



## **What's the plan?**

Community Development 2019 - 2024  
Annual Review June 2022

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## 2022 Annual Review – Community Development Plan

### Chair's Message

A huge opportunity came our way in 2021 as the Garve Hotel and associated land was split up and put up for sale. The community purchase of three of the plots was completed the week before Christmas of the same year.

It was hard work to get there! The process of buying the land as a community was something new for all of us, with the added complications caused by Covid. Sincere thanks for all the support we received, and especially for the support of our sister community groups – Lochluichart Community Trust, Garve and District Community Council, Garve Public Hall and Achnasheen Amenities Group. All responded to the challenge in front of us and there were times when we were working round the clock to make it happen.

Having windfarm funds available to us at this crucial time made all the difference. Just a few years ago we were being told by our neighbouring communities – *“Garve has no need for windfarm money”*.

Now we have The Garve & District Development Company, we have a Development Officer, staff, and a Community Plan, and our residents are regularly consulted on community actions. We have lots going on and have demonstrated that we can back ourselves and make things happen!

It was a shame that we weren't able to celebrate the purchase of land properly at the time, with social gatherings not being possible. Even now, covid continues and not everyone is able to come out and mingle with others if they are in an at-risk group.

However, everyone has the opportunity to join in the process of bringing together plans for the land. And although Garve is going to be the focus of a lot of our time and effort in the coming year, it doesn't mean that other areas are left out – we continue to work on projects and activities throughout, from Achnasheen to Aultguish, and not to mention with a view to our place in the wider world too.

We welcome all eligible residents as members - the more we have the stronger we are when representing this community and accessing funding. You could also become a director! As a board, we aim to be inclusive and have diversity with a range of skills, and representation from around Garve & District – but most of all we work together in the interests of our community. So, if you haven't already done so, please sign up as a member and have a say in how The Garve & District Development Company is run.

Take care during these changing times.

**Sue Tarr**  
**Chair**

## Projects Update May 2022

■ Short Term = 1-2 years ■ Mid Term = 2-3 Years ■ Long Term = 5 Years

RAG (Red, Amber, Green) Status

Projects/Workstreams planned	Red
Projects/Workstreams started, a work in progress	Amber
Projects/Workstreams completed	Green

THEME 1	PROJECT/GROUP	RAG STATUS	FUNDER	TERM
Community Ownership	Garve Public Hall Renovation - TG&DDC	Drawings for and Building Warrant process complete.	LCT	Short
		Asbestos Survey complete.		
		Feedback forms submitted to LCT on behalf of Trustees for grants received - Professional Fees and Solicitor's Fees.		
		Architect, Quantity Surveyor and Clerk of Works engaged for next phase of renovation.		
		Additional application made to LCT for increased professional fees and approved.		
		Tender documentation being prepared by Quantity Surveyor.		
		Expression of Interest submitted to Regeneration Capital Grant Fund in the sum of £210,000	Scottish Government	Short
		EOI accepted and Stage 1 Application submitted to Regeneration Capital Grant Fund in the sum of £210,000.		
		Stage 1 Application accepted, and final application submitted to Regeneration Capital Grant Fund in the sum of £210,000.		
		Stage 1 application to Regeneration Capital Grant Fund in the sum of £210,000 approved. Awaiting grant offer letter from Scottish Government.		
		Information on energy efficiency funding streams for community buildings shared with Trustees. Information from Quantity Surveyor suggests that air source heat pump would not be beneficial and		

		Trustees confident that Architect has energy efficiency built in to planned work.		
		Transfer of hall Title Deed to SCIO.	LCT	Short
		Transfer of Title Deed to SCIO of car parking spaces.	LCT	Short
		Confirmation that Title Deed for carparking spaces would include wayleave for community access to land at rear of hall received from Trustees.		
		Trustees encouraged to share regular updates regarding hall renovation progress on garve.org.		
		Trustees offered administrative support from one of TG&DDC Officers. Offer received but additional support not required.		
		Request from TG&DDC for a Trustee to join our Board Meetings for hall renovation agenda item forwarded to Trustees.		
	The GD CORE	Application for funds to carry out land valuation work to LCT approved.	LCT	Mid
		Work associated with independent land/property valuation completed.		
		Joint meeting with LCT and GDCC to discuss purchase.		
		Application to LCT for funds to purchase land approved.		
		Solicitor appointed for purchase.		
		Joint meeting with community stakeholders – offer price agreed.		
		Initial offer refused; subsequent offer accepted but remained on table until Company able to carry out more due diligence work.		
		As part of due diligence, pre-planning application submitted and favourable response from Highland Council received.		
		Information regarding transformers provided by Energy Officer following discussions with SSE.		
		Update for garve.org published.		
		Land purchased on behalf of community for £285K following full discussion with LCT, GDCC, Garve Public Hall and Achnasheen Amenities Group as key community representative bodies.		
		Property insurance quotes obtained and insurance cover in place.		
		Community invited to consider name for new land project.		

