

# GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

of the meeting held in Garve Village Hall on Tuesday 4th June 2002

Present: Doug Winship (chairman), Eimir Hughes Winship (secretary), Sheree Grant, Nel Macdonald Rolfe, Uisdean Menzies, Dena Ross, Councillor Ewen Mackinnon, and 3 members of the public

Doug Winship opened the meeting at 8pm, welcoming Inspector John Chisholm, Northern Constabulary, Dingwall.

Apologies for absence: Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Pat Campbell, Ian Dickinson, Marie Mackenzie, Alec Mackenzie.

Representatives of SEPA had been expected, to speak about Garve flooding, but no one had been able to attend. Councillor Ewen Mackinnon proceeded to tell the meeting about his meeting with SEPA.

It seems there are two stages at which people are informed of the possibility of flooding. Last year readings never came above danger level. However, flooding occurs at Killin Farm before it gets to Garve. Conon gets a River Watch warning. Looking at flows from all years. Ewen has spoken to David O'Connor and John Chisholm. When water levels get to a certain level, Killin Farm will be informed. Richard Brown of SEPA has said that River Watch will notify Eddie Smith re the level in the Conon Valley, the message would just say "the river is rising", but this should cover Killin.

Eddie Smith stated that people in Station Road, Garve, used to receive a warning before Killin. He would like monitoring of Loch Garve.

SEPA representatives are to give a presentation.

Inspector John Chisholm who only recently took over in Dingwall, introduced himself and listened to various people's views on the speeding of high powered motor bikes along the A832. Pam Morrison mentioned the noise factor. Our roads are tempting for speed, but serious injury or death is almost inevitable if the problem is not dealt with. Inspector Chisholm told the meeting that Northern Constabulary are aware of the problem, and Ross-shire roads have been very bad for deaths so far this year.

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

Matters Arising: Garve TV - Ewen has spoken to the BBC man in Glasgow who requires equipment filters to be put on Garve's mast first. John Williams, Achterneed, seems to think the problem is elsewhere. There has been no change in picture quality.

Achnasheen Car Parking - Douglas Miles has this in hand.

Community Economic Development, Wester Ross Alliance. Doug Winship has been made a director of this organisation, which is to promote improvements in Ross-shire.

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Any Other Business

Pam Morrison mentioned the letter "(Unpaid) Scaffie's Tale" in the current edition of News and Views. She suggests that all employers, e.g. Railtrack, Forestry, contractors etc should be sent a letter requesting that their employees take their rubbish home. This might alleviate the problem a little, although items thrown from passing cars would no doubt still need to be cleared up.

Driving into Garve from the east along Station Road it is noted that harling is coming off some walls, which looks ugly. However, walls are the responsibility of the householders and not the Trunk Roads Authority. However, there is still no street sign for Station Road.

Uisdean Menzies has spoken to Douglas Miles regarding grass cutting, some areas are being cut by Highland Council, but some are not.

Uisdean has also spoken to David Jardine, Forestry, about the Caulfield Bridge, which was supposed to receive funding from Historic Scotland for repairs some 5 years ago. The Forestry is actively seeking funding, but nothing appears to be forthcoming from Historic Scotland until 2007/8.

Sheree Grant pointed out that the Bailey Bridge at Garve has a hole, tied up with orange string. This is a matter for Highland Council and Ewen will deal.

Thanks to MCM Joinery for repairing the War Memorial seat, and to Ian Menzies for painting it.

Date of Next Meeting:            Tuesday 6th August at 8pm in Achnasheen.