

## GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 7th October 1997

Present: Uisdean Menzies (chairman), John Bedwell (vice chairman), Lady Eliza Leslie Melville (treasurer), Mrs Einir Hughes Winship (secretary), Mrs Brenda MacPhail, Miss Sheree Grant, Alec Mackenzie, Sandy Logie, Gordon Mackenzie, and 20 members of the public.

Apologies: Doug Winship, Brian Denoon, Dan Marshall, Mrs Sutherland, Cliff Ellis.

The minutes of the previous meeting, which was Tuesday 3rd June 1997, as the August meeting did not have a quorum, were proposed by Lady Eliza and seconded by Gordon Mackenzie.

#### MATTERS ARISING

Blowbacks - The secretary has been in contact with Housing in Dingwall to find out when the three houses which have not yet had new fires will be done. It is anticipated this will be December.

Railway fence - the picket fence has now been replaced and some tidying up was done too. When the fencing repairs/replacement is completed, the Community Council will send a letter of thanks to Railtrack.

Little Garve Bridge - Ongoing. Waiting to hear again from Mr Jardine, Forest Enterprise.

Unofficial carpark on A835 - still awaiting to hear from Roads/Scottish Office.

TV - Nothing helpful from BBC. Lady Eliza says she is denying access to Glenmarksie mast. BBC say what mast?!

BT - As yet not helpful regarding enquiries from John Bedwell as to why Garve exchange does not have the facilities others have. Ongoing.

Senior citizens - Brenda MacPhail and Gordon Mackenzie have plans for the dinner, entertainment and transport well in hand.

Moles - are coming back in both new and old cemeteries. Contact Council regarding dealing with the problem

#### Grants

With an award from The Highland Council's discretionary fund, the Community Council now has a computer and printer, which is making the secretary's life a little easier.

Environmental improvements grants have been spent on large quantities of bulbs, especially daffodils, as well as bluebells and snowdrops which will be planted by members of the community assisted by JET2000. Ten daffodil bulbs were given to each school child as well. Also a number of shrubs and trees will be put in by the station and up to the war memorial.

Next year the Community Council will apply for further grants for environmental improvements for both Garve and Achnasheen, and if members of the community have any particular suggestions, it would be useful to hear them.

John Bedwell has suggested the Community Council employ someone to seek out possible grants and to apply for them on behalf of the CC, possibly in conjunction with Contin. Ongoing.

#### Roads

Still waiting for the Roads Department to come out and survey for Gateway entrances to Garve and Achnasheen; reinforcement of speed limits is also necessary. Lady Eliza would like a limit imposed through Lochluichart.

A layby opposite Killin Farm entrance is another matter for the Roads Department.

Also Eddie Smith is concerned that if daffodils are planted too near they will be flattened by big lorries turning into the farm. Site meeting should be held.

#### Newsletter

The meeting agreed that a newsletter, to come out in the months when there is no scheduled Community Council meeting, was a very good idea. However, funding is required, as well as contributions of articles etc. It was hoped that paid advertisements would raise some money, eg local and other businesses, people announcing births, anniversaries etc etc. There is yet a great deal to think about, not least how a newsletter could be distributed, and should a small charge be made for it. Ongoing.

#### Playparks

Discussion must take place about improvements, possible grants for refurbishment, however the playpark leased from the Shop by the Parents' Association is not eligible for council grants, so it may be useful to change the parks around.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Lady Eliza was pleased to report that the Community Council had a total of £2941.70 in the bank, although a number of items had still to be paid for - the children's trip to the Aquadome, the bulbs etc, the bus for the senior citizens Christmas party. The Senior Citizens' fund stood at £649.42 which should pay for the party.

#### NEW CONSTITUTION

The secretary had sent a copy to Malcolm MacArthur, Area Manager, who appeared to be quite happy with it, although it does seem that the Highland Council are rather lagging in their plans to standardise Community Council constitutions.

However, if any members of the community would like a copy of the constitution for Garve and District, the secretary will be happy to supply one on request.

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Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31 March 1997

	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Highland Council Grants	1,353.30	
Can Recycling	9.82	
Interest	15.01	
Surplus on Senior Citizens Account (per attached)	119.11	1,497.24
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<u>Deduct - Expenditure</u>		
Postages and Photocopying	23.00	
Fencing - War Memorial	349.57	
Audit Fee	176.25	
Wreath	14.88	
Hire of Hall	12.00	575.70
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<u>Surplus for Year</u>		£ 921.54
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Statement of Funds at 31 March 1996

Balance at 31 March 1996	443.75	
<u>Add - Surplus for Year</u>	921.54	1,365.29
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Represented by:

Cash in Bank Current Account	1,364.28	
Cash in Hand	1.01	1,365.29
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Dingwall 28 July 1997

We have examined the books and records of Garve and District Community Council which we have found properly kept and adequately vouched. We certify that the above Abstract of Income and Expenditure for year ended 31 March 1997 is in accordance with these books and records.

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Senior Citizens Account for year ended 31 March 1997

	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Donations	300.00	
Proceeds from Quiz	65.00	
Proceeds from Barbeque	298.50	
Interest	0.46	663.96
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<u>Deduct - Expenditure</u>		
Old Folks Party - Hotel	334.85	
“ “ “ Wine and Gifts	120.00	
“ “ “ Hire of Coach	90.00	544.85
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<u>Surplus for Year</u>		£ 119.11
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