

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Garve on Tuesday 3rd August 1999

Present: Uisdean Menzies (chairman), Lady Eliza Leslie Melville (treasurer)
Einir Hughes Winship (secretary), John Bedwell (vice-chairman), Pat
Campbell, Brian Denoon, Alec Mackenzie, Marianne Mackenzie, Pam
Morrison, Dena Ross, Councillor Ewen Mackinnon and five members
of the public.

Apologies: Sheree Grant, Andrew Allan.

Minutes of the previous meeting of 6th April 1999 were taken as read, and approval proposed by Marianne Mackenzie and seconded by Brian Denoon.

Matters Arising

Speeding - The problem on Matheson Road, Garve, is no better. It appears that it is not locals who are speeding along there, but others "showing off". However, there have been no recent reports of "near misses" at Mossford, Lochluichart, so it is hoped the new signs are useful in getting drivers to slow down. Lady Eliza will contact the police and request the name of an officer who may be contacted with regard to problems in our area.

Achnasheen Community Hall - A letter from June Ross of Protective Services was read out, she has forwarded a copy of our letter concerning the exterior of the hall to Karen Davies in Cultural and Leisure Services, who will contact us. Councillor Ewen Mackinnon stated the west wall of the building is badly needing repair.

Playpark - Brian Denoon reported that he has done some fundraising and the amount raised from the clay pigeon shoot followed by a buffet and dance, is £300. He thanked Pat Campbell for her organisation of a craft fair to boost funds. RACE has been approached for a grant, and Councillor Ewen Mackinnon will also seek funding.

Water - Councillor Ewen Mackinnon has received a letter from NOSWA, but the Community Council has heard nothing. It may be November before progress is made on Garve Water Treatment works.

Fencing - Matheson Road. What has been done is good, Pat Campbell is very pleased with her repair. However others are complaining, and the Highland Council is saying there is no more money. However more fencing is necessary to keep sheep out of gardens. Ongoing.

Laybys - Litter problem has improved. The suggestion of closed skips to be left at Garve and at Achnasheen has been approved by Protective Services. Secretary to contact June Ross about suitable locations, also for a list of does and don'ts with regard to items to be placed in skips. Everyone does know NO FRIDGES. The list will be published in the next Newsletter.

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Finances - Less than £1,000 now in the Community Council account, but the Senior Citizens' account stands at £662. Perhaps a fundraiser would be beneficial. Ongoing.

Achnasheen Pond - John Bedwell agreed to contact Highland Council (Cultural and Leisure Dept?) to request funding to pay someone to clean out the pond on a regular basis.

Millennium - It was agreed that spending money on a beacon was a no, however it appears this is not essential, we could just have a bonfire. As are many other places. Ongoing

Questionnaires - Wester Ross 2001 issued by Highland Councillors David Green, Roy MacIntyre and Norman Cameron earlier this year. Very few people indeed had seen them, they were distributed by schools, supposedly to the community, but only parents of schoolchildren actually received them - outwith Achnasheen, where Cathy Coleman distributed to all households.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Boundaries - still awaiting maps.

War Memorial - funding to be sought for the purchase of rylock fencing against sheep.

Achnasheen - the signs naming the village have not been replaced after the roadworks, which is causing confusion to visitors. These will probably be replaced shortly, but if not, Roads Department will be contacted.

Grass Cutting - is poor either side of the village. When and how often should this be done?

Footpaths - are needed for safety, especially for people walking between Gorstan and Garve.

Danger signs - For those going swimming near Wade's Bridge, warning signs should be erected due to the danger of freshets. This is probably the responsibility of Forest Enterprise.

Garve Village Hall - Alec Mackenzie said that Sandy Logie was asking for volunteers to paint the hall.

Contact The Elderly - Caroline Reagh, the Development Officer, gave a short talk about the aims of this group, which is to take small groups of isolated/lonely elderly people out to tea at a host's house occasionally. Drivers and hosts are required. The idea was greeted with some interest, and Caroline left leaflets.

Next Meeting - will be the Annual General Meeting, to be held at Achnasheen on Tuesday 5th October 1999. Prior to that, nominations for new councillors must be made as all current councillors stand down then.