

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD IN GARVE HALL ON TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2000

Present: Doug Winship, Brian Denoon, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Einir Hughes Winship, Pat Campbell, Sheree Grant, George Gamble, Alec Mackenzie, Marianne Mackenzie, Dena Ross, Councillor Ewen Mackinnon and 8 members of the public.

Apologies: None. Cliff Ellis has not been at a meeting for over six months and is deemed to have resigned.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Approval proposed by George Gamble and seconded by Brian Denoon.

Matters Arising: Loch Garve - investigations continue to establish ownership of the Loch and foreshore, especially the spits of land which appear to be a major cause of flooding. Secretary to contact Garve Hotel re their fishing rights and possible ownership of areas of the Loch, also the Hydro Board and the Forestry Commission. Lady Eliza will contact Conon Fisheries.

Garve Co-operative TV System - £400 is needed for spare boosters. If the people benefiting from the system all paid the £10 annual subscription, it would probably not be necessary to ask for monetary assistance.

Possibly Help The Aged and the Community Council could contribute. However, Councillor Ewen Mackinnon said that he could probably fund this from his discretionary budget. Alec Mackenzie to organise a pro forma invoice and send it to Protective Services. Councillor Mackinnon was thanked for his assistance.

Grass Cutting - This seems to be the responsibility of Culture and Leisure Services, along Stirling Drive has been done, and they will do it on a regular basis next year. Hector is unsure who is doing it in Achnasheen, but RJ Macleod's have done the roundabout.

Railway fences - Chairman Doug Winship had a meeting with representatives of Railtrack, who have promised to deal with the lack of fencing between the railway and the A835 east of Garve. Also to cut back bushes that obstruct the view at farm crossings.

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Minutes of the AGM held on 24.10.00 (continued)

Any Other Business.

It was agreed by all present that Garve Shop would be missed, but it is unlikely that it could be reopened as a Community Shop.

The exterior of Achnasheen Community Hall has now been painted. Thanks go to Councillor Mackinnon and Dena Ross for their help. Parents have started a youth club there on two nights a week.

Garve water quality is even poorer, high chlorine levels leading to many complaints. Some days it is reasonable, on others it is "like bleach in a glass". Representatives of NoSWA to be invited to the next meeting. A number of Garve residents have agreed to speak about the problem at this meeting.

The question arose as to when Garve will have a fully digital telephone exchange. This is needed for internet access.

At the old bridge by Tigh na Drochit, signs have been placed stating "No Through Access" at the picnic area. Also a large strainer has appeared, which indicates the likelihood of a gate. Local residents, especially some who walk their dogs in the area, are rather concerned.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th December at 8pm in Achnasheen.