

Garve & District Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 3rd April. 1995
Held in the Garve Hall at 8pm

Chairman Mr MacKenzie opened the meeting at 8pm.

Apologies.

Mr R MacKay, Mr Ellis and Mr A MacKenzie.

Present.

Mr G G MacKenzie, Mrs B MacPhail, Mrs Winship, Mrs P MacDonald, Mr J Allison, Mr U Menzies, Mrs E MacLeod, Mr J Bedwell and Mr E Tarr (Sec).

Also Present.

Mr MacKenzie (Ross-wise) and Cllr Stirling.

Minutes.

Moved by Mr Menzies, Seconded by Mrs MacPhail and adopted.

Matters Arising:

Flood Prevention.

A letter from Mr Ellen was read out. He refuses to apply for a "Flood Prevention Order". The feeling of the meeting seemed to be that history was repeating itself. Cllr Stirling produced correspondence from 1984 almost identical to the current file. The meeting felt that the present proposal for bund upgrading would take care of immediate flooding. The Chairman felt that medium high floods would be dealt with by the bunds, but, contrary to the results of the consultants survey, water backing up from the loch would still be the cause of major problems during severe flooding. The exit to the loch could easily be enlarged to solve the problem.

Water.

Plans were circulated which showed detailed drawings of the pump house etc. and the landscaping. No sign was given of Scottish Office go-ahead.

Roads.

In view of the Forestry lorries affair, we will apply for a weight limit in Garve and on the Bailey Bridge.

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Foot paths.

Matheson Rd.

No action. Cllr. Stirling reported that he had passed the request on to the appropriate department.

Riverside

Mr Jack, the landowner of the riverside at the Strathgarve side, is basically agreeable to upgrading, provided that precautions are taken to avoid disturbance of livestock by dogs and litter.

Cllr Stirling commented that the original wooden bridge over the river near Garve burial ground had been a wedding gift to his Great Uncle in the 1920's.

Play Areas.

white lining.

No action. Cllr. Stirling reported that he had passed the request on to the appropriate department.

P.E. Equipment.

Now in the pipeline and being funded by "Toyota" ✓

Cold Weather.

Again, this welfare benefit has been refused to Garve. Action is continuing by the MP ✓

Blowbacks.

MacDougal.

Cllr Stirling recommended writing to Mr Bob ~~MacLeod~~, expressing to him the resentment felt by Garve tenants about the ineffectiveness of Mr Rennie's attempts to do anything. ✓

Mrs Mac^{Lo}Leod requested inclusion in the scheme and also for a smoke alarm.

Ross-wise:

Mr MacKenzie of Ross-wise gave an outline of their background and work. Primarily set up as a Training organisation, they are involved in putting together business plans and securing funding for environmental and other schemes which benefit the community whilst providing work experience and up to a year's employment for the long term un-employed.

Mr MacKenzie agreed to consider: Fencing the War Memorial and mini football field, the foot path work discussed earlier and the building of an adventure playground.

Fouling of Foot paths by dogs.

It was suggested that we should ask for a gentle approach by the appropriate Officer of the Council.

Report on Highland Re-organisation.

The Chairman reported on the satisfactory position of the Gairloch and Garve Ward Committee formation and reported that he and the Secretary had attended all meetings and had put the Garve CC views forward to a satisfactory conclusion.

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Agenda 21. // - late notification - unwise to attend follow up.

Ed Tarr and John Allison reported on the Agenda 21 Conference in Inverness. The results of the conference seemed to be a victory for common sense, with emphasis put on the early involvement of Community Councils in all matters concerning local issues. The bringing of Local Government nearer to the people and *Pro-Active* consultations was heavily favoured.

A.O.B.

John Bedwell raised the question of emptying bins and the removal of rubbish baskets in laybys. It seems that the policy is to stop providing litter bins in some parts. Cllr Stirling has taken it up with roads people.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Garve hall on Monday 5th June at 8pm.