

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting held at Garve on Tuesday 3rd June 2003

Present: Doug Winship, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Pat Campbell, Eimir Hughes Winship, Ian Dickinson, Sheree Grant, Nel Macdonald Rolfe, Marianne Mackenzie, Uisdean Menzies, Dena Ross, Councillor Ewen Mackinnon and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Alec Mackenzie

APPROVAL of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Dena Ross and seconded by Lady Eliza.

RUBBISH Marianne informed the meeting that according to Highland Council, we would no longer have skips left in Garve and Achnasheen. If anyone needs to get rid of items that will not go in the wheelie bin, telephone TEC, and items will be collected from your usual collection point. Ewen said that although the skips had been much appreciated, too many disallowed items were being put in. Now there will be a special lorry at certain times.

SILENT AUCTION After some discussion it was decided to hold this at Garve Hall on Saturday 28th June 2003. Many offers of assistance were made, from requesting raffle prizes or donations from local businesses to collecting items. Posters are to be produced and put up in Dingwall, Strathpeffer, Kinlochewe and Strathconon as well as Achnasheen and Garve.

RURAL WATCH The signs have at long last arrived. Clips are needed and some assistance to fix these to signposts.

"BIRCH" FLIES The biting insects causing considerable distress in the area are under investigation. After seeing several patients with infected bites a local doctor has sent samples away in hopes they can be identified and a repellent found.

ROAD ACCIDENTS Yet another accident around the "magnetic" corner between Tarvie and Blackwater on the A835. An animated discussion took place concerning the problem. Suggestions included getting "Accident Blackspot" signs erected; but it would seem the road surface needs to be redone to improve the camber. Ewen has asked Highland Council and Northern Constabulary to let him have the official statistics.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sue Tarr - News and Views is now in its sixth successful year.

GARVE SPEEDING Worries continue at the speed of traffic on the A835 through Garve. The 40mph speed limit is constantly ignored. Doug said that British Transport Police do have the right to switch on the crossing cameras for speed as well as for crossing against red lights. Would a "Smiley" help? Ewen said that a speed survey needs to be done. Doug will contact Inspector John Chisholm at Dingwall.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 5th August 2003 at Achnasheen.