

# GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes

of the meeting held at Achnasheen on Tuesday 1st June 1999

Present: Community Councillors - Uisdean Menzies, John Bedwell, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Einir Hughes Winship, Brian Denoon, Pat Campbell, Sheree Grant, Marianne Mackenzie, Dena Ross and 10 members of the public.  
Also attending were new Highland Councillor Ewen Mackinnon, retiring Highland Councillor for Lochcarron Norman Cameron and Highland Councillor Roy MacIntyre.

The meeting was opened at 8pm by chairman Uisdean Menzies who welcomed everyone.

Apologies for absence: Alec Mackenzie.

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Sheree Grant and seconded by Dena Ross.

### Matters arising

**Speeding** - problems have been explained to the police, and more attention will be paid to them.

**Achnasheen Community Hall** - no progress has been made regarding repair and renovation of the exterior. It was suggested that June Ross of Protective Services be contacted as the public toilets are part of the building.

**Playparks** - Brian Denoon gave an update: There has been little development since the last Community Council meeting. Brian held a meeting for parents last Tuesday, but apart from the five committee members, nobody turned up. However the Parents will carry on although there seems to be no enthusiasm from Garve residents. The cost looks like £20,000. A grant has been applied for from MFR, which might be £500. Brian is also organising a clay pigeon shoot followed by a buffet and dance, to raise funds, while Pat Campbell is organising a craft fair in Garve Hall.

Lyn Comrie pointed out that Achnasheen residents were quite unable to raise the kind of money required for a playpark.

Pam Morrison asked if all the safety equipment was really necessary. Why not have logs for children to play on and around.

It was pointed out that safety standards are very high, and insurance would have to be arranged. All equipment is very expensive, even log-built. Suitable surfacing was a major cost.

Sheree Grant asked who started all this urge for a playpark anyway?

Councillor Roy MacIntyre asked how much the community was expected to raise, and was told at least £2000, 20% of the total estimated cost.

**Water** - Achnasheen still suffers from what appears to be an excess of chlorine in the water, which is more obvious after heavy rain.

According to NOSWA, it will be September before Garve sees any progress on their water treatment works.

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**Matters arising (continued):**

**Fencing** - Matheson Road - is being attended to. Ongoing.

**Achnasheen Rail Bridge** - has caused some concern having been painted purple. This appears is the new livery colour of ScotRail.

**Laybys** - the letter from June Ross, Protective Services Officer, was read out. She admits that replacement litter bins are needed throughout Ross and Cromarty but funding is not currently available. She also stated that layby litter bins will be emptied weekly during the summer, and a cleanup of laybys will be undertaken in the very near future.

Mr S. Doyle of Mossford pointed out that he has himself cleaned up litter from the layby overlooking Loch Luichart, but that on occasion his own wheelie bin has not been emptied. This to be passed on to Protective Services.

It was suggested that a skip be left for 2-3 days every 3 months for people to dump rubbish which won't fit in a wheelie bin. Gordon Mackenzie said he'd read in a newspaper that permanent skips were to be sited. Dena Ross pointed out that any in our area should be closed skips.

**Any Other business:**

Surveys distributed by schools on behalf of Highland Councillors had not been received by the majority of households. Only a few households with schoolchildren had received them. Councillor MacIntyre pointed out that the surveys were only out in Ullapool this month.

Millennium - do we want a beacon? No, too costly at £105 + VAT.

Calor Gas Awards - Garve Community Council will enter again.

Finances - £1017 in the bank.

Boundaries - map in the Assessor's Office. Lady Eliza to query.

Achnasheen pond - who is responsible for cleaning it out? David Ross has kindly done the job unofficially, but surely the grasscutters should do so. John Bedwell will contact. Also, young trees are leaning, no stakes to keep them upright.

**Next meeting** - will be on Tuesday 3rd August in Garve Hall at 8pm.

After the official business, Councillors Roy MacIntyre and Norman Cameron were presented with small gifts for their good service by Lady Eliza Leslie Melville. Beverages and sandwiches were then handed round and a pleasant social event was enjoyed by everyone.