

# GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on Tuesday 6th October 1998

Present: Community Councillors - Uisdean Menzies (chairman); Lady Eliza Leslie Melville (treasurer); Eimir Hughes Winship (secretary); Andrew Allan, Pat Campbell, Sheree Grant, Marianne Mackenzie, Pam Morrison, Dena Ross; and 16 members of the public.

Apologies: Brian Denoon, John Bedwell, Alec Mackenzie. Mr and Mrs O. MacIennan, Lorenza Macrae, Julie Allan.

The secretary apologised that there were only enough copies of handwritten minutes for the Community Councillors, the printer was giving problems.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Approval for the minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 1998 were proposed by Andrew Allan and seconded by Lady Eliza.

Matters Arising: Speeding: Lady Eliza has had a meeting with the Roads Department regarding speeding through Lochluichart, and it has been agreed that "Please Drive Carefully" signs will be placed at Mossford and Luichart Woollens. The police will continue to patrol the length of the A832 between Achnasheen and Garve.

Achnasheen: Michael Tierney had a meeting with Sam McNaughton, Assistant Director, Roads, who would be glad to see a 30mph limit through Achnasheen. The street lighting is such that this could be put in place. However, to have any chance of getting this, ALL residents and interested people should write to him to say that this is imperative: Sam McNaughton/Bill Robins, Regional Roads, County Buildings, Dingwall.

Finance: The Community Council account stands at £1133, while the Senior Citizens' account stands at £988.

Achnasheen Station: Uisdean Menzies read out a letter from Gordon Brown, Highland Council and a copy letter from Railtrack to him. The Community Council will write to Railtrack regarding a number of complaints about the railway.

Regarding the old Achnasheen Hotel site, Tommy Ross indicated that Mrs Abraham would be quite happy for Highland Council to landscape and then grass over the site.

Playparks: It has been noted that someone has been measuring up on both sites in Garve. No further news regarding a possible site for Achnasheen at present.

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Grass cutting: Achnasheen - many complaints that the grass, after being cut, has not been lifted. The previous grass cutters did do this, but the current contractors are failing. Mrs Dena Ross has had a meeting with Gordon Brown, and the grass is now to be lifted. Mrs Lyn Comrie pointed out that the "old" grass cutters (direct labour organisation?) just got on with the job.

Any Other Business:

Water - Achnasheen water supply is said to be quite disgusting after heavy rainfall. It is understood that chlorine is added to the supply, as is required, but it would seem that the amount is excessive. Mrs Pat Macdonald complained of the milky look of the water, and a slight bleach flavour. Perhaps the amounts of chlorine are not being measured correctly? The Community Council will contact NOSWA. The water should be tested after the system has been fully flushed, and not before.

Children's Outing - Andrew Allan is keen to organise this, and has made enquiries as to the cost of taking children to Landmark at Carrbridge. The Community Council will chip in up to £250 for this, so only a suitable date has to be arranged.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm with Uisdean Menzies thanking everyone for attending.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st December in Garve Village Hall at 8pm, when Councillor Douglas Briggs, who intends to stand as an Independent for the new Scottish Parliament, will come along and say a few words and answer questions.