		Maintenance check of building and building made secure completed. Loose/missing roof tiles replaced.		
		Water turned off and Business Stream contacted. Council Tax contacted.		
		Trees on community land fell during storm – community rallied to remove them.		
		Tender document for community consultation process prepared.		
		Application to LCT for consultation process approved.		
		4 Consultants invited to tender, one tender received, and consultants appointed.		
		Hedge removed in line with Garve Public Hall tree removal work in readiness for renovation.		
		CainTech appointed to carry out boundary work in readiness for boundary fence. Boundary lines completed.		
		Security cameras erected.		
		Community updated via garve.org.		
		Community consultation team met with board and staff to begin work programme.		
		Community survey issued.		
		Remaining damaged/dangerous trees removed on land.		
		Shout out to community for contractors for boundary fence and grass cutting. No one local available.		
		Investing in Communities funding available to support project lead for land development. Garve and District Community Council approached to work in partnership with Development Company as an eligible applicant organisation with a plan for Development to administer and manage the process, a sum in the region of £100K, Community Council declined Development Company's request.		
		Development Company approached LCT as an eligible applicant for Investing in Communities Fund requesting, we work in partnership on behalf of the community. LCT were happy to work with us in support of our community and CEDO submitted the application in time for the end of June deadline in the sum of £105K over a 3-year period.		

		Await result of Investing in Communities Funding Application.		
		Awaiting quote for boundary fence.		
		Contractor from Ullapool appointed to cut grass initially, but unfortunately can no longer continue. Grounds maintenance needs addressing.		
		On-going issue with septic tank on community land. SEPA involved and Company working with hotel owners and neighbours to resolve.		
		Community meeting planned for August to discuss results of consultation.		
		Business Plan produced to support funding bids for land development in line with community wishes.		
		Develop land in line with community's wishes.		
	Garve & District War Memorial – TG&DDC	Details of quote received for paths feasibility study passed to the Friends for consideration. Friends are grateful for work on this to date.	LCT	Mid
		Friends of Garve and District War Memorial offered administration support to help build capacity. Accepted with thanks.		
		Engineering plans for historical war memorial path shared with TP&E Engineering.		
		Representatives from Garve and District War Memorial met with TP&E engineering to discuss memorial path – a positive meeting.		
		Work on-going with regards to feasibility study and paths.		
		Following feasibility, apply for funding to support new war memorial path and move forward work.		
	Develop and enhance footpath network (On Ya Bike Community Group supported by CEDO)	Paths identified as a priority as part of Sustaining Choices Project work	LCT	Mid
		Open day for community to promote paths and ebikes completed.		
		In partnership with Wheelness Project the loan of ebikes for the community facilitated.		
		On ya Bike Group promoted at all Summer 21 events.		
		Funding options researched for paths and promotion of active travel.		

		Working jointly with other communities to consider path network.		
		Funding researched for bike racks and bike shed.		
		Letter of support for paths received from MSP.		
		Worked in partnership with Cycling UK.		
		Applied for SHIFT funding to provide bike maintenance workshops – funding approved.	SHIFT	Short
		Bike maintenance workshops took place.		
		Application for funding for path feasibility work submitted to LCT and approved.		
		CEDO attended a number of networking on-line events throughout the year in support of the project as did community volunteers.		
		TP&E have met with the group, carried out initial walk through of paths and in the process of producing a follow-up report.		
		A staged schedule of work is in place with TP&E Engineering this will continue.		
		Further opportunities to promote active travel will be considered, opportunities for external funding investigated.		
		Feasibility will support next funding steps for enhanced/new path network.		
	Wyvis Natural Playpark	Ongoing - safety inspections, insurance cover, maintenance including general repairs, wood chip redistribution and top ups, drain clearance, signage, timber painting and litter picking.	LCT	Long
	Community Gardens/Woodlands/Allotments	Discussions with local Estate Owner to rent building and land took place.		
		Community volunteer input on how land could be developed and usage.		
		Planned community event on estate land.		
		Funding application developed.	Big Lottery	
		Estate owner withdrew offer of rented land and accommodation.		
		Ability to now develop community growing on new land asset.		
	Community Defibrillators	Units checked on a monthly basis.	LCT	Long
		Batteries and Pads in date and renewed as required.		
		Circuit Network kept up to date with details of units.		

