

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting held in Garve Hall on Tuesday 3rd February 2004

Present: Doug Winship, Pat Campbell, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Eimir Hughes Winship, Sheree Grant, Alec Mackenzie, Marion Mackenzie, Kenneth Maclean, Uisdean Menzies, Councillor Ewen Mackinnon.

Apologies: Andy Harris

Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Lady Eliza and seconded by Marion Mackenzie.

Matters Arising

A835 between Tarvie and Garve: There is a new improved sign going east at the "magnetic bend" where so many accidents have occurred. Councillor Mackinnon said the bend is to be realigned in due course, but he also wants double white lines all the way from there to Tarvie. Ongoing.

Any Other Business

The cost of printing the News and Views has gone up by 7.1/2pence per copy. Haven only informed us of this when the copy was at the printers. After some discussion it was agreed to contact their managing director and offer to pay the usual price. In the meantime another printer is to be sought.

Road signs: Larger signs for Garve are required - possibly also with the Gaelic spelling and "Welcome - please drive carefully". Also a name sign for Station Road is necessary. Visitors frequently have to ask where it is. Councillor Mackinnon,

Speeding through Garve village, Stirling Drive-Matheson Road: Various vehicles, including HGVs, appear to travel at an inappropriate speed on these roads which are narrow with sharp bends. Pat Campbell asked was it possible to have a 20mph limit? Councillor Mackinnon suggested first getting a speed survey done in the Spring, to find out if vehicles are doing more than 30mph. Possibly signs such as "Children at Play" could be erected.

Pat Campbell brought up the difficulties of parking at both Old and New Cemeteries in Garve, the hearse almost blocks the road. Would it be possible to widen the area?

Doug Winship mentioned the very bad state of the A832 between Garve and Achnasheen in the snow. It appears that 3 gritters broke down one morning. Isn't it about time Highland Council invested in newer machines than "E", "H" and the "new one" "W" registrations? Councillor Mackinnon said that there is an issue re plant.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6th April 2004 at Achnasheen.