

~~Dist~~ Minutes of Garve & District Community Council Meeting held
8th Jan 2013 in Garve Village Hall

Present: Kenny MacLean (Chairman), Jean Hollingdale (Secretary), Alex Mackenzie, Jennifer Haslam, Sue Tarr (Minute Sec); Dennis Kearney (Jones Bros).

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm.

Apologies: Bob Moir, Eliza Leslie Melville, Jean Bailey, Jean Urquhart MSP, PC John Beverly, Susan Steven and Isabel Grant (Marybank, Scatwell & Strathconon CC), Fiona Milligan (Infinergy), Cllr Ian Cockburn.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Chairman's Comments: the Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year and also get well wishes to Jock Logie following his accident and Jean Bailey following her operation. Condolences are extended to the family of Ian Grant who passed away.

Church services continue every Sunday at 12.30pm. Keith Riddell has stood down and thanks and best wishes go with him. Services will be conducted by Elders and Ministers.

Garve & District Community Council minutes and agendas are available at Garve PO, Garve and Achnasheen Village noticeboards, online at www.achnasheenandgarve.com, in the AGNV, direct from the Secretary (on gdcc@fsmail.net, tel/fax 01997 414201) or at each G&DCC meeting.

Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 4th Dec 2012 – the minutes stated that Robbie Bain said that HC would be unable to prioritize road repairs at Strathgarve; G&DCC has received an email from him to clarify that “HC are unlikely to prioritize” rather than “unable”. The amendment was noted. Minutes proposed by Alex Mackenzie and seconded by Jean Hollingdale.

Matters Arising – Old Ledgowan Bridge – The Chairman informed the meeting that public access to the bridge had re-opened and that some metal sheeting has been removed.

Flooding at Hazelbrae – TranServ have cleared drains on the Hazelbrae corner which has improved the standing water situation and also drainage problems affecting the householder there.

Infinergy – Fiona Milligan would like to remind residents to fill in their Infinergy newsletters and return them.

Jones Bros – Workmen are returning just now and the site will be fully up and running again this week. Some minor wind damage has to be repaired. Work is expected to be completed within an acceptable timescale.

Tarvie Landslip – no news. Secretary to contact TranServ as the ongoing situation is causing concern in the community. Jennifer Haslam suggested that G&DCC liaise with Contin CC over the situation. Sue Tarr to try and attend Contin meetings in future, but unlikely to make the next one.

Jubilee Tree – the planting had to be postponed as the ground was frozen. Awaiting response from Garve Hall Trustees re permission to place a commemorative plaque in the hall.

Corriemoillie Substation lights remaining on – there had been a fault in the timer, which has been rectified.

Wester Ross Alliance – no update.

Pedestrian Sign, Mossford – this has been put back in place.

Strathgarve road – HC have carried out temporary road repairs.

Police Report – road traffic matters continue to be targeted and two persons have been charged for having no insurance, and their vehicles have been seized. Three persons charged for speeding and one for careless driving. In the Garve area there was one non reportable road traffic collision. Police are appealing for information after the following incident between the 19 and 21 December 2012 there were two incidents of damage and possible theft where by two household oil heating tanks have been drilled in the village of Achnasheen, causing the loss of the heating oil. Should anyone have seen anything relating to these incidents or wish to bring any other issue to notice, please contact Strathpeffer and

Garve Community Officer (PC 406 John Beverly) Northern Constabulary on 0845 600 5703 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Treasurer's Report: The Chairman reported that there had been no income or expenditure since the last meeting and the balance stands at £2395.13 made up of Senior Citizens, 557.36; War Memorial 140.86; Diamond Jubilee, 124.52 and Treasurer's Acc, 1572.39. The bank has sent a letter requesting further details on the "company" (Garve & District CC). Office bearers to deal with.

Fundraising – Burns Night to be held on Sat 26th Jan 2013 at 7pm in Garve Village Hall. Catering and entertainment arrangements were discussed. Fliers to be distributed. Strathgarve Primary to recite poetry and offers of help have been received from members of the public.

Summer Fair to be held Sat 15th June, 10am – 4pm. 8-12 tables have been booked already all by local groups or individuals.

Correspondence: By Email, Patrick O'Sullivan – info about grants for fisheries; Robbie Bain re minutes; Bob Moir re ice in station yard; SSE re tree planting; Network Rail reply re ice; Report on Strathconon Forestry Plan; Lochcarron CC minutes; Strathpeffer CC minutes; PC Beverly - Police Report; Jackie West – thanks for help received following oil tank damage; Chris Hamilton re 1, faded white lines at Gorstan and 2, the sign for Craigdarroch Lodge. Sec to contact Robbie Bain about white lines; it was noted that we have requested this already. By Post - Building Community Resilience; Halifax Bank of Scotland re company information; documentation for planning application for hydro scheme at Strathbran; Christmas cards from Charles Kennedy MP and Eneco.

AOB (Members): Four dead deer in Corriemoillie – Grudie area were removed by Highland Council within 24 hrs of notification.

G&DCC members wished to purchase Jean Bailey a small gift following her operation. All agreed to contribute individually towards a gift voucher. Sec to organise.

Concerns have been raised about dog fouling in the Garve area. Secretary to contact Nell, Dog Warden.

Streetlights in Achnasheen – these were playing up but the engineer came promptly and fixed them.

Ice in Station Yard, Garve – the designated path to access platforms is on the other side of the railway line and Network Rail has no responsibility to keep the yard clear of ice.

Consultations:

Strathconon Forest Plan – the responses to the first draft of consultation have been considered and the Plan revised accordingly; final responses to this Plan are invited by 31st Jan. Members had no comments.

Planning: One application has been determined, Erection of house at Silver Bridge (renewal) – renewal granted.

Two new applications:

Installation of 100kW hydro electric scheme, 620m NW of Strathbran Lodge – no comments regarding the planning application. Sec to contact Robbie Bain as he negotiated Community Benefit for the neighbouring hydro scheme at Dosmucheran.

Erection of house 450m SW of Srutha-na-H'Earba – no comments.

Licensing – none.

Date of next meeting: Tue 5th Feb 2013 at 7pm, Garve Village Hall

Tue 5th Mar 2013 at 7pm, Achnasheen Village Hall

Tue 2nd Apr 2013 at 7pm, Garve Village Hall

Tue 7th May 2013 at 7pm, Achnasheen Village Hall

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.