		Regular reminder post schedules for garve.org.		
		Regular information shared in the Garve & District News – Aug 22 onwards.		

THEME 2	PROJECT/GROUP	RAG STATUS	FUNDER	TERM
<b>Community Energy</b>	Garve & District Community Energy Group	2021 Annual Energy Grant applied for and administered.	LCT	Short
		Oil Buying Club		
		Main partner to the Green for Go project supporting the Community Energy Officer and joint responsibility for extensive work carried out as part of this project.		
		The group disbanded in February 22.		
	Green for Go		Investing in Communities	Medium
	Home Energy Improvements	In the Autumn of 2021 HES Scotland resumed home energy surveys in G&D but the ongoing pandemic meant a large backlog needed clearing before new appointments could be made.		
		The Community Energy Officer identified Sprayfoam insulation as being a highly effective solution to retrofitting insulation internally in some older buildings. Additional costs for decoration and other work to enable the installation were identified. These costs are in most cases not covered by government Loans or Grants.		
		3 Households received surveys and quotes for Sprayfoam insulation to insulate walls and roof internally. One household had a HES loan turned down and was unable to progress. The remaining 2 households were unable to progress insulation measures in part due to lack of available funds.		
		Two G&D Home Energy Webinars with a focus on insulation and renewable heating systems respectively were held. The events were well attended and speakers from accredited installers,		



		other communities and Home Energy Scotland were well received.		
		The funding application to LCT, to establish a Home Energy Efficiency Grant, was unsuccessful as it was unable to meet the charitable aims for Community Benefit. The backdrop of rapidly rising energy prices continues to highlight the need to find innovative ways to support home energy efficiency in G&D and evidence (contained in EPC and HES reports) demonstrates that a high number of G&D properties are poorly insulated and would not meet standards required to enable a future switch from Oil to electric heating.		
		The EO was invited to join the 'Just Rural Transition Steering Group' organised by the charity Changeworks, to share his knowledge from working with the G&D households, in support of a paper to help inform how the transition to low carbon heat in buildings is financed to ensure it is fair and just.		
		The Spreadsheet produced in 2020 to track progress and assess status of Home Energy Reports, continues to be updated.		
		The EO continues to support G&D Households, promote existing Government funding schemes and explore other avenues for establishing a G&D Home Energy Efficiency Grant.		
		The EO has held discussions with wind farm developers at the Lochluichart Extension and Kirkan regarding community benefit. Discussions are ongoing.		
	Community Renewable Energy	A Community Energy Webinar was hosted by the EO with speakers from Nairn Community Arts Centre, Comrie Croft and Fintry providing learnings and details of their community energy projects. Government funded Solar PV installations for EV charging and free energy for community buildings were highly recommended.		
		The EO offered to support the trustees of the Garve Village Hall to explore renewable energy options at the hall.		

		The Kyle of Lochalsh line has been identified as one of the railway lines suitable for conversion to hydrogen powered trains under a Scottish Government initiative. The EO was invited to take part in discussions with the H2 Accelerator group to explore how a G&D Community Energy Project can support hydrogen production to power a hydrogen train and or heavy vehicles.		
		The EO has been approached by the Achnasheen Amenities Group to explore community energy opportunities there.		
		The EO has engaged with a stakeholder in Achnasheen to explore potential community benefits from accessing low-cost energy produced from existing hydro schemes.		
		Discussions with the developers of the proposed Kirkan Wind Farm and Lochluichart Extension regarding options for future community benefit are ongoing.		
		Community Engagement – to present Options Appraisals to G&D community, and all other relevant stakeholders.		
	Community Transport	The EO has liaised with Ferintosh, Gairloch, Southwest Ross and The Highland Council to learn from the success of their transport initiatives.		
		An offer from the Contin Community Transport Initiative, to include Garve in the planned route was accepted by the EO. A bus donated by the Highland Council operated by CSI Ross-Shire is proposed to run from Garve to Contin & Strathpeffer twice weekly.		
		Following on from recommendations made in the Sustaining Choices Action Plan for Active Travel and Sustainable Transport in G&D, the EO has written an options appraisal for a DRT (Demand Responsive Transport) transport service in Garve & District to meet the needs of the community and visitors to the area alike. A shared flexible, multipurpose electric transport service enabling access to medical centres, schools and facilities, linking to existing bus/train stations and connecting with other		

