

~~Draft~~ Minutes of Garve & District Community Council meeting held
1st Oct 2013 in Garve Village Hall

Present: Kenny MacLean (Chairman), Jean Hollingdale (Secretary), Jean Bailey (Treasurer), Jennifer Haslam, Sue Tarr (Minute Secretary), Bob Moir, Alex Mackenzie; Martin Macphee (Eneco); Cllr Ian Cockburn.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone.

Apologies: Eliza Leslie Melville, Fiona Milligan.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Cockburn will not take part in Licensing matters.

Chairman's comments: Congratulations to Jamie and Roslyn on the birth of their daughter. HC Planning Committees have abolished local councillor votes. Cllr Cockburn clarified that each ward has councillors on the Planning Committee; Ward Six has Biz Campbell and Audrey Sinclair with Richard Greene as "substitute". HC TECS Winter maintenance is introducing changes - number of priority ratings for roads is reduced from 4 to 3; there will be extra services on Boxing Day and 2nd Jan; extra vehicles; grit bins will have tel no's on so that local people can request top ups.

The Chairman visited the SSE Depot in Inverness and learned how power cuts are dealt with. In the event of a power cut phone the SSE emergency line; between 10pm and 6am they will need 3 or more houses to phone to respond. The more houses that phone the easier it is to track down the fault. Some households have priority in event of a power cut. SSE work with Red Cross to provide emergency food and heating. SSE are willing to visit community councils to talk about the service.

The Chairman visited Marybank, Scatwell & Strathconon CC meetings. Garve & District CC members attended the Ward Forum in Garve Village Hall. The Parent Council are holding a fundraising Fashion Show tonight.

All G&DCC minutes and agendas are available at www.community-council.org.uk/garveanddistrict; Garve PO; Garve and Achnasheen Village notice boards; in the AGNV and on the AGNV website; direct from the Secretary on gdcc@fsmail.net or tel/fax 01997 414201; and at every G&DCC meeting.

Approval of minutes of meeting held 3rd Sept 2013: Proposed by Jennifer Haslam and seconded by Bob Moir.

Matters Arising:

Lochluichart Station - Network Rail has removed the old lighting poles and rubble.

Capt Dickson Memorial - Strathbran Estate has repaired the cairn which was deteriorating.

Lochluichart Windfarm update - Construction is progressing. The crane broke down so a bit behind schedule, but now working again. A second crane has been drafted in which will assemble the two lower sections of each tower and the larger crane will come along behind and do the generator and blades. The sections are bolted together; the towers are anchored by studs set in the concrete base. 5 out of 23 turbines are up. Transportation of components will continue until the 1st week of Nov. The numbers of vehicles held up have reduced - from 2 to 58 in the last month averaging about 35 - 40; number of vehicles waiting on A832 to get onto A835 varying from 1 - 12. Announcements about the transportation are still not being made on local traffic reports although Eneco have tried to get these included. A member of the public had written to G&DCC concerned about the use of taxpayers' money to pay for the police escort. Martin Macphee believes that the cost of the police escort is met by Siemens / Eneco but will seek official confirmation. Any issues about turbine transportation please email Martin Macphee at martin.macphee@eneco.com

Entries for Eneco's school photo competition have been submitted and are awaiting judgement.

Remembrance Service Wreaths - Uisdean Menzies is arranging for a wreath on behalf of ex-service members; Cllr Cockburn will lay a wreath on behalf of HC; Kenny MacLean will lay a wreath on behalf of G&DCC. The service will take place on Sun 10th Nov. Sec to inform Uisdean about G&DCC arrangements. HC is in the process of producing reports on the condition of all War Memorials in the lead up to the centenary of WW1. Cllr Cockburn will update G&DCC when the reports are available. Re the Garve War Memorial a fund is in the process of being set up by local people in order to apply

for grants to prepare for the centenary. G&DCC would like to move the War Memorial money held in their account to this fund when it is set up.

Deer Fence at Grudie - No progress yet. Jennifer Haslam reported that the gaps under the fence were 9 - 12" which is enough to allow Japanese deer to get underneath, and old wire has not been taken away. The access gate has now been unlocked.

Loose Kerb Stones - these are being sorted.

Drain at BT Exchange in Garve - still blocked. Bear has been contacted about it. Cllr Cockburn to investigate whether it is HC responsibility.

Grass verges - verges on A832 are in the process of being cut.

Garve Railway Station parking - ongoing. Network Rail, Scotrail, Bear and the police have all been contacted.

Garve Railway Footbridge - due for repair and painting in Oct.

Senior Citizens Party -The time has been confirmed as 6 for 6.30pm. Invites to be delivered end of Oct and to be returned by 10th Nov. If anyone should be on the list please contact the Secretary.

Police report -During Sept, road traffic matters continued to be targeted with seven persons charged for speeding, two persons charged for tyre offences and one person charged with dangerous driving. Several Misuse of Drugs search warrants have been executed in the Strathpeffer and Garve area resulting in several items suspected to be controlled under the misuse of drugs act being seized.

Should anyone wish to bring any other issue to notice, please contact Strathpeffer and Garve Community Officer (PC 406 John Beverly) Dingwall Police Station on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Police would like to remind the public that Dingwall Police Station is now only open to the public during the hours of 0800 and 2000 hours. There are still police on duty out with these times and they can be contacted on the new non emergency phone number of 101.

Treasurer's report -

Total balance b/f	2975.58	
Senior Citizens Fund	1239.37	
Less Stamps	-29.00	1210.37
War Memorial no change	140.86	140.86
Treasurers Account	1595.35	
Less Achnasheen Hall Sept mtg	-20.00	
Less J. Haslam - Forum Refreshments	-25.00	1550.35
	Carried Forward	<u>£2,901.58</u>

Jennifer Haslam has donated £50 from the catering for the Ward Forum to G&DCC and requests that it is put towards a new bench for the village. All agreed that the money would be ring fenced for that. Planning for the Flower & Vegetable Show to start in January; also ideas for a Bingo Night in the New Year.

Correspondence: By Email, Garve Hotel re Over 60's Dinner; Network Rail re Station parking signs; HC Licensing Board Over Provision Consultation reminder; Scotrail reply with case ref number; Bear Scotland reply; Scotrail reply; Highland Small Communities Housing Trust AGM date; SSE invite to 70th anniversary event; J. Seligman - update on Capt Dickson Cairn; U. Menzies re Remembrance service; D. Northwood re turbine transportation; Chasestone Management Workshops advertising; Scottish Civic Trust; Network Rail re Lochluichart Station; HC request for dates of meetings; Lochcarron CC mins; Torridon & Kinlochewe CC mins; Strathpeffer CC mins; Scottish Woodlands re

proposal for tree planting at Silverbridge (attending next month's meeting); PC John Beverly - Police Report.

By Post, Energy Saving Trust community event.

AOB:

Bob Moir stated that the 20 mph signs painted on the road through Garve were faded. Cllr Cockburn to chase.

Jennifer Haslam praised the fantastic service of HC when the bin at Grudie lay-by was stolen recently. The rubbish was left behind. A new bin was provided promptly and all the rubbish cleared up plus some fly tipping.

Kenny MacLean reported a problem with the grass cutting at Achnasheen Roundabout, but this was being seen to.

HC Licensing Board Over Provision Consultation - members had no comments.

Planning: One application has been determined - one span of 33kV overhead line at Luib granted.

There are 3 new planning applications:

Erection of House at Killin Farm, Garve - no comments.

Installation of one span of 33kV overhead line, Allt Achadh, Achnasheen - no comments.

Installation of additional pole on existing 33kV overhead line, Strathbran - no comments.

Dates of future meetings:

Tues 5th Nov 2013 7pm Achnasheen Village Hall

Tues 3rd Dec 2013 7pm Garve Village Hall

Tues 7th Jan 2014 7pm Garve Village Hall

Tues 4th Feb 2014 7pm Garve Village Hall

Tues 4th Mar 2014 7pm Achnasheen Village Hall

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.