

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 1998

Present: Mr John Bedwell (vice chairman), Lady Eliza Leslie Melville (treasurer)
Mrs Einar Hughes Winship (secretary), Mrs Marion Mackenzie, Miss Sheree Grant, Mrs Pam Morrison, Mr Brian Denoon, Mr Alec Mackenzie, Miss Sue Tarr.

Apologies: Mr Uisdean Menzies, Mrs Pat Campbell, Mrs Dena Ross, Mrs Brenda Macphail, Mr Andrew Allan.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes were taken as read and approval was proposed by Lady Eliza and seconded by Alec Mackenzie.

Matters Arising:

Blowbacks, three houses in Matheson Road have still not had the new fires installed. Housing Department says they should be started within 8 weeks. Chase early March.

Little Garve Bridge, the agreement between Forest Enterprise and the Community Council has been signed. It is hoped the project will be started in the spring.

Unofficial car park on A835, John Bedwell met Mr Guthrie of the Scottish Office who has gone back to consult the files. There will be a further site meeting, including Mr Robins of Highland Council roads dept.

Roads, more letters have gone to Mr Robins regarding speeding through Garve, and requests for something, eg speed limit, to slow traffic down through Lochluichart. We should ask for a safety review.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, went well and enjoyed by all.

Grants, have all been paid.

Playparks, Uisdean is in charge of this, more information next meeting. The possibility of grants is being looked at.

Parents' Association, Brian Denoon thanked the Community Council for its offer of assistance, but the PA will remain independent at this time, though Brian will be the link with the CC.

Rabbits, the secretary now has an address for David Urquhart Travel and will write asking if the rabbit menace can be dealt with.

Wheelie bins, Protective Services apologise for bins being left willy nilly after emptying and instructions are going out to have bins replaced where they were collected from. Also, the laybys will be cleared. Brian Denoon will check these between Garve and Lochluichart.

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Tree stump and parking at Garve School, secretary will write to the Education Department.

Newsletter. A very productive meeting was held last week with members of the Newsletter sub-committee and tasks were allocated. The name of the Newsletter was decided as the "Achnasheen and Garve News and Views". Sue Tarr has drawn an excellent logo for it.

RACE will not consider a grant unless start up costs are above £200. They shouldn't be, but it is possible as the cost of printing one edition looks to be about £42, plus distribution, and other items will be required.

The sale of advertising is going very well, and it looks like the cost of the first edition at least is covered.

It is requested that articles, advertisements, news and views are all given to the editor (Einir) as soon as ever possible as there is a great deal of work involved in inputting, setting out, editing, proof reading and etc and etc.

Any Other Business:

John Bedwell said that the Community Council bank account seems very healthy, so starting up the Newsletter should not be a problem; there may be spare cash to assist other projects.

It has been suggested that the purchase of a photocopier would be beneficial, we could produce the Newsletter without the aid of commercial printers, and it would be helpful for all sorts of reasons. Against, however, is where to site it; who would be responsible for it; what about maintenance, cost of ink and paper and electricity. Under consideration.

A scanner might be a very useful purchase to enable pictures/photographs to be used in the Newsletter. It is possible to buy these quite cheaply now. More discussion and thought is required though.

Complaints have been received about RJ McLeod's red pickup tearing around the village, especially when children are coming out of school. Uisdean to have a quiet word with the site manager.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 7th April.