		communities will benefit health and wellbeing, whilst reducing tourist traffic and harmful emissions.		
		Various sites have been identified as having potential to locate an EV charger for a community vehicle. The EO is liaising with stakeholders and businesses in G&D to support this initiative. A fast charger would enable top-up on route. The EO has held discussions with Intelligent Land Investments regarding the proposed battery storage project at Lochluichart as there is potential for establishing a hub for rapid charging a community EV and providing revenue generating public EV charging services for the benefit of the community and environment. An application to LCT to support the initiative is being developed and various other funders have been identified.		
		Community Engagement – EO to present Options Appraisals to G&D community, and all other relevant stakeholders.		
	Community Energy Sub-group	EO reports to this Company sub-group on a regular basis.		
	Sustaining Choices Project	Final community engagement event - delivery summit, took place.	Paths for All	Short
		Garve & District Action Plan for Active Travel and Sustainable Transport completed and publicised across all communication networks.		
		Precis of Action Plan produced for easier read.		
		CEDO attendance at PAS Lead Officer meetings.		
		Traffic Calming Group setup to take forward priority 8 of Action Plan.		
		Working in partnership with Wester-ross Biosphere, gateway signs for Garve planned. Awaiting Transport Scotland's support. This forms part of Priority 2 of the Action Plan.		

THEME 3	PROJECT/GROUP	RAG STATUS	FUNDER	TERM
Infrastructure	Loos/Waste/Signs Community Group	Follow-up from last review. CEDO contacted Forestry rep' to report issues discussed in the group especially around parking. Land and Forestry Scotland would be happy to work in partnership to improve parking facilities but have no funds to support a project.		Short
		CEDO reported to Wester-Ross Biosphere Partnership Group and newly appointed local rangers about the problems being experienced in our area.		
		Group disbanded – Garve Public Hall were happy to consider use of newly renovated toilets being open to the public as long as a cleaning company employed to manage them.		
	Traffic Calming Group	Nov 22 – community group of 9 volunteers forms to consider priority led by CEDO.		
		3 meeting of the group held to date and as of May 21 the group has 14 members.		
		Regular updates on garve.org.		
		A large amount of work has taken place on this activity. In summary, the group would like a mixture of Vehicle Activated Signs and Speed Indicator Devices along A832 and A835.		
		Communication with Transport Scotland and Highland Council resulted in little support.		
		Liaison with Maree Todd MSP and Cllr Kraft resulted in correspondence finally being received from the Highland Council.		
		Traffic Related Issues Page set up on garve.org to capture local issues experienced by residents and visitors.		

		Draft community petition prepared to get support from community to push Transport Scotland and Highland Council to take action.		
		LCT happy to support purchase of signs as long as whole community is engaged and has a say about their location.		
		Email from Highland Council now received and is awaiting response regarding placement of signs.		

THEME 4	PROJECT/GROUP	RAG STATUS	FUNDER	TERM
Community Care	Supporting our community - Covid19 and beyond	National, regional and local updates regarding Covid19 were shared across all communication channels.		
		Alliance Electro-static Sprayers used at community venues and available for hire by community residents.		
		We received 58 responses to our health and well-being survey, and it was great to hear from those who responded all were feeling ok and connected to others.		
		We applied to HTSI for volunteer packs to say thank you to our community volunteers - these were distributed across the district.		
		Princes Countryside Trust - Garve & District - Community Resilience in Transition Project. Following a small amount of interest from our community we agreed to research befriending provision.		
		Contact made with GALE befriending service with regards to their offer of partnering and supporting us.		
		Contact made with Skye and Lochalsh befriending service with regards to their service and area		

		boundary (which is Strathcarron). Support has also been offered from them and they too are partnered with Highland Hospice Helping Hands.		
		Contact made with HTSI Health Walk Co-ordinator (who is a local resident) regarding walking groups. Advice and support have been offered to 3 volunteers to undertake "Paths for All" leader training.		
		Contact made with respondents who expressed interest in volunteering to see if they wish to participate.		
		Contact made with local resident who is a walking group volunteer in the Lochluichart area.		
		Befriending service not a priority for residents, PCF fund therefore used to provide community well-being events.		
		Hand sanitisers continued to be maintained across the district.		
		15 Community Support grants were administered and paid out from June 21 – May 22.		
		Community Support Grant forms were posted to every household in the district during June 22.		
		An application was made to Highland Council Food+ Fund in support of community lunch provision, this was unsuccessful.		
		Work in conjunction with GPs and Social Services to support vulnerable residents in our community.		
		Work with two community volunteers looking at the provision of handyperson service took place, identifying tasks and how provision may work.		
		Discussions with ILM took place regarding the service they currently provide. Agreed that this provision covers the area, and we would continue		

