

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting held at Achnasheen on Tuesday 2nd December 2003

Present: Doug Winship, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Einir Hughes Winship, Ian Dickinson, Sheree Grant, Alec Mackenzie, Marion Mackenzie, Kenneth Maclean, Uisdean Menzies, Councillor Ewen Mackinnon, PC D Chisholm, Northern Constabulary, and 14 members of the public.

Apologies: Pat Campbell

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Sheree Grant and seconded by Marion Mackenzie.

Matters Arising:

Road accidents A835 - The trunk road between Blackwater/Tarvie corners is now the official "black spot" in Ross and Cromarty according to Northern Constabulary. There are plans in the pipeline for making bends less dangerous. One possibility is shaving off the high spot on the bend where most accidents occur.

Vandalism at Achnasheen - no further incidents or information. PC Chisholm said there is a gang touring the Highlands stealing trailers and quad bikes. Look out for transit type vans especially, and if possible get the registration number, where you saw it, and contact the police.

Senior Citizens' Party - to be held on 18th December at The Aultguish Inn. Bus will depart Achnasheen at 4.30 pm.

Any Other Business:

Andy Harris has expressed an interest in the Community Council so is co-opted, bringing the number of Councillors to 11.

Kenneth Maclean has received a Community Award, and thanked the Community Council for nominating him.

Concern was expressed at the apparent ambulance shortage- there are only two for Inverness, and often the Dingwall vehicle sits at Tore in case of need. It is understood that ambulances are allocated according to population, not square miles. If there is a major accident doctors attend in their own vehicles, with both road and air ambulances. But how long is the wait? Query the ambulance service, and possibly invite a representative to a future meeting.

Alec Mackenzie thanked the Community Council for their financial assistance with regard to the Garve TV system. Yes, it works.

Queries were raised concerning the Local Plans. Copies are available at Achnasheen, Lochluichart and Garve post offices, as well as in the Library, for anyone to look at.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd February at 8pm in Garve Hall (NOTE - weather permitting - the February meeting has had to be postponed in previous years due to snow.)