

GARVE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at Garve on Tuesday 23rd October 2001

At the Councillors' meeting prior to the Open meeting, the following officers were appointed for the next session:

Chairman - Doug Winship
Vice-Chair - Pat Campbell
Treasurer - Lady Eliza Leslie Melville
Secretary - Eimir Hughes Winship.

Present: Doug Winship, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Eimir Hughes Winship, Pat Campbell, Alec Mackenzie, Marianne Mackenzie, Dena Ross, Sheree Grant, Neveille Macdonald-Rolfe, Ian Dickinson, Councillor Ewen Mackinnon, and 2 members of the public.

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Sheree Grant and seconded by Lady Eliza.

Matters Arising:

Garve Water - NOSWA has been informed of complaints, especially of low pressure, and houses should be visited shortly.

Garve TV - Alec Mackenzie reported that the contractor has been. He will find out the frequency of the self-help transmitter. Ewen Mackinnon has contacted the BBC, and no changes have been made to the mast. It depends whether the reception is poor all the time or only intermittently as to what could be done. Once the frequency is established, Ewen will contact Highland Council. The mast needs to be cut down and checked. If all else fails the BBC will send a representative to check things out.

Railway - Ewen has found out that repairing/renewing fences is on the database as of March 2001. It is not a priority, but is in line to be done when funds allow. Requests have also been made for Arnco barriers along the A835 trunk road especially where it runs very close to the railway line.

Achnasheen Hall - some ridiculous quotations received regarding removal of the water tank, but this should be dealt with shortly. The tank will be relocated in a cupboard within the toilets, and not connected to the hall.

Achnasheen Grass Cutting - Ewen has asked if Douglas Miles, Community Works Officer, has got a copy of the specification. He will meet with Dena Ross, Gill Davenport and Ewen before grass begins growing next year.

Race Night - Uisdean Menzies reported that this will be held in Garve Hall on 23rd November, followed by a Disco and Karaoke. This is to raise funds for a Flymo to cut grass on the steep slope and to get the water supply sorted out. Ticket sales have gone very well indeed.

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Any Other Business:

Doug Winship, Chairman, told the meeting that he suggests the community start up a "Country Watch" project in the light of the spate of break-ins in the area during the summer. He will act as co-ordinator. People can phone Doug if anyone sees anything suspicious, or of course the police direct. PC Andy Dobson of Northern Constabulary is to be invited to the next meeting to discuss this.

Community Works - grass cutting in Garve is a total fiasco, some areas within the village are cut a number of times a year, others are not. Ewen Mackinnon suggested this be left to Douglas Miles to sort out.

Dog Fouling - Uisdean brought up the subject of dog fouling, which is extremely unpleasant at any time, but especially when strimming grass. It was suggested that the problem is possibly not caused by local people, but by visitors. It was agreed that the Secretary would contact Protective Services regarding notices and poop-scoops, and possibly a visit from the Dog Warden.

Web Site for the News and Views - Uisdean asked about the possibility of a grant for this. Ewen will ask Andy McCann to contact Uisdean.

It was agreed that Uisdean Menzies be co-opted onto the Community Council.

Toilets Sign for Garve Hall - Ian Dickinson suggested that a better notice indicating the availability of the toilets should be put up. Perhaps the Community Council could arrange this for the Hall Committee.

It was agreed that thanks should be given to Protective Services for their provision of skips in Garve and Achnasheen. It was said one has to be up early to put in rubbish before they become full up. The bottle banks are appreciated too. It was suggested that, occasionally, a skip could be provided for Lochluichart.

Next meeting: Tuesday 4th December 2001 at Achnasheen.