

# *Garve & District Community Council*

Minutes Of Meeting 3rd Oct. 1994  
Held in Garve Hall at 8.00pm

## Present.

Mssrs. U Menzies, A Logie, J Allison, C Ellis, Mrs P MacDonald,  
Mrs B MacPhail, Mr G G MacKenzie (Chairman), Cllr. Green, Cllr. Stirling,  
Mr Rennie, Mrs Winship and Mr E Tarr (Secretary).

## Members of The Public.

Miss J MacPake, Mrs Sirjanen and Mr J Bedwell.

## Apologies.

Mr Roddie MacKay, P.C. Chisholm.

## Previous Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted, - moved by Mr Allison and seconded by Mr Menzies.

## MATTERS ARISING & CORRESPONDENCE.

### Dead Trees - Matherson Road.

Cllr. Stirling said they would be removed.

### Village Hall.

Renovations well under way. Mr Logie said finance should be OK. Mrs Winship mentioned the 'Shell Better Britain Campaign' as possible source of finance. Plans were also under way for a face lift to the Post Office field.

### Memorial.

The meeting felt that village volunteers would be best to keep the site tidy and clean of scrub. Maybe approach Mr Brown for help with a new fence and gate.

### Village Field.

Mr MacKenzie said that no acquisition of the land was to be involved. The transfer of Garve's original money to Achnasheen has resulted in good improvements there. Mr Logie was to obtain written permission of field owner to allow work or plans to be formulated.

Mrs MacDonald said beware of letting the planning people make plans which are too complicated and detailed. Mr MacKenzie agreed and said the architects were a bit unrealistic.

### Sign Posting for Garve.

H.R.C. will make a proposal.

### Garve Water Supply.

Mrs Sirjanen said the water is just terrible with sludge and sand. She said that everyone complains about it all the time.

Letters from the Planning Dept. were just official jargon for saying we are doing nothing about it - so there!

It seems that the stumbling block was their offer of £200 for the site on Strath Garve Farm, for a scheme costing £600,000 plus. However, this was thought to be an excuse for using the money elsewhere.

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## Flooding.

Nothing. Mr MacKenzie to follow this up.

## Bus Shelter.

Nothing.

## Stop Cocks. - Matherson Road.

Nothing. Several reports of falls, including the District Nurse at these un-repaired sites of Water Board activity.

Cllr. Green said the Management Plan will come into force, uniting all problems onto one plan with a direct input from Community Councils. He said that direct contact with Mr Colmar is the answer at present.

## Boundary Changes.

Cllr. Green explained the position. He asked the meeting to endorse his proposal for:

- a) Three wards, not two, for Wester Ross.
- b) Garve should stay with Achnasheen. His reasons were:
  - 1. Historical associations.
  - 2. Tendency for West Coast to be outvoted at all times.
  - 3. Inequitable distribution of Councillors.

The meeting agreed with Cllr. Green and voted to write to Mr Batho supporting his point.

## Smoke Blow-backs.

Mr Rennie gave the Coal Advisory man's report:

- 1. The problem is geographical.
- 2. The majority of flues are defective. They should be re-bored, re-lined and ventilated.
- 3. Recommends against enclosed stoves because:
  - a) Flues soot up and go on fire.
  - b) Causes carbon monoxide build-up.
  - c) Will not cure the problem.

Mr Rennie also said effecting repairs would be £2,000 per house against an allowance of £200, therefore, nothing this year at all. The Department is on 'essential repair' only. To get money for this would take money from other projects. It might be possible for a "Rolling Replacement".

Mr Rennie's report caused moans of incredulity from the meeting.

Mr MacKenzie, Mrs MacPhail and Mr Menzies said they had enclosed fire places for 2 - 3 years and they completely solved the problem. There were no problems with:

- 1. Draughts
- 2. Blowbacks
- 3. C.O.poisoning
- 4. Chimney fires.

Mr Rennie came under severe questioning and could not pacify the meeting. He reluctantly consented to trial installation of one fire-place in Stirling Drive & one in Matherson Road. - Mrs Sirjanen and Mr Ellis residences.  
Mr Rennie to give installation dates.

The meeting made it clear that all electric heating was a non starter.

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## Burial Ground.

Ross District Preservation Dept. plans for Burial Ground works was thought to be stupid when no money was available for living families homes.

## Registrars Post.

The retention of the post in the District was welcomed.

## H.R.C. Planning Permission.

### Tarvie Cafeteria

Conditional approval has been given. It was mentioned that local problems in the community and ownership disputes had arisen.

### Achnaclerach

Mr Bedwell, the applicant, was in attendance. The application had been 'Called in' by the Scottish Office Roads Dept. and was to go to 'Written Submissions'. The meeting voted to support Mr Bedwell's application by writing to the appropriate Department. Cllr. Green also supported the application.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

### Speeding.

Mrs Winship raised the question of speeding between Grudie and Achnasheen. It was reported that the Police were aware of it and were quite active on this stretch of road.

### Drove Road.

Mrs Gordon had written about the state of the road at Strath Garve Lodge where heavy machines had made gutters of the surface.

Mr Logie said that the responsibility of the road from the Lodge entrance to the wall east of it, was the Lodge's. Further east, it was the Forestry Commissions

### Mr Ellis's Roof.

Yet again, this matter has still not been put right. Mr Rennie agreed to attend to it.

### Play Area.

What has happened about the Rubber Mats? What has Happened since Mrs Sirjanen was paid off as Park Attendant? (The Poolewew man has never been seen there yet.)

### Pot-holes at Grudie.

Mrs Winship's complaint to be put to Mr Colmar.

### Apologies to the next meeting:

Cllr. Stirling, Cllr. Green. Mr MacKenzie.

### Election to the Council.

Mr Bedwell is available for election to the Community Council as representative for Inchbae/Aultguish.

Next Meeting. - Monday, 5th Dec. at Garve Hall - 8.00pm.

The Chairman, Mr MacKenzie, closed the meeting at 23.00hrs.