

Garve & District Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 5th Feb. 1996
Held in the Garve Hall at 8pm

Chairman Mr MacKenzie opened the meeting at 8.00pm.

Apologies.

Mr C Ellis & Mr Sandy Logie.

Present.

Mr G G MacKenzie (Chairman), Lady Melville, Mrs E Hughes, Mrs P MacDonald, Mrs B MacPhail, Mr U Menzies, Mr J Bedwell, Mrs B MacLeod, Mr A MacKenzie and Mr E Tarr (Sec).

Garve residents: Mr D Hughes.

Minutes of Previous Meeting.

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

Matters Arising & Correspondence:

Dead Trees

The HRC had been instructed to remove some ornamental trees which they have re-planted where the dead trees had been. More trees are still needed to replace those killed and we await further action.

Play Area Fencing.

Cllr. Stirling has reported that finance has been approved for the work to go ahead.

Strimming

Action pending the formation of the new Highland Council.

Village Field

The Council is to seek written permission from Christine before work to clear the scrub growth starts.

Achnaclerach

No Progress. John Bedwell will update future meetings.

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River Bunds.

Communication with the Consultants had indicated that any outstanding issues, i.e. fencing and the raising of the bund at the burial ground will be addressed in the spring.
G G MacKenzie to follow up.

Village Hall

Lady Melville had approached the Charities Commission (part of the Inland Revenue!) and indicated that there would be no financial advantage (VAT) to charitable status, given the turnover of the hall. Cllr Stirling has recommended that we approach the Mary Bank Hall Committee, who have secured charitable status, to assess any other advantages which might accrue.

The meeting confirmed there concerns that progress should be made with the use and maintenance of the hall and agreed that the Community Council should write to the Hall Committee requesting that a well publicised open meeting be held.

War Memorial Report

An application for an amenity grant in respect of a strimmer for the upkeep of the War Memorial has been approved. The net cost to the community will be £59, 80% having been funded by the grant. The Chairman recorded the Council's thanks to Cllr Stirling who had pushed to achieve these funds.

Following some chasing of Rosswise by the Secretary, a further application for the fencing of the Memorial is to be sent to the Library & Leisure Dept., in order to fund the work to be undertaken by Rosswise.

O A Ps Christmas Event

Letters of thanks had been received from those who had attended. Mr Menzies proposed a vote of thanks to Gordon MacKenzie for the funding and success of the event. Thanks were also recorded to Dan Marshall - Aultguish Inn.

Gordon MacKenzie proposed that a Committee be set up now, to raise a 'Senior Citizen fund' for future events - seconded by Mr Menzies. The following members will form the Committee:

Mrs B MacPhail, Mrs E Hughes, Lady Melville, Mr A MacKenzie.

Gordon MacKenzie will approach local Hotels to place collection bottles in their bars.

Age Concern

A Help the aged Senior Citizen Line leaflet & brochures/information was made available by Lady Melville for distribution. A list of further leaflets will be made, and details of the variety of support available to our seniors can be obtained by anyone contacting Lady Melville.

B.R. Yard

Enquiries are still to be made of BR re the locking of the yard and car parking facilities.

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New Burial Ground

Tree damage had occurred. Cllr Stirling progressing.

Playground

No progress on the Attendant issue. Mrs B MacLeod reported that the Parents Association pay a rent to the Shop and also raised concerns over the safety of the climbing pole. The Secretary reported that Rosswire were keen to undertake an upgrading of this area but funding is still to be sought.

Achnasheen School Board Report

Mrs E Hughes raised an issue on behalf of the Achnasheen Community regarding the safety of the village street (the main A832). The Community Council agreed to send a letter to the Roads Dept. in support of the Achnasheen Communities concerns re Street lighting, and pavements and to establish the impact of the new road proposals.

Other Business.

Garve Housing

The CC to write to the Housing Dept. In support of Mr Ellis & Mrs McPake who have again suffered dampness issues.

Salmon

An approach has been made to ????? Connion Fisheries Board to allow fish up the river system.

Tree Felling at Little Garve

The Secretary has contacted Mr Muhl re the trees at Little Garve and no felling is taking place until further consideration is given to local concerns.

Smoke Blowbacks

Still no action by the Housing Dept. Cllr Stirling is pushing, as is the Community Council.

The School house has no smoke alarms - the CC to write requesting that they be fitted.

Cold Weather Payments.

The issue is still being pushed by the local and Euro MPs.

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Cllr Stirling

The meeting wished to record their gratitude to Cllr Stirling and proposed that he be invited to the next meeting to receive a small memento of the Communities appreciation for the practical support which he had given to the community over the years. The meeting agreed unanimously.

Constitution

The meeting discussed the possibility of some change to the CCs constitution to enable more effective use its funding albeit that they are limited. The Secretary will look in to this.

Next Meeting

To be held in the Garve Hall on Monday 1st April. 1996 at 8pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm