

Garve & District Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 4th Dec. 1995
Held in the Garve Hall at 8pm

Chairman Mr MacKenzie opened the meeting at 8.00pm.

Apologies.

Mr A MacKenzie, Mr C Ellis & Mrs Pat MacDonald.

Present.

Mr G G MacKenzie (Chairman), Enier Hughes, Mrs MacPhail, Mr S Logie, Mr U Menzies, Mr John Bedwell, Mrs Betty MacLeod, Mr E Tarr (Sec) Cllrs MacIntyre & Stirling.

Garve residents: Jean MacPake, Barbara Sirjannen, Kate MacDonald, Judi Wilcox, Jean Hollingdale, Dorrie Tarr and Renate Ross.

Co-option of Lady Melville

Proposed by U Menzies, seconded by E Hughes and carried.

Tree Felling at Little Garve

Mrs Hollingdale among others voiced concern at the extent of trees marked for felling at Little Garve. In view of the non commercial nature of the trees in the area, the very special natural populations of newts, toads, woodpeckers, tree creepers etc. and the many species of plants and mature trees, it was proposed to ask Mr Muhl to consider leaving this relatively small area to natural Climax Caledonian Pine Forest. This was carried unanimously.

Smoke Blowbacks

Roy MacIntyre had spoken to Mr Rennie who reported that Alness tests for glass fire fronts had failed and he now proposed to fit new Charnwood Multi Fuel enclosed stoves. Mr Rennie proposed to contact individual residents.

Garve Water

Mr MacIntyre reported that the Water Dept. Acknowledged that Garve water was the worst in the District and the Garve was top priority for a new supply. However, due to water being made a quango in the foreseeable future, nothing would be done until then.

The Secretary pointed out that excuses presented by Mr Sandy Ellen to the effect that the implementation of the £500,000 approved capital spend was caused by Scottish Office hold ups was flatly rejected by the Scottish Office and that the scheme had been held up by a process known a 'capital slippage'. This seemed basically to be an accounting process to allow the finance department to use this capital to gamble on the high interest market.

Having addressed the above items being of particular interest to the public members present, the meeting returned to the general procedure.

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Moved by Mr U Menzies, seconded by Mr G G MacKenzie and adopted.

Matters Arising & Correspondence:

Dead Trees

Still no action. Cllr Stirling to look into this.

Play Area.

Fencing was still in the pipeline with some indication of finance being found for it.

Strimming

To be dropped until the new Highland Council comes into force.

Village Field

Mr G G MacKenzie will provide the use of a machine to clear the scrub growth.

Achnaclerach

The Secretary was instructed to co-operate with Mr Bedwell to help in any way with his application. The rejection of this application by the Trunk Roads division of the Scottish Office was considered to be totally out of sympathy with other applications in the area which they had approved.

River Bunds.

Mr MacKenzie said he was in contact with the consultants and contractors about the unsatisfactory condition of fencing and restoration at the burial ground end of the bund. Also, he had found that connections of storm drains to the main sewer may have been made contrary to regulations.

P.E Equipment

The School Teacher reported a satisfactory outcome to this matter.

Village Hall

There was an ongoing problem of funding. The Community Council was prepared to help in any way possible. Mrs MacPhail hoped that regular fund raising events could be organised to involve all members of the community. Cllr Stirling mentioned Charity status for the Hall - to allow fund raising involving raffles etc. He said he would check up on this.

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War Memorial Report

Progress on all fronts. Still required is the purchase of a Strimmer and the fencing of the Memorial precinct to prevent sheep grazing on the ornamental shrubs.

Other matters arising.

O A Ps Christmas Event

Gordon MacKenzie offered to personally fund the meal at The Aultguish Inn. Mr Menzies proposed that the Community Council pay for the coach to collect & return the Seniors to the event. Seconded by Mrs Hughes and carried.

Lady Melville

Lady Melville said she would like to promote the facilities available through Age Concern. The meeting welcomed her proposals and backed her with everything in the Councils power.

B.R. Yard

Mrs MacPhail pointed out that the BR Yard at Garve was locked before the last trains passed through the station, making it possible for people parking & traveling by train from the station to be locked in. Enquiries of BR would be made.

New Burial Ground

Tree damage had occurred. Cllr Stirling agreed to take this up.

Playground Attendant

The mystery remains unsolved. Cllr Stirling would follow this up.

Next Meeting

To be held in the Garve Hall on Monday 5th Feb. 1996 at 8pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.50pm