

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th April 1999

Present: Uisdean Menzies, Eimir Hughes Winship, Sheree Grant, Brian Denoon, Dena Ross, Alec Mackenzie, Andrew Allan, Marianne Mackenzie, and seven members of the public.

Apologies: Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Pam Morrison, Pat Campbell, John Bedwell.

Minutes of the last meeting, held on Tuesday 2nd February 1999 at Achnasheen were taken as read and approval was proposed by Dena Ross and seconded by Alec Mackenzie.

Matters Arising:

Speeding - Countdown markers for the 40mph speed limit are now in place at the east side of Garve.

Achnasheen now has a speed limit of 40mph through the village.

Achnasheen Community Hall - still no progress regarding the repair/refurbishment of the exterior.

Playparks - Brian Denoon and Jane MacLennan head the committee for Garve, and Brian told the meeting what progress there has been to date.

It would appear than there is little enthusiasm for creating a playpark in Achnasheen, a meeting there was poorly attended. Steve Plowman has suggested he erect a swing in his backyard where local children would be able to play.

Before any grants can be sought, Garve must begin fundraising for the new playpark. The next step will be to contact the three main suppliers of playground equipment, so suggestions of what equipment is required are needed. New regulations have to be considered. A general discussion took place regarding the old equipment. A number of parents are unhappy with it, as it does not meet current safety standards, and it was agreed that new equipment is wanted for the new playpark. Fencing has to be included in the projected costs.

Water - no improvement in Achnasheen water, and the Garve Water Treatment Works are still no further forward. NOSWA to be contacted again.

Any Other Business:

The print run for the current Newsletter was increased as there seems to be a considerable demand for News and Views from a wide area.

Fencing, Matheson Road - this has not been done as yet, although there is a new parking facility, and houses have been painted.

Railway - Dena Ross informed the meeting that the railway bridge at Achnasheen has been painted purple - surely not a suitable colour for a rural station.

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Laybys - complaints have been made about the state of laybys between Gorstan and Achnasheen. Protective Services to be requested to clear and remove rubbish regularly. The Lochluichart Estate owned layby east of the Lodge is to be closed off to prevent dumping, and staff on the Estate are busy cleaning up.

Children's Outing - this is to Landmark on Saturday 10th April. A discussion took place, and it is hoped the Community Council may be able to pay for lunches as well as the bus.

Garve Village Speeding - Lorenza Macrae brought up the fears of parents at the speed of traffic along Matheson Road. Even 30mph is too fast for an area where many children play.

Small Communities Housing Trust - it was agreed that the Community Council will join.

Partnership - very few households had received the questionnaire/survey. Chairman will ask Councillor Roy MacIntyre about it.

Date of next meeting - will be Tuesday 1st June at Achnasheen.

Councillor Norman Cameron is retiring, and after the 6th May election Councillor Roy MacIntyre will no longer deal with this ward. Garve will be included in the Lochcarron ward with Achnasheen, so our area will have only one Highland Councillor.

It is planned to invite all three councillors to the next meeting, and make a small presentation to both Norman Cameron and Roy MacIntyre as outgoing councillors.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.