

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 2 February 1999

Present: Community Councillors – Uisdean Menzies, John Bedwell, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Pat Campbell, Alex Mackenzie, Dena Ross, Marianne Mackenzie, Sheree Grant. 10 Members of the Public.

Apologies: Pam Morrison, Andrew Allan, Einir Hughes Winship

Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Lady Eliza Leslie Melville and seconded by Pat Campbell.

Matters Arising:

Garve Speed Limit – Roy McIntyre is seeking approval for count down marker signs approaching the village. He has clarified that any changes to the lay-by at Killen Farm would have to be sought through the Scottish Office.

Achnasheen Speed Limits are now 30 miles through the village.

Grass Cutting – following a meeting with council staff and John Bedwell all areas of grass to be cut by Mitchell and Struthers have been agreed and the area with Uisdean will cut have been agreed.

Senior Citizens Evening – this was a great success and the chairman thanked everyone who helped in any way. Also a note so thanks was placed in the news and views.

Achnasheen Community Hall – Still no news with regards to the painting – Norman Cameron to be contacted to find out what's happening.

Playparks – Following a meeting with Jonathan Warde of Culture and Leisure Services it has been agreed that Housing Services have no objections to the existing park being moved to the football pitch in Matheson Road. Highland Council have carried out a safety audit of equipment in the playpark in Garve and say that although the equipment is not up to modern day standards, it is legal, and the condemned equipment (roundabout) which was chained up has now been repaired and made safe. Jonathan Warde added that if the parents requested it then any equipment they considered to be unsafe would be removed by the Council.

Achnasheen Playpark – exact area of land has to be agreed and documented.

Jonathan Warde has agreed to help with layout and design of parks. John Bedwell is to contact Garve PTA and Dena Ross the Achnasheen PTA to seek v from these groups to form a committee in order for this project to go ahead. There will also be an item in the next newsletter with regards to this project.

Water – Achnasheen water is slightly better, still a smell of chlorine, a letter was received from NOSWA with regard to why chlorine is used in water supplies, NOSWA maintain that the water is safe to drink. If anyone wishes to claim for damage to laundry NOSWA say there claim will be dealt with promptly. Conon Bridge Community Council is holding a public meeting on 1 March with NOSWA to discuss water problems in the Highlands and would be pleased to receive any evidence of water problems before this date.

Loch Garve Flooding – No further news.

Road Gritting – there was a long discussion with regards to gritting problems particularly on the Garve to Achnasheen route – a letter from roads and transport explained the gritting system. It was agreed that this was an ongoing winter problem with no solution apart from members of the public continuing to complain.

Civic Awards – Members were asked for suggestions for this years civic awards – several were put forward. Results of these will awards will be announced by date of next meeting.

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It was agreed that more newsletters would be printed due to a greater demand.

Fencing Matheson Road – Pat Campbell brought up the problem of broken fencing behind the houses in Matheson Road, she has written to the council on several occasions and has not received any satisfaction. Pat has agreed to write on behalf of the Community Council, she will also bring up the subject of extra parking spaces and footpaths.

Next Meeting 6 April 1999