

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting held at Achnasheen on Tuesday 6th April 2004

Present: Doug Winship, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Einir Hughes Winship, Sheree Grant, Ian Dickinson, Marian Mackenzie, Kenneth Maclean, and 3 members of the public.

Apologies: Pat Campbell, Alec Mackenzie, Andy Harris, Uisdean Menzies, Councillor Ewen Mackinnon.

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Lady Eliza and seconded by Marian Mackenzie.

Footpaths: Matt Dent, HAP Access Project Officer, told the meeting about plans for signage and way markers on footpaths around the Garve area. Walks include across the A835, Little Garve to Silverbridge Forest Walk, Wade's Bridge to the School, Loch Garve to Strathpeffer.

It is proposed to use water repellent stain rather than varnish which isn't weatherproof for the signage. Waymarker posts with direction arrows, using wood from the green kiln dried.

Work will be carried out with the Roads Dept and Forest Enterprise. At Silverbridge, TEC Services department, the toilets are good but the car park poor. Signs maintained by Forest Enterprise.

It is proposed to have information panels at the car park, and in Garve Village, to highlight places of interest such as the War Memorial, Bridges, Ben Wyvis etc.

The proposals were well received by the meeting, but attention was drawn to the Ben Wyvis car park on the A835 where several people were knocked down earlier in the year - Matt being there at the time. Doug has already had a consultation with Peter Walling about this. The Grant family at Garbat would like the car park blocked off. Matt was thanked for his useful information.

Matters Arising: A835 Contin-Garve - It is understood that plans to improve the "magnetic" bend are ongoing.

Garve Graveyard - improvements are in hand.

Larger sign for Garve, plus a sign for Station Road - in hand. It is also proposed that a "Smiley" will be put up in Garve.

Lady Eliza commented on the increased printing costs for the News and Views from a new printer. However, the quality is considerably improved. Suggestions were made that donations could be requested from local residents, who all get the magazine free of charge. Lady Eliza also proposed that an honorarium of £150 per annum be paid to Sue Tarr in small compensation for the work she puts into the magazine. This proposal was unanimously agreed.

Any Other Business: Vandalism at the public toilets in Achnasheen has got silly. A cistern handle broke off, a cubicle door, various small items stolen. The toilets are now to be closed at night.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 1st June 2004, Garve Hall, 8pm.