

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Minutes of the meeting held at Garve Hall on 11th April 1994.

Present:

Mr. G.G. MacKenzie in the Chair, Mr. A. Logie, Mr. J. Allison, Mrs. P. MacDonald, Mr. E. Tarr, Mrs. B. MacPhail.

Members of the public: Mr. E. Smith, Mr. R. MacKay, Mrs. E. MacLeod.

Apologies Mr. U Menzies, Mr. C. Ellis, Councillor R. Stirling.

This being the First meeting of the new Community Council no previous council minutes were read.

The first item on the agenda was co-option of members to the council.

Mrs. Einer Winship was proposed by Mrs. P. MacDonald  
seconded by Mr. J. Allison Adopted.

Mr. Roddy MacKay was proposed by Mrs. P. MacDonald  
seconded by Mr. J. Allison Adopted.

This leaves one vacancy for the Inchbae area.

Election of Officers CHAIRMAN:

Mr. G. G. MacKenzie  
proposed by Mr. A. Logie.  
seconded by Mrs. E. Winship Adopted.

VICE CHAIRMAN:

Mr. A. Logie  
proposed by Mrs. P. MacDonald  
seconded by Mrs. E. Winship Adopted.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Mr. E. Tarr, was adopted formally from the  
inaugural meeting.

Correspondence.

Congratulations from Councillor Stirling on the restart of the Community Council, and his pursuance of matters arising from the inaugural meeting namely;

Housing defects in Matheson road, Cemetery wall, and the grant money for the Community Council.

Cheque for £344 from the District Council for the year 1993/94.

The Chairman recommended Mr. Stirling's activities on behalf of the Community Council, and the Sec./Treasurers prompt application and award of the years grant.

Mr. Allison commented on the continuing problems of the Houses in Matheson Road. His main points;- the ongoing problem of smoke blowing

back into the houses, lack of double glazing in the older houses, and lack of effective action. ~~on Garve~~

The Chairman commented that his action via the M.P. and others had got action for improvement to the older stock of housing in Achnasheen.

Mrs. Betty MacDonald commented that the older council houses in Matheson Road are now 23 years old and should qualify for upgrading. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Housing Department and bring up the points discussed.

Reorganisation of Local Councils. Mr. Mair wrote asking for support for separate Ross & Cromarty Council to be kept on as an entity.

A long discussion ensued;

PROS: Mainly to keep accountability near to the public.

CONS: Duplication, more expenses, empire builders, and buck passing!

The feeling of the meeting was that not enough information was available to make a realistic decision.

Registrars Post. With the resignation of Mrs. Illingworth as registrar, the question of the appointment as replacement was brought up.

Mrs. MacPhail wondered what the Achnasheen feelings were about having to go to Dingwall to register. Mrs. MacDonald felt that there was little to choose between Garve and Dingwall. Mrs. E. MacLeod said it is a very committed job and already reverts to Dingwall for holiday breaks, it might be better for continuity to go to Dingwall completely. It was pointed out that once the post was absorbed by Dingwall it was lost forever.

The Chairman undertook to telephone Mr. Silver and obtain help in obtaining posters to advertise the job.

Garve Traffic. The official report is that the traffic is at all times low, and no appreciable increase has taken place in recent years.

Mr. Logie pointed out that the most incidents are due to bad driving. The big problem is that traffic from the south has had standard trunk road conditions as far as Contin, thereafter the road suddenly becomes substandard to west of Garve.

Action Write to Mr. Colmar for information about the Contin/Garve road upgrading. Also to complain of the state of the Tarvie/Blackwater B.T. junction boxes.

War Memorial. Mr. Allison said the handrail on the climb to the memorial is very flimsy. As the work continues on the access to the memorial it was left to the next meeting for a further report.

Garve Roads. Bad Drainage in the vicinity of the school entrance and the new burial ground in Garve has not been improved by the insertion of a gully which does not appear to have been connected to a drain. The new curb and footpath to the school now prevents drainage on the

other side now and the flooding is worse. Chairman MacKenzie has photographs.

Action. Write to Mr. Colmar.

Station Road. Mr. Logie reported completion was expected by the end of April.

Gates erected at School Entrance. Worry expressed about the following points at Garve School.

1. Whose authority
2. What purpose
3. Why not sleeping policemen
4. Whose account the money came from
5. The gates are outwith Education Dept. boundaries and cross an Ancient Right of Way.

Action; The Chairman is on the School Board and will raise it with them. Mrs. E. MacLeod will contact the Garve School Teacher.

Cat and Dog neutering charity. A request was presented for contributions to above.

Action. None until the finances settle down.

Any other Business. Mrs. MacDonald raised the matter of the road traffic in the vicinity of the school and telephone exchange at Achnasheen. The Chairman said he was aware that a new road scheme there was imminent.

Action. Write to Mr. Colmar asking for information on speed limits and child safety measures at Achnasheen.

Mrs. MacDonald also said, some confusion was happening because of poor sign posting and overnight parking was occurring in the station area. The Chairman was of the opinion the new road scheme in progress would resolve this.

Mrs. MacLeod commented on the inefficient and annoying system of getting repairs effected on the school house.

The Chairman raised the matter of RIVER FLOODING IN GARVE and requested an update from Sandy Ellen, and point out extensive hydro-electric records were kept. An undertaking by Mr. Ellen to keep the Chairman informed had led to nothing as yet. The question of silting at the viaduct had to be investigated.

Mr. Logie raised the question of the Garve water supply. What had happened to the large sum of money allocated to this scheme which was reported in the press? Mr. Logie said surveyors on the site said it would be all in operation within two years. Request information from Mr. Ellen.

Again Mr. Logie and Mrs. MacLeod wondered why there were no toilets at Garve and Contin, and that the Silver Bridge toilet area was heavily polluted with human waste products due to failure of the water supply. Chairmmman wondered why a gravity feed supply from Owkie burn was not installed instead of a vulnerable pump? Request information from Mr. Ellen.

Mr. Allison moved permission for Secretary to buy stationary -  
Approved

Said  
Mrs. MacLeod and P.C. Chisholm must receive notice of meetings.

Next Meeting. 6th June 1994 8.00pm Garve.

Closed at 10.30pm.