

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES**

of the meeting held at Garve on Tuesday 6th June 2000

Present: Doug Winship, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Brian Denoon, Einir Hughes Winship, Pat Campbell, Sheree Grant, Dena Ross, George Gamble, Alec Mackenzie, Councillor Ewen Mackinnon, PC Ally Maclean, and 4 members of the public.

1. Chairman Doug Winship opened the meeting, and Mr Johnny Mackenzie, Corran, showed everyone his Civic Award and the commemorative photograph.
2. Apologies: Marie Mackenzie.
3. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by George Gamble and seconded by Lady Eliza.
4. Matters Arising:  
Speeding - Doug Winship read out a letter from Superintendent Norman Macleod. PCs Davy Chisholm and Innes Smith now have dedicated traffic duties. PC Ally Maclean assured the meeting that the concerns raised have been noted.

Flooding: Loch Garve - It would seem that nobody owns any part of the loch, or at least they haven't yet admitted it. There is one particular spit of land (The Hake?) which is preventing water getting out. The fishing rights belong to different people. Lady Eliza will continue to make enquiries, contacting Conon Fisheries Board and others.

Low Flying - the area is still troubled by very low flying, occasionally still in the evening. Both Charles Kennedy MP and John Farquhar Munro MSP have replied to the Secretary. According to the MOD, it would appear that no such low flying occurs in the evening. Residents are requested to note the time and direction of any aircraft they consider to be excessively low and outwith the times given by the MOD of 10am to 3pm. Please let Secretary or Chairman know. PC Maclean stated that reports have been made to the police regarding low flying.

Trees, Garve School: Brian Denoon reported that a tree surgeon had taken a look at the suspect tree, and in fact four are in a dangerous condition. Bill Robins to be contacted.

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#### Correspondence

Garve Water: A letter from Colin Macphee, Project Engineer, NosWA was read out. Mr Macphee said "We currently anticipate that the plant should be commissioned late May/early June". At the time of this meeting it does not seem to have happened.

Achnasheen Street Lighting: An e-mail was sent to Councillor Mackinnon in reply to a letter from Dena Ross. It seems all new lighting is to specification for new roadworks. Metal halide lighting, white, 20% less power required. It would appear that in Achnasheen the wrong globes were fitted, so the light spreads out rather than being directed onto the road. This should be rectified.

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Thanks were given to Margaret and Jock Logie who donated £200 towards the Senior Citizens' party from the Aultguish Sheepdog Trial. The Silent Auction will be held in Garve Hall on Saturday, 24th June, from 11am-2pm. Donations of items for the sale, bottle stall, home baking stall and raffle are requested.

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This year's Annual General Meeting date has to be changed, as the first Tuesday in October falls within the stalking season in which a number of people are involved. It is decided to hold the AGM in Garve on 24th October.

The next Community Council will be on Tuesday 1st August in Achnasheen.

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#### AOCB

At a Deer Meeting held today in Achnasheen, complaints were made that there was no Community Council representation. This was quite wrong since Vice Chairman Brian Denoon, and Treasurer Lady Eliza Leslie Melville both attended.

Deer on roads is an ongoing problem. Perhaps the small triangular signs are not visible enough. It was suggested that larger signs, with a written message such as "You are now entering a deer hazard area, please drive carefully" would be more appropriate. Ronnie Ross suggested all learner drivers should be targeted.

It was suggested that a tally be kept of all deer killed on the road between Gorstan and Achnasheen, and next year put up signs to give the count.

Bushes are obstructing drivers' vision near Gorstan junction. Secretary will write Bill Robins.

Bushes are also growing very close to the railway line making visibility at crossings very poor. There is also concern about the lack of fencing both sides of the railway. Secretary to contact Railtrack.