

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd June 1997

Present: Uisdean Menzies, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Einir Hughes Winship, Sandy Logie, Sheree Grant, Doug Winship, Gordon Mackenzie, and five members of the public.

1. Chairman Uisdean Menzies opened the meeting at 8pm welcoming everyone.
2. Apologies for absence were received from John Bedwell, Brenda MacPhail, Alec Mackenzie, Ed Tarr.
3. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 1st April, were taken as read and approval was proposed by Doug Winship and seconded by Sandy Logie.

4. Matters arising:
Council houses blowbacks. Murray Cochrane of the Highland Council housing department has written to say that work on the last three houses in Matheson Road will commence within the next few months. Ongoing.

Railway fencing. Nothing further from Railtrack. Secretary will write again, also to Council roads department.

Little Garve Bridge. David Jardine of Forest Enterprise wishes to set up an on-site meeting with councillors. Suggested dates 24th or 25th June.

- Secretary received message 5th June, meeting to be Wednesday 25th at 7.30pm

Unofficial "car park" on A835 by Garbat. John Bedwell in contact with roads etc. Ongoing.

TV pictures. Nothing further received from BBC. Lady Eliza says that no access will be granted to the mast at Glenmarksie Farm on Lochluichart Estate.

Fundraising. Senior Citizens. Barbecue to be held at Achnasheen on 9th August. The sum of £170 is coming from proceeds of the Sheepdog Trials held at Aultguish on 31st May. Letter of thanks to be sent to Margaret and Jock Logie.

Moles in the New Cemetery. Molehills appear to have been flattened by the grass cutters.

5. Grants: The committee has sent off an application form for a grant from the Area Discretionary Fund for a computer/word processor and printer for the use of the secretary. The community council may need to contribute £300.
Also to the same fund for top up for environmental purposes.
And an application is being made to Highland Council Environment for money for bulbs, flowering shrubs etc, to improve the entrances to Garve Village. For this grant the community council may have to contribute £400.
Uisdean Menzies outlined the plans to the meeting.
He also said that JET 2000 have agreed to plant the bulbs, of which there would be about 26,000, for the cost of their petrol from and to Dingwall.

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Relevant to the above, Gordon Mackenzie suggested that the Highland Council be asked to make "gateways" at each end of Garve on the A835 (as has been done in Contin).

Eddie Smith said that, prior to the new road, there was a large layby opposite Killin Farm gate where large lorries could turn in more easily. It would be beneficial to have that reinstated.

John Bedwell had put forward a suggestion, which Uisdean Menzies outlined to the meeting, that perhaps it would be beneficial to appoint one person to search out possible grants which could be used for the benefit of the community, as it seems there are a great number — not only for community council, but for sports, schools, halls, etcetc.

Uisdean mentioned that it may be feasible for Garve and District to join with Contin (same parish), and that both community councils could possibly provide funds. Unanimous agreement from the meeting that the idea sounded good, but would have to be gone into further, costs etc.

It was mentioned that Contin employs a person during the summer to pick up litter payment is funded by a grant from "Beachclean".

6. Would a newsletter for the area be a good idea??
Sue Tarr explained how Maryburgh had done one and showed samples, which were excellent. Sponsorship would be required from local businesses etc, but the greatest cost is the printing. This to be looked into, as is the possibility of grants for startup.
7. Dealt with above.
8. The correspondence from Dr Kerr Yule regarding the possibility of a videographic account of the various parishes of Ross-shire was mentioned. Secretary to write and express cautious interest.

Garve playpark has the old basket-type rubbish bin, which is no good at all. Secretary to contact protective services and request a wheelie bin. And the same for the layby at Lochluichart Lodge gate.

The next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 5th August.
It is hoped there will be a large attendance, as the current 12 councillors will all be standing down after that meeting, and elections for councillors will be held prior to the October meeting.