

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the Annual General Meeting

held in Garve Hall on Tuesday 21st October 2003

Present: Doug Winship, Pat Campbell, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Eimir Hughes Winship, Ian Dickinson, Sheree Grant, Marianne Mackenzie, Kenneth Maclean, Uisdean Menzies, Councillor Ewen Mackinnon and 6 members of the public.

Apologies: Alec Mackenzie

Prior to the public meeting, those who had been nominated as Community Councillors for the next session, 2003-2005, met to elect officers. It was unanimously decided to keep the status quo. Chairman - Doug Winship; Vice-chair - Pat Campbell; Treasurer - Lady Eliza Leslie Melville; Secretary - Eimir Hughes Winship.

At 8pm Chairman Doug opened the public meeting.

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Lady Eliza and seconded by Sheree Grant.

Matters Arising:

Road Accidents A835 Bends between Black Water and Tarvie - Councillor Ewen Mackinnon has met with representatives of the Scottish Executive and work will be carried out to improve signage, road markings, and possibly to improve the road surface. From the east, engineers are unsure whether or not double white lines are allowable. Possibly there can be improvements to the road alignment. The timescale for the improvements is not yet decided. Signage may include chevrons on yellow, very clear markings, and the crash barrier painted.

Picnic Area by Wade's Bridge - Forestry Commission say it is not policy to provide rubbish bins, but this area will be checked.

Rogie Falls Toilets - these are frequently closed due to problems with water.

Any Other Business:

The Treasurer reported that the Senior Citizens' account balance is £1300 (which means there is plenty for the Christmas Party). General Account £2197, less 270 spent on improving the tv reception. (Why don't we get Freeview?) The War Memorial account stands at £820.

Senior Citizens' Party - thanks to all who returned the questionnaires. It was decided to bring forward the time of the evening meal to 5.30-6pm if possible. Quotations will be requested from the 3 local hotels.

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Mossford: Bob Moir pointed out that traffic through this area often travels at an inappropriate speed, the "SLOW" signs have been covered by tar. It was understood that the police were to monitor, but in 5 years this does not appear to have happened. Signs such as "Entering Lochluichart - Please Drive Carefully" might be of benefit, as would replacing the Lochluichart signs. Mr Moir has done a survey of the area and pointed out that there are 10 accesses, 18 houses, 2 laybys with parking, a telephone box with parking, access to the railway station. A number of the accesses are beside sharp bends.

Houses - Doug Winship brought to the attention of the meeting outline planning permission for 3 houses beside the Ledgowan Hotel at Achnasheen. More houses would be good, unfortunately these appear to be located on an SSSI, part of an area of great interest throughout Europe. He handed out a draft letter of objection, and after some discussion it was decided 9-6 to object to the proposal.

Windspeed Masts - Lochluichart Estate propose 4 48m high masts to be installed for 12 months to check windspeeds. After some discussion, no objection.

Garve Post Office - Uisdean Menzies told the meeting that Iris Gordon is retiring after 50 years running the sub post office, and someone to provide premises and run the post office is being sought.

Garve Graveyard - Sheree Grant told the meeting that the fence by the graveyard before the bridge is still in need of repair.

The Remembrance Day service will be held at Garve War Memorial on Sunday 9th November.

Date of next meeting - Tuesday 2nd December 2003, 8pm at Achnasheen.