		to promote this service rather than developing our own local one.		
		In line with new legislation an application to cover the cost of inter-linked fire alarms for those residents identifying as vulnerable was made to LCT and approved.		
		3 community volunteers came together with the support of the CEDO to look at how provision of alarms could be managed.		
		Initially, application forms to have fire alarms installed went out to every single household in the district and were processed.		
		Due to issues with LCT charity guidelines, only those people identifying as vulnerable were able to receive free fire alarms and if required installation support.		
		From application forms, alarms were distributed to 29 people, 9 of which required support with installation.		
		An application was made to the Corra Foundation for funding to support residents in hardship with shop vouchers, help with bills. The funding application was unsuccessful.		
		Green Health – from external funding two great events were held at Lochluichart Community Hall and Aultguish Inn. The events promoted community growing and other activities to improve health and well-being.		
		Community volunteers came together to form Green Leaves group – a group promoting community growing opportunities and sharing of growing information.		

		Green Leaves were responsible for leading the Community Barrel project which including purchasing and distribution of barrels and purchasing and distribution of bulbs throughout the community.	Green Health	Short
		Green Leaves Group have worked with school children of Strathgarve Primary School and a local family with children to promote growing.		
		Following discussions with Shopmobility, we were able to bring this service to Garve and District.		

<b>THEME 5</b>	<b>PROJECT/GROUP</b>	<b>RAG STATUS</b>	<b>FUNDER</b>	<b>TERM</b>
<b>Community Groups/Events</b>	Activate Garve & District Phase 2	All tutor led activities are free to G & D residents – From April there is a £5 charge to non-resident adults and £2 non-resident children.	<b>LCT</b>	<b>Short</b>
		Qigong Class Online Suspended after numbers dropped below 4 frequently.		
		Online Yoga maintained – cost effective – only those that attend paid for.		
		Yoga in hall commenced and maintained – alternating Achnasheen & Garve every 6 weeks approx.		
		Art Class for Adults up and running online during Covid restrictions.		
		Art Class in Hall commenced and maintained - alternating Achnasheen & Garve.		
		Needles & Hooks (now Needles & Natter) up and running – hall cost only – combining with Plant and Seed Swap stalls and other suitable activities.		
		Summer Celebration event to bring community together at Ledgowan Lodge – Activities for adults and children from Wyvis Wings, Kim Richardson Art		



		and a glider flight simulator, children's art display, On Ya Bike, live ceilidh music, refreshments and cake - 54 attended.		
		Magician entertainment was explored and decided against due to low interest, cost and covid ventilation concerns.		
		Let's Get Growing - vegetable and sunflower seeds distributed.		
		Sunflower Competition open to all ages in the district with prizes including spring bulbs'		
		Zoom training offered to residents - no interest - offer again in newsletter.		
		Zumba for adults in hall daytime and evening - evening set up and maintained.		
		Ranger Family Sessions explored and planned however price became excessive.		
		Zumba for kids' holiday session went ahead - lack of interest for future sessions.		
		Kids and Parents craft session offered after Zumba kids' session - low uptake - 1 parent, 2 children.		
		Freestyle Jamming Session explored - not enough interest.		
		Circuits for adults in hall - set up and maintained.		
		Community Coffee Mornings - monthly - free of charge to all - set up and maintained - ad-hoc craft activities, displays from local crafter, G&D News, LCT Information stand included - run by community residents - Micro grant achieved.		
		Martial Arts - set up and maintained - students have completed first grades.		
		Men's Breakfast.		
		Informal Walk with other residents.		
		Dungeons and Dragons.		

		Tech Surgery, Live Music, Art Demo, Art Class exhibition at Coffee Mornings and more to evolve.		
		Community Lunches.		
		Transport to support community lunches if required.		
		Promotion of activities with lower numbers to ensure sustainable through demos, taster sessions, video clips, garve.org, social media, G&D News.		
		Research and compile Tutor and Volunteer Associate Packs of Policy, Standards and Procedures.		
		Art Workshop for Kids in summer holidays,		
		Specific Self Defence Workshop for Women in October holidays.		
		Activities for Gamers.		
		Whist Drive – possibly combine a daytime class with Needles and Natter plus an evening session.		
		Weekly and holiday activities for kids and young people – collaborate with Active School Co-ordinators.		
		Market for local traders and surrounding areas.		
		Mid-summer strawberry fayre 2023.		
		Offer Zoom training again in the G&D News for those that are offline.		
		Pilates daytime class for all abilities focused on low mobility.		
		Freestyle Jamming Session may be able to combine with coffee morning in future.		
		Repair, Mend, Upcycle café as part of coffee morning.		
		Pottery group.		

