

## GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Achnasheen on Tuesday 5th December 2000

Present: Doug Winship, Brian Denoon, Eimir Hughes Winship, Marie Mackenzie, Pat Campbell, Dena Ross, Neveille Macdonald-Rolfe, Alec Mackenzie, *Shereen Grant*, George Gamble, Councillor Ewen Mackinnon and twelve members of the public attended.

The meeting was opened at 8pm by Vice Chairman Brian Denoon.

*Apologies: Lady E.*  
Children from Achnasheen Primary School made a brief presentation about their Enterprise Project teatowel, which is priced at £3.50 and is available from the School, Post Office and Filling Station.

Chairman Doug Winship welcomed Mr Ron McAulay and Mr Peter Wilson from The North of Scotland Water Authority, who answered numerous questions and criticisms about the Garve water supply problems. These ranged from problems encountered by people with skin or stomach ailments who are unable to use the water, to queries about compensation.

Ron McAulay assured everyone that tests were taking place to ensure the water was safe and of good quality and it was expected to have the new supply into the system on 15th January 2001. He apologised for all the delays, and for not keeping the community updated on the situation, but gave assurances that everything was being done to get good quality water to Garve residents as soon as possible.

Mr McAulay and Mr Wilson were thanked, and left the meeting.

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Marie Mackenzie and seconded by Dena Ross.

### Matters Arising:

Loch Garve - the Hotel is to be asked to find out if they have ownership of any area as well as fishing rights.

Garve Co-operative TV System - Alec Mackenzie reported that new amplifiers should arrive next week, although the picture was not too bad just now. Councillor Ewen Mackinnon is contributing from his Discretionary Fund.

There has been no improvement in payment of the £10 subscription from residents of Garve.

Grass Cutting Achnasheen - seems to be OK now.

Railway Fences - nothing done as yet.

British Telecom - to be contacted regarding the poor Internet access which would be improved with a fully digital exchange.

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Any Other Business:

Achnasheen Primary School Board has written to the Community Council and others with concerns about road safety in the village.

Several matters need to be addressed, the narrow steep school road where there is nowhere for pedestrians to go when a vehicle is approaching, and the speed of traffic through the village.

Councillor Mackinnon said that a distinction has to be made as to the priorities. He has spoken to Police and Roads Dept.

Mrs Juliet Robertson, head teacher asked if any schools have received money from the "Safer Routes to School" budget. Possibly half a dozen in Ross and Cromarty so far, and maybe Achnasheen could be put on the programme. Ongoing.

Nell Macdonald-Rolfe asked the meeting if they would fill in the flyer in the News and Views which asks for information/ideas for community classes, lunch clubs etc.

Mrs Gill Davenport, on behalf of Achnasheen Amenities Association, was thanked for the donation of £100 to the Senior Citizens' fund.

Next meeting will be at Garve on Tuesday 6th February at 8pm.