

Garve & District Community Council

Minutes Of Meeting 5th Dec. 1994
Held in Garve Hall at 8.00pm

Vice Chairman Sandy Logie opened the meeting at 8pm

Present.

Mrs B MacPhail, Mrs P MacDonald, Mrs Winship, Mr U Menzies, Mr MacKay, Mr J Bedwell, Mr A Logie, and Mr Tarr (Secretary).

Members of The Public & Visitors.

Mr Eddie Smith, PC Chisholm & PC Calum Watson, Cllr. Stirling, Mr Ellen and Consultants for Garve Flood Relief Scheme.

Apologies.

Mr G MacKenzie, Mr Ellis and Mr Green.

Previous Minutes.

The Minutes of the Nov 1994 meeting were read and approved.

The normal procedure was interrupted to permit Mr Ellen and his consultant team to present the results of their work. A computerised model was demonstrated which appeared to show that flooding in Garve was due solely to the river overflowing the banks. It appeared to show that no effect of the level of water in Loch Garve could influence the level of water in the village. The scheme concluded that raising the level of the buns at two points on the river bank would avoid floods to some arbitrary level.

Discussion - Main Points:

1. Had extensive Hydro Elec. Water records been used - NO
2. Had consideration of water dumping by H.E. been taken into account - NO
3. The model seemed only to consider a few days of rain.
4. How did the model predict sewerage & storm drain effects?
5. The models prediction of Loch Garve water levels appeared seriously adrift from what local observations were presented.

Basically, the meeting was disappointed with the consultants survey. The model did not appear to square up to the observed facts of changes in Loch Garve levels affecting the river back up in the village.

In response, Mr Ellen stated that the only way to resolve all of the flood water issues affecting Garve was to apply for a full "Flood Prevention Order" which would exceed any financial provision which could be made within the Region and which would require an "Act of Parliament" and a considerable amount of time to implement.

On the understanding that the 'interim measures' proposed by Mr Ellen and his team, went ahead (Since these were within his Budget and Authority), the meeting proposed that Mr Ellen start the process of application for a Full Flood Prevention Order, how ever lengthy this process may be.

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Garve Water.

Mr Ellen agreed that Garve Water was not at present acceptable. A "Water Order" was languishing in the Scottish Office for two years. He was moving his plans on in anticipation of the order being approved. He is preparing a "Notice of Intent" (a form of planning application). Mr Ellen denied that the meagre £200 offer to Sandy Jack for the bore hole site and access was holding anything up. He said he would be disappointed if the scheme was not started by 1997 and through to Grudie by 1999. Mrs Winship was given no hope of the pipe through to Achanalt.

Police Security.

PCs Chisholm & Watson gave advice on Security Systems. They had no advance on the Tarvie case report. They were thanked for their contribution.

Road Signs.

Mr Colmar's suggestions were accepted. The standard Trunk road sign was OK and the brown information signs were set back until we could decide what we wanted.

Village Field.

Cllr. Green thought he might get money put at the Community Councils disposal for moving on the face lift. It was thought volunteers will do some of the work.

Burial Ground.

After comments from villagers, the Secretary had asked for the work to be stopped and a Clerk of Works sent out, as the work was unsatisfactory.

Garve Play Areas.

Some advantages were reported. The mats had been placed under the swings and goal posts had arrived in the football area.

Stationery.

The Secretary expressed appreciation of help from John Bedwell with minutes and notices.

Footpaths.

Sandy Jack is fairly well disposed to the footpath on the north bank of the river. Signposting was required but a scheme was needed to be planned before we could sort ourselves out.

Points raised:

Sign posts Kinellan/Garve & visa versa.

Sign posting from Torachilty through the forestry would be appreciated.

Brown signs for Garve - for tourists/walkers/fishermen.

What parking is there for cars?

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Physical Education for Schools.

No Equipment is available for the combined Achnasheen/Strathgarve school PE sessions, although a specialist teacher comes each week to the village.

Chairman Logie thanked all attending, especially Cllr Stirling for his continued help in local matters.

The meeting closed at 11pm.

The next meeting was set for Feb.6th 1995 in the Garve Hall at 8pm