

~~Draft~~ Minutes of Garve and District Community Council  
meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014 in Garve Village Hall

Present: Kenny MacLean (Chairman), Jean Hollingdale (Secretary), Jennifer Haslam, Sue Tarr (Minute Sec), Alex Mackenzie; Robbie Bain; Cllr Ian Cockburn; 2 members of the public.

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

Apologies: Jean Bailey, Bob Moir, Eliza Leslie Melville.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Chairman's Comments: Contin CC and Torridon & Kinlochewe CC have gone into abeyance. The Church sale will be on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Nov in Garve Hall. Donations of baking, bric a brac etc are welcome; please contact Hazel Keiro.

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[www.community-council.org.uk/garveanddistrict](http://www.community-council.org.uk/garveanddistrict) as well as at Garve P.O., at Garve and Achnasheen Village notice boards, in the AGNV and on the AGNV website, direct from the Secretary on [gdcc@fsmail.net](mailto:gdcc@fsmail.net), tel/fax 01997 414201 and at every G&DCC meeting.

Approval of minutes of meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2014: Proposed by Jennifer Haslam and seconded by Jean Hollingdale.

Matters Arising:

SSE Traffic Lights – Work has started on the pylon line again and temporary traffic lights will be in place at Killin from 15<sup>th</sup> Sept to 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. There were complaints about the lights being in place when no work was going on and the length of time it took for the lights to change. SSE has agreed to remove the lights at weekends. Local residents have noticed an increase in noise from machines working on the hill.

Garden Produce Show – went very well and feedback has been encouraging. Jennifer Haslam would like to have a meeting next year to plan next year's show. This year the judge was anonymous but having taken advice next year the judge will be announced at the end of the show. Secretary to write letters of thanks to the sponsors, whose support paid for the trophies and hall hire. The proceeds came to £278 (hall hire still to come off this figure). Winner of the Whisky Game was Ian Dickinson.

Potholes – there is no money for resurfacing the Gorstan road, but the potholes are on the list for repair, as well as the section at Strathgarve.

Garve Bus Shelter – no news about this being repaired.

Garve Railway Footbridge – no reply yet from Scotrail or Network Rail.

Over 60's Dinner – the application has been submitted to LCT for funding. Invitations will go out once menu is known.

Dumping of Yellow Pages – the local manager has been made aware of the problem.

Water Pressure in Garve – Alex Mackenzie phoned Edinburgh about this. Three houses from Gorstan to Matheson Road have devices that measure the pressure and they are all reading 3 bar. The pressure is not supposed to fall below 5 bar, although Cllr Cockburn thought the legal minimum was 1 bar. The low pressure seems to have happened since the new water supply came on line. Chairman to contact Joanna Peebles.

Treasurer's Report:

Total balance b/f	2754.15	
Senior Citizens Fund – no change	953.66	953.66
Bench Fund – no change	50.00	50.00
War Memorial – no change	140.86	140.86
Treasurers Acc b/f	1609.63	
Add donations Garden Produce Show	140.00	
Add receipts Garden Produce Show	214.45	
Less expenses Garden Produce Show	-75.58	
Less Achnasheen Amenities July & Sept	-30.00	1858.50
Carried forward		<b><u>£3003.02</u></b>

Correspondence:

Bob Moir - Information Yellow Pages Delivery; E. Planning – Application Decision Access Track Achnasheen – Grant; E. Planning – CarnGorm Wind Farm – Refused; Policy – Leader Consultation Feedback – Closing Date 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2014; Highland Third Sector Interface – Rural Parliament Events Highland; John Heaton – Glen Hydro – Proposal Of Small Hydro Schemes Loch Rosque Estate requesting a visit to GDCC Meeting; John Heaton – Glen Hydro – Reply; John Heaton – Glen Hydro – change of dates for visit to GDCC now November meeting; Highland Third Sector Interface – Adult Services Forum on Environment; Scottish Rural Parliament – Reminder for registration to attend the National Scottish Parliament; Highland Communities Panel – Invitation Email Surveys; Robbie Bain – Interim Elections for Contin and Torridon & Kinlochewe CC's; Robbie Bain - Community Grant 2014/15 from Voluntary Action Fund; Lochcarron CC – Mins; Strathpeffer CC – Mins; Robbie Bain – Vodaphone 3G Mobile Access Deadline 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 for application. For more information contact – Vodaphone UK Media Relations 01635 666777 Or [Ukmediarelations@Vodaphone.Com](mailto:Ukmediarelations@Vodaphone.Com) Community Empowerment Bill – Committee MSP's want to hear your views on the bill.

AOB: Alex Mackenzie reported that the red light signal for train drivers is still confusing road users at Garve Level crossing, sometimes causing drivers to brake suddenly. Robbie Bain has had similar complaints at other level crossings in the area. Secretary to contact Network Rail.

Sue Tarr has been contacted by the Wester Ross Biosphere project which is keen to reach people in the Garve area to find out their views on being part of the Biosphere zone. Agreed to invite Lucy Robison along to a CC meeting.

Bob Moir (not present) asked that the 30mph sign in Garve Village have the branches cleared round about as it has become obscured. HC will deal with.

Kenny MacLean reported that there had been a complaint about broken glass at the Achnasheen Recycle Bins. He went to sweep it up. The contractor is supposed to sweep up every time the bin is emptied – June Ross is chasing it up.

A member of public raised three issues. The footbridge at Achanalt between the Station and Torrie Cottage is in a poor state of repair. Network Rail is believed to be responsible although previously they have disowned it. Secretary to contact Network Rail.

There are serious gouges in the surface of the main road at Achanalt following the recent high speed crash. Robbie Bain has taken note.

The high speed of traffic on the Achanalt road is an ongoing problem with motorbikes, cars and lorries all going more than 60mph. Secretary to request police speed camera.

Planning:

Three applications have been determined, CarnGorm Wind Farm refused on grounds of visual impact from Ben Wyvis; Access Track at Allt Achadh na Sine, Achnasheen permission granted; Siting of temporary information centre at Aultguish Inn, permission granted for 5yrs.

One new application, Installation of 500kW hydro scheme including erection of powerhouse and intake structures, west of Achnasheen Quarry. A representative from Glen Hydro will be coming to G&DCC next month to talk about the scheme, although the planning deadline is 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. Jennifer Haslam was concerned that the proposed pipeline meant that trees would be cleared. All agreed that G&DCC response make a condition that no trees are cut during the nesting season to protect birds.

Dates of future meetings:

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014 Achnasheen Village Hall at 7pm

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2014 Garve Village Hall at 7pm

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015 Garve Village Hall at 7pm

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2015 Garve Village Hall at 7pm

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2015 Achnasheen Village Hall at 7pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8pm.