

Garve & District Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 1st April 1996
Held in the Garve Hall at 8pm

Chairman Mr MacKenzie opened the meeting at 8.00pm.

Apologies.

Lady Melville, Mr Sandy Logie, & Alex MacKenzie.

Present.

Mr G G MacKenzie (Chairman), Mr Cliff Ellis, Mrs E Hughes, Mrs P MacDonald, Mrs B MacPhail, Mr U Menzies, Mrs B MacLeod, and Mr E Tarr (Sec).

Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Moved by Mrs B MacLeod, seconded by Mrs Hughes and adopted.

Matters Arising & Correspondence:

Dead Trees

U Menzies reported that stumps had been removed and replaced with very small trees. About 20 had been placed in the play area very near to where the new fence would go. He said that sheep droppings made the play area a hazard zone for fouling children's clothing. He also said that a basket ball hoop would be an attraction for the kids.

Village Field

The Council is to continue diplomatically.

Achnaclerach Planning Permission

Continue consultation with John Bedwell who will update future meetings.

River Bunds.

The Chairman to continue negotiations.

War Memorial

Mr Menzies asked for : 50 posts, 2 rolls of rylock, 1 wire bale and 5 Strainers. The strainers were already promised by Wm. MacDonald & Sandy Logie and 2 rolls of rylock by GG MacKenzie.

Pat MacDonald proposed purchasing the remaining materials from Community Council funds - seconded by Cliff Ellis and carried.

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Senior Citizens Funds

Betty MacLeod has already organised a quiz. Brenda MacPhail proposed a barn dance, possibly at Achnasheen Gun Club. Chairman Gordon MacKenzie said this would be highly possible and that it could be organised better as an official event.

Uisdean Menzies said it would probably go better with busses to gather and drop of people attending and the Chairman said a Bar B Q would be a possibility with a free performance from a band.

B.R. Yard

The meeting did not accept the BR claim that there was adequate parking adjacent to the station on the village side. This position was to be made clear to BR.

Trees at the New Burial Ground

The damage was now repaired.

Litter Bins.

Neither street or play area litter bins were being emptied - contact the H.C.

Housing in Garve

Nothing has happened to Cliff Ellis's leaking roof. He also reported draughts around the new windows.

Salmon

Continue correspondence.

Tree Felling at Little Garve

The Secretary reported a meeting on site attended by Mr Muhl (Forestry), Mr Worth (National Heritage), a representative of the H.C. Planning Dept. and six local residents including Mr U Menzies and Ed Tarr for the Community Council.

The outcome is that a survey of the area will be made and the tree felling will be treated sympathetically within the natural assets and outstanding beauty of the stretch between Wades bridge and Silver bridge. The meeting also discussed other aspects, namely, the repair of Wades bridge and the run of Salmon, at present blocked by Cannon River Board for 'commercial' reasons.

Smoke Blowbacks / Alarms / Cold Weather Payments.

Possibly advance on all these matters to some extent.

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Councilor Stirling Presentation

The presentation of an engraved flask & bottle of Glen Morrangie to Cllr. Stirling had been arranged in Raigmore as he was in hospital recovering from an operation.

Community Council Funds

The Secretary / Treasurer asked for the fund holding limit to be raised as it was difficult to juggle funds down to last gasp amounts before applying for the Grant. The debate that followed felt that a sum of £5,000 maximum would now be more appropriate and should be reviewed every 3 years. Seconded by Mr U Menzies and carried unanimously.

A.O.B.

Water Authority Officials

The Chairman drew attention to the action of The Northern Water Authority Officials voting themselves considerable benefits by way of executive cars paid for by public taxes.

A letter on the lines of that enclosed was proposed with the background of the abysmal record of the same people whilst under the Regional Council, in the handling of the Garve Water scheme.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Water Authority as indicated above and to forward copies of the letter to:

C.E.O. - Highland Council
C.E.O. - Northern Water Authority.
Inverness Courier
West Highland Free Press
Highland News
Ross-Shire Journal
Press & Journal

Remembrance Day

A letter from the Church, offering to hold a remembrance day service at this War Memorial was read and approved.

Meetings

The sequence of meetings for the remainder of the year was set out at:
June 3rd, August 5th, October 7th and December 2nd 1996.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30pm