

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Achnasheen on 4th April 2000

Present: Mr D. Winship, Mr B. Denoon, Lady E. Leslie Melville, Mrs E Hughes Winship, Mrs D Ross, Miss S. Grant, Ms M. Mackenzie, Mr E. Mackinnon, and 6 members of the public.

1. Chairman, Mr Doug Winship, opened the meeting at 8pm.
2. Apologies: Mrs P. Campbell, Mr G. Gamble.
3. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Mrs D. Ross, seconded by Mr B. Denoon.

4. Matters Arising:
It was noted that the interior of Achnasheen Hall has been beautifully painted, but that the exterior is still in need of renovation.

Flooding at Killen Farm, Garve. Cllr Mackinnon has made enquiries and Loch Garve does not appear to be owned by either Forest Enterprise or the Hydro. Possibly some part may belong to Strathgarve Lodge or Garve Hotel. Mrs Smith stated that she understands the Forestry Commission own the part to the Blackwater. Ongoing.

Secretary will write to SEPA regarding flood warnings.

Footpaths: Invite Alex Sutherland to the June meeting.

Roadsweeping: Mr Mackinnon has spoken to Bill Robins, and we should speak to Robert Ross, local foreman.

Bailey Bridge: No further action.

Cesspit: No further action.

5. Everyone is delighted to note that Johnny Mackenzie, Corran, has received a Civic Award.

Sue Tarr now has the Community Council computer for the Newsletter.

6. Speeding: Concern about motorcycles, especially at weekends, as well as vehicles, from Garve through Achnasheen. Complaints that hazard warning lights are ignored, which is causing problems with sheep movements. Lady Eliza to contact the police.

7. Low flying: Secretary has written to the Community Liaison Officer at RAF Lossiemouth with copies to Charles Kennedy MP and John Farquhar Munro MSP, complaining about the low flying after 8.15pm recently. It would be helpful if everyone would note the date and time of any late or especially low flying.

8. AOCB

Garve Water: This does not appear to have improved.

The report on the Wester Ross Survey has just been received by Cllr Mackinnon, and Highland Councillors are currently looking at it. No doubt there will be a meeting in due course and copies sent to Community Councils.

Brian Denoon mentioned that a tree in close proximity to Garve School looks dead and could be dangerous. There is also a stump that should have been removed. A tree surgeon will be asked to have a look, and if he unofficially considers there is a danger, Highland Council will be contacted.

9. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th June, 8pm in Garve Hall.