campbell, Mr Alex Mackenzie, Mr John Bedwell, Mrs Pam Morrison,
Mrs Marianne Mackenzie.

The meeting was opened by chairman Uisdean Menzies at 8.05pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and approval was proposed by Lady Eliza and seconded by Brian Denoon.

Matheson Road - all houses have now received the enclosed fires, so there should be no further blowback/smoke problems.

Little Garve Bridge - A letter has been received from David Jardine, Forest Enterprise. He is awaiting news of grants to get started.

Unofficial car park A835 - As yet no meeting with representatives from the Scottish Office.

Roads - no progress as yet. Andrew Allan suggested we ask for speed limit at Inchbae.

Rabbits - no word in reply to our letter to Mr David Urquhart. Rabbits still straying from the hotel to the village.

Strathgarve School - parking - contact council, possibly Recreation and Leisure? Treestumps there. Also dangerous trees along the avenue. Whose are they? Uisdean to speak to David Jardine to query if they belong to the Forestry Commission.

Speeding continues through Garve village. Lady Eliza will speak to the police.

Playparks - a lot of discussion, but no further forward. Grants not available due to lease problems for the one beside the school. Leaflets have gone out to every household asking for assistance, not a lot of response. Andrew Allan said the council should deal with playparks, however Uisdean says council has no money.

Jane MacLennan said the school does not want the playpark, would prefer to use the ground for sports. Council do currently upkeep and perform safety checks.
Lorenza Macrae, if the swings were moved from the school playpark to the council playpark by the station, who would maintain?

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The roundabout was condemned and chained quite some time again - Eddie Smith pointed out this was cheaper than removing it. Lorenza said the rent for the playpark was paid by the Parents Association, and some time ago, Barbara Syrjanen was being paid, by the council to clean up, however she was paid off and allegedly somebody from Gairloch was to do the job. However, Mrs Syrjanen has not kept any wage slips, so there is no paperwork to prove she was employed in that job.

Secretary to write to Councillor Roy MacIntyre and ask his advice.

Betty Macleod, Schoolhouse, said there are dangerous trees, beech, on the edge of the playpark. Should we ask for a safety review? Secretary to write to the council for a safety report on the playpark beside Garve School.

Any Other Business.

Eddie Smith, Killin Farm, complained about the flooding of his land. The Garve flood protection scheme was supposed to prevent flooding, but it is not working and not safeguarding his livestock. He suggests that the Forestry Commission, the railway - regarding the bridge, and the Hydro Board may all share the blame.

Mrs Dena Ross raised the question of repainting the outside of the Community Centre at Achnasheen. She said that over two year there have been promises, but nothing has been done.

Also, the site of the burned down Achnasheen Hotel, a favourite playing area of local children, is dangerous. It is understood that Estelle Abraham still owns the site, so the secretary is to write to her and request a clean up.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be on Tuesday 2nd June, at Achnasheen Community Centre.