		Drama, dance and singing groups – adult and separate youth group.		
		Evening presentations, speakers and demonstrations bi-monthly.		
		Quiz night monthly.		
		Microgrant for N&N		
	Garve Events Group	Applied for additional funding for community Christmas lights, erected these and ran another successful Christmas Lights Switch on Event.	LCT	Short
		The group came together to plan, administer and implement another successful Christmas Cheer event delivering 160 gift packs to the community.	TG&DDC	Short
		The group celebrated the Queens Jubilee and invited the community to join them at Garve Public Hall for a Royal Afternoon Tea. A plan is in place for commemorative Jubilee Coins to be given to all G&D youngsters.	LCT	Short
	Garve Public Hall	Trustees removed trees and bushes around the hall's boundary in preparation for forthcoming renovations.	Garve Public Hall Volunteers	
		Trialled and implemented new hall booking system.		
		Increase in hall hire prices publicised.		
		Request from Trustees for some community land to be made available for storage once renovation work begins. Request approved by TG&DCC Board.		
		Trustees installed a new electronic door entry system to the hall.		
		We have seen an increase in community events thanks to the Development Company's Activate Garve & District Project.		
		Active Facebook page.		

	Friends of Garve & District War Memorial	Major path clearance and tidy took place.		
		Planting of community barrels.		
		Supported TG&DDC and installed funder signs on all community barrels.		
		Accepted administration support from TG&DDC.		
		Updated logo.		
		New group members and group roles appointed to.		
		Open public meeting to appoint new group members and consider centenary event.		
		Active Facebook page.		
	Achnasheen Amenities Group	Campaigned to ensure the local post office was kept open and was successful!		
		Village signage has been discussed.		
		Representatives of the group attend the Traffic Calming group and have independently attempted to resolve lack of responses from road authorities.		
		Village Hall – following a community survey, the community felt they did not have capacity to manage a community transfer of ownership option. However, the group is still considering the hall's future.		
		We have seen an increase in community events thanks to the Development Company's Activate Garve & District Project.		
	Lochluichart Community Hall	Lochluichart Community Hall opened up again following covid, with sanitiser, social distancing and a one-way system. Coffee and Books resumed in the spring of 2022, meeting once a fortnight to swap books and have a chat.		

		In April 22, Friends of Lochluichart Community held a Sale in aid of the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal which raised the fantastic sum of £1035.		
	Garve Litter Busters	Grant awarded directly from LCT in Jan 22 of £184	LCT	Mid
		10 volunteers in group. But 8 are active. We need more volunteers for the group and have put out numerous appeals without much success. We only need six per big pick.		
		A 'big pick' event took place each month. With the exception of January 22. But numerous small individual pickers are done by the group out with these.		
		Since conception, 3 grants have been awarded by LCT. The first one for initial equipment of pickers, bags, hoops for bags and Hi Vis vests. A second grant was awarded shortly after that to increase amount and replace some broken pickers. The third grant was to replace pickers for longer and heavier duty pickers.		
		WhatsApp Group for community volunteers in place - there is a WhatsApp group for the members to share 'litter problems' that have been identified, and to coordinate Big Picks each month. Since conception the group have collected in excess of 130 bin bags of rubbish, identified and reported fly tipping issues to the council, and aid the council by bringing fly tipping material to the verge for easy identification and collection.		
	Blackwater Wildlife Group	The Blackwater Wildlife Group continue to have virtual meetings by zoom, where members show photos of the interesting wildlife they have seen during the week.		

		<p>Their badger mascot visited Lochluichart Green Health Event and new recruit; their squirrel mascot visited the Aultguish Event demonstrating the various feeding signs of squirrels that reveal their presence in the woods.</p>		
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Theme 6	Project/Group	RAG Status	Funder	Term
Business & Tourism		On-going, CEDO is a member of Wester-Ross UNESCO Management Partnership Group.		
		Potential use of Silverbridge site for community development investigated and agreed not suitable.		
		Encouragement of businesses to sign up to garve.org and Garve & District News		
		Facebook Group – Garve & District Business Adverts and offers has 91 members.		

