

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes

of the meeting held at Achnasheen on Tuesday 12th August 2003

Present: Doug Winship (chairman), Pat Campbell (vice chair), Lady Eliza Leslie Melville (treasurer), Einir Hughes Winship (secretary), Sheree Grant, Marion Mackenzie, Dena Ross, Alec Mackenzie and 5 members of the public.

Apologies: Councillor Ewen Mackinnon, Uisdean Menzies.

Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting was proposed by Pat Campbell and seconded by Lady Eliza.

Road Accidents: It was noted that when the Police Accident sign was removed, there was yet another accident on the "magnetic corner" of the A835. Councillor Ewen Mackinnon is liaising with police and council regarding speeding/accidents, and we will hear his report at a later date.

Speeding through Garve: It is understood that the railway crossing cameras can be adjusted by British Transport Police to catch speeders as well as anyone going through the red flashing lights. Should they be approached to do this? Undecided.

NHS 24: Doug and Einir attended a meeting in Strathpeffer where this new system of obtaining medical help at night was explained and discussed. Leaflets were handed out, and more copies are available. Doug explained how it works. Some people were a little unhappy that they may not be able to speak to their own medical practitioner, but it was generally felt that the system should work well.

Any Other Business:

Doug had been to a scoping meeting regarding a proposed mini hydro-electric scheme by Garbat. The Forestry Commission want to build a tiny hydro-electric station, producing little. "Green" power stations attract large grants. The electricity company must buy the electricity. It was generally felt this proposal was unsuitable. Conon Fisheries put 1.3 million parr in the burn. Dr David Raeburn has a planning application for a supplementary water supply. Garbat could be affected.

Questionnaires are going out asking our senior citizens whether or not they prefer to keep the evening Christmas party, or a lunch, or some other event.

Lady Eliza proposed the Secretarial allowance should be increased to £350 per annum. This was unanimously agreed.

Footpaths: Cath Clark will have an article about signage in the next edition of News and Views.

The Forestry Commission picnic area by Wade's Bridge has no visible rubbish bins, and there is a considerable amount of litter. Contact FC and request a clean up.

The toilets at Rogie Falls are frequently closed. Why? Ask Highland Council.

Lady Eliza mentioned Ragwort. There is a considerable amount of this dangerous weed along road sides. How far from the road is Highland Council supposed to clear?

Leaflets on Planning for Community Councils were distributed.

Nothing further has been heard about the proposed windfarm in Corriemoillie Forest.

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting to be held in Garve Hall on Tuesday 21st October 2003.

After this meeting the current community councillors step down.