

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 1996

- Present: Mr Uisdean Menzies, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Mrs Einir Hughes Winship, Mr John Bedwell, Mr Sandy Logie, Mr Ed Tarr, Mrs Brenda MacPhail, Mrs Pat Macdonald, Miss Sheree Grant, Mr Doug Winship; plus members of the public.
1. Chairman Uisdean Menzies opened the meeting at 8pm.
 2. Apologies for absence were received from G. G. Mackenzie, Mrs Campbell.
 3. Minutes of the previous meeting had been issued to those attending so were taken as read. Adoption as correct was proposed by Doug Winship, seconded by Brenda MacPhail.
 4. Matters arising:
 - Blowbacks — success since the improvements have been put in is overwhelming. The rest should be put in as soon as possible. There is fuel saving as well as a cleaner atmosphere. When will the rest be done? Secretary to write housing department.
 - Picket fence — Railway crossing:
The Railway have a statutory duty to keep fences in repair. Nothing has been done about the picket fence, also road fences west and east of Garve in poor state. Secretary write and complain.
 - Playpark:
The lease of the playpark by the Parents Association is at the goodwill of the Shop, which has been ongoing for years, but to have improvements made a more legal lease would be required. So how about changing over playparks?
 - Riverbank:
John Macdonald said the river bank is the same as it has been. A footpath is required from the school to the bridge. Query to be made with Mott Macdonald as to what else they intend to do.
 - Noticeboards:
The Hall Committee are quite happy to have a freestanding noticeboard outside the Hall, if somebody would construct one. The same would apply in Achnasheen as there is no suitable stretch of wall, so the noticeboard there would also need to be freestanding. Perhaps someone will quote for the work?
 - Water supply:
As usual there were many complaints about the very poor quality of water, lack of information regarding anything, repairs done without anybody being told, etc. It is understood that work is to begin on the supply early in 1997. Complaint should be made to Charles Kennedy and Winnie Ewing, and to the North of Scotland Water Authority.

Any Other Business:**Raigmore parking charge:**

Unanimous that there should be no parking charge for medical etc staff — perhaps for those in admin. though!

Bins/Grit:

No bins containing grit in Achnasheen. Why not as there used to be six bins, and now very hazardous walking in icy weather, let alone driving.

Suggest bins of grit should be sited at post office, beside toilets, at Bignold Place and Arthur's Terrace.

The A832 between Garve and Achnasheen has not been cleared/gritted as well as might be expected. The stretch between Drumadubh and Kilbuie — which has an odd configuration and is always several degrees colder than other areas — is a serious problem; perhaps gritter/plough crews could be instructed to pay particular attention to that piece of road.

The Secretary will write to the Roads Department.

New Year Dance:

It is intended to hold the annual New Year Dance in the Hall — weather permitting — to raise funds. Sandy Logie is co-ordinating, and requested that people would make sandwiches.

Remembrance:

A brief service, conducted by Miss Liddell, and the laying of two wreaths took place at Garve War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday — the first time since 1938. There was a good turnout of people, as well as a piper who donated his time and has offered to come back.

Fundraising:

Uisdean Menzies held a raffle, outside this area, and raised the sum of £88.88p for War Memorial Funds.

John Bedwell was thanked for his contribution to the Senior Citizens' fund.

The organisation of the Christmas Dinner for the Senior Citizens by Gordon Mackenzie and Brenda MacPhail was well in hand with 34 acceptances to date. The Community Council main fund will pay for the coach. Mrs MacPhail requested donations of prizes for the raffle, as well as volunteers as waiters. Ed Tarr suggested that whatever the Community Council spent on the Senior Citizens, an equal amount should go for local children, perhaps to take them to the pantomime. This was agreed unanimously.

British Telecom:

John Bedwell has drafted a letter to BT asking when Garve exchange will become digital so that subscribers may obtain the facilities other people have.

Wall by Hazelbrae:

Ed Tarr requested a letter be sent to Mr Yuill, Roads Dept, thanking him for prompt attention to repairs to the wall.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm. Tea and coffee were then served.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, 4th February 1997.