Company	Core Activities
Directors	<p>We welcomed Heather Green as a Company Director and Amy Sharp; however, Amy left the Company in January 2022, due to increasing work commitments. We said goodbye to John Bedwell as he moved out of the District and thanked him for his years of service to the Company and our community.</p> <p>Annual Skills Audit, continuous training needs review took place.</p> <p>Current Directors at the end of May 2022: Sue Tarr (Chair), Mike Franklin (Treasurer), Andrew Biddlecombe, John Fenwick and Heather Green.</p>
Staff	<p>We said goodbye to Yvonne Boa, CEDO and thanked her for the work she achieved during her time with the Company.</p> <p>Current Staff: As at the end of May 2022: Tina Hartley (Community Engagement and Development Officer), Heather Donaldson (Company Secretary), Morven MacDonald (Activate Garve &amp; District Project Officer Phase 2), Ewan Bush (Community Energy Officer), Megan Urquhart (Community Recovery &amp; Response Co-ordinator)</p> <p>Annual Skills Audit, continuous training needs review took place. Regular supervision sessions take place with individual staff members alongside team meetings.</p>
Members	145 Ordinary Members, 13 Associate Members, 3 Junior Members. Annual General Meeting and Membership Review took place.
Administration	Annual: Companies House, Accounts, M&As, Community Development Plan Review; Staff Review; Policies and Procedures Review. Company Office, Insurance, Information Commissioner's Office, Disclosure Scotland, Living Wage Employer. Board Governance Health Check and member of Development Trusts Association Scotland.
Joint Working	The 3 organisations representing our community – ourselves The Garve & District Development Company, Lochluichart Community Trust and Garve and District Community Council meet throughout the year.
	Company representatives continue to attend Garve and District Community Council Meetings, and our CEDO works closely with the Secretary of Lochluichart Community Trust seeking advice as necessary and discussing community development.
	CEDO attends the Wester-Ross Tourism Partnership Group, whose aim to co-ordinate responses to managing tourism throughout the Highlands.
Communication	Garve.org (231 Subscribers), June 21 to May 22 (227 New posts), (265 New events), (264 New Comments)

	TG&DDC Facebook Page (375 Likes) (440 Followers), G&D Buy, Swap, Sell and Free (133 Members), G&D Business Adverts & Offers (91 Members), G&D Young People (14 Members), Green Leaves (21 Members), Twitter (34 Followers), Instagram (34 Followers), WhatsApp (29 Participants). Email, Telephone, Zoom, Face to Face Meetings, Letter, Garve & District News
Finance	<p><b>June 21 – May 22 Approved Funding</b></p> <p>LCT Funding applied for and approved - £539,112 (TG&amp;DDC)</p> <p>LCT Funding applied for and approved by TG&amp;DDC CEDO - £46,246 (For Other Groups)</p> <p>External Funding applied for and approved - £29,043 (TG&amp;DDC)</p> <p>External Funding applied for and approved by TG&amp;DDC CEDO - £210,000 (For Other Groups)</p> <p>Total Funding for Garve &amp; District applied for and approved: £824,404</p> <p><b>June 21 – May 22 Funding Not Approved</b></p> <p>External Funding applied for and not approved - £114,472 (TG&amp;DDC)</p>

#### Current RAG Status for TG&DDC Only

<b>Projects/Workstreams planned</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Red</b>
<b>Projects/Workstreams started, a work in progress</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>Amber</b>
<b>Projects/Workstreams completed</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>Green</b>



## Community Priorities – (last survey 20/21)

<b>THIS IS WHAT YOU SAID</b>		<b>High Responses</b>
1	Supporting our Community Covid19 and beyond	55
2	Personal Assistant Service for our elderly and vulnerable residents	49
3	Community-owned Shop	44
4	Out of School Activities/Youth Group	41
5	Community-owned Café – Garve area	40
5	Pre-School Group	36
6	Permanent Christmas lights for Garve and District	36
7	Development of access to and refurbishment of Garve War Memorial	35
8	Develop and enhance the footpath network – Garve to Achnasheen	31
9	Promote Garve as Gateway to North Coast 500/Wester-Ross Biosphere	28
10	Handyman Service	27
10	Improved Signage for Garve & District	27
11	Men’s Shed	26
12	Community Woodland	23
13	Development of a small light industrial area for business units	21
14	Garve & District Museum	19
15	Develop former hotel land – Achnasheen	17
15	Food Tourism	17
16	Community Garden	13
16	Community-owned Achnasheen Village Hall	13

<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
1	The Development Company in partnership with Lochluichart Community Trust have continued to support our community throughout the pandemic and transition.	Complete
2	The Development Company worked in partnership with Social Services and the PA Network Scotland to bring our community information on how to access services for personal care.	Complete
10	The Development Company looked at options for developing a community-based service. We worked with ILM who currently provide a service to our residents, it was agreed to promote this existing provision to residents.	Complete
3, 5, 9, 12, 14, 16	Potential for The GD CORE – community land.	In Progress
6	Garve Events Group taking the lead	In Progress
4, 5, 11	The Development Company are working on these priorities as part of our Activate Garve & District Project.	In Progress
7	On ya Bike Community Group working in partnership with Friends of Garve & District War Memorial are moving forward access plans.	In Progress
7	Friends of Garve & District War Memorial are taking the lead with memorial refurbishment plans.	In Progress
8, 9	The On ya Bike community group are taking forward work associated with our local path network with support from our CEDO, this will include improved community information and signage.	In Progress
9	The Development Company, working in partnership with Wester-ross Biosphere and Transport Scotland, will install Biosphere gateway signs on entrance/exit to Garve.	In Progress
10	Following our Sustaining Choices project, we encouraged community volunteers to come forward and now have a Traffic Calming Group in place, part of their role is look at traffic calming measures – signage can be used to support speed reduction.	In Progress
16	The Achnasheen Amenities Group are taking the lead with this priority.	In Progress
15	Food tourism – this priority is being redefined and we will look at how we can promote our local eateries throughout Garve and District. Develop former hotel land – Achnasheen. The Achnasheen community decided this was no longer a priority.	In Progress Removed

## Comments from Community Survey 20/21

<b>Some New Community Comments</b>			
<p><b>“Before promoting things like the route 500, Garve is desperately needing public toilets.”</b></p>	<p>“... community buying opportunities for items such as firewood as a lorry load could be cheaper for each individual house ...”</p>		
<p>“We thought it would be good to have an area where the community and it's children could play sport - football, tennis, badminton, cricket. A court which would encourage everyone to participate and stay fit.”</p>	<p>“When having an outdoor drop in recently, it struck me that we don't really have a community outdoor space that is easily accessible in the heart of the community, hence moving “Community Garden” up to high priority.”</p>	<p><b>“Whatever projects are developed in the future there should be a more robust set of contingency plans set in place so that if any problems arise once the project is completed the developers must try and sort these problems, rather than the individual households being left to sort them out, while the developers simply walk away. This might be something that the GDDC, LCT and GDCC look at together.”</b></p>	<p>“I had hoped the hub would be extended to be more like a local newspaper with things for sale, local news, or things that could be given away. More interaction between individuals rather than a tool of the Development Company.”</p>
<p><b>“Outdoor learning centre.”</b></p>	<p>“Think priorities should be to improve the local villages of Garve and Achnasheen with signage, flowers, and general community areas.”</p>	<p>“Remove fish hake at rogie, let fish back up the river and make the Silver Bridge and county yard into a falls of shin type of thing. Would create good local jobs and a community income for many years to come!”</p>	

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Public Toilets	Potential for The GD CORE – community land asset.
Green Space for young people	Potential for The GD CORE – community land asset.
Outdoor learning centre	Potential for The GD CORE – community land asset to run outdoor events.
Community buying opportunities	Oil Club in place and run by a community group. Wood offered free to residents from tree work on community land. The Development Company would support community volunteers to get up and running to provide a community wood purchasing service.
Improved village centres – Garve & Achnasheen	Green Leaves community group, with support from the Development Company, have provided community flower barrels, bulbs and plants. We have new signs for the entrance and exit to Garve planned that recognises it as the gateway to the Wester-ross Biosphere. Welcome/amenities signs for Achnasheen can be considered a part of the Traffic Calming Group's role as can other improved signage.
Robust plans for projects	Agreed - the three community organisations – The Garve & District Development Company, Lochluichart Community Trust and Garve and District Community Council hold regular joint meetings and discuss community development progress. Each group have policies and procedures in place and would look to ensure that projects are managed professionally. The Development Company can offer support in terms of helping any individual group to build capacity, especially those who have or do apply independently for funding to run community projects.
Rogie Falls	This is out with the Development Company's remit; however, the new land development will see improve amenities for our district.
garve.org the community's on-line hub	The Development Company encourages local groups to use the hub and share local news, any group can be given access to develop their own page, attract followers, post updates and even email their followers as a group. If a group of community members wished to start a buy, swap, sell, free service they can do this as part the group facility. We do have a Facebook Page to support this idea too.

**The Development Company are pleased to say that every community priority is/has been worked on, every comment from the last community survey (20/21) has been considered or worked on.**

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### Gave & District Community Defibrillators

Garve Public Hall  
Stirling Drive  
Garve  
IV23 2PR

Inchbae Lodge  
Inchbae  
Garve  
IV23 2PH

Kinlochluichart Church  
2 Miles West of Mossford  
Lochluichart  
Garve  
IV23 2PZ

Achnasheen Village Hall  
Village Centre  
Achnasheen  
IV22 2EE

Aultguish Inn  
Nr Loch Glascarnoch  
Garve  
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