

Wednesday 23 January 1985

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the
Notice Room. The President George Milne in
the Chair.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting were read and
approved

Apologies were received from Daire Ginnelly, Anne
Jeffrey and Margaret Mackay

Winter
meetings The President confirmed that Mr. Anderson
from the Royal Botanic Gardens will give a
talk on Garden Trees on 14 February

Waverlane from Dobbies has agreed
to give a talk on Garden Trees and Shrubs
on March 7th.

Christmas
Tree The Secretary confirmed that he had spoken
to George Tait of the Community Council who
confirmed that henceforth they will assume
all responsibility for the Village Christmas
Tree.

Bull
Buying The President reported that Caberdonen
Peat had now delivered the venters etc
which were now available to members

Flower
Show. The Committee agreed that the
Flower Show Schedule should be
altered to introduce a "Novice" section

- the Amateur Section being dispensed
with. The Novice section will be
open to any exhibitor who has not
previously won a trophy at Gifford Show.
The Floral Art, Childrens and Handicrafts
Sections have also been updated. John
Sheldon will speak to George Tait regarding the
Community Council providing a trophy for
the children's section. It was agreed that
it was no longer necessary to specify
the size of page in the schedule. Adverts
would again cost £10 for a full page
and £5 for a half-page. Tony Borgen was
thanked for his efforts in restructuring the
Open and Novice Sections. It was agreed
that Mr. Douglas Henderson should be
approached to open the show. The following
Judges were suggested

Flowers	: Mr Hunter: Mr. Collingwood
Vegetables	: Mr Birse: Mr. Coaden.
Floral Art	: Mrs. Jounerville
Industrial	: Miss Gernyn
Handicrafts	: Miss Hawke
Honey	: Mr. Smith
Childrens	: Mr. & Mrs. Nelson

It was agreed that the show would
close at 4.30 pm on Sunday and that
Exhibitors should be reminded in the
Schedule that no entries should be
removed prior to that time. An earlier
opening time on Sunday was also
considered appropriate.

The Inter-Society Competition will

be held at Gifford this year. The Secretary was asked to make contact with Mrs Smith from the Mayfield Easthanger Gardening Club to agree arrangements. The appropriate letter should be addressed to the Club.

Plant Sale

This will be held on Saturday 12th June.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported that after paying £560.05 in respect of the cost of the Bulk Buy items and £100.34 in Corporation Tax the Bank balances stand at £902.80.

Other Business
Newsletter

It was agreed that the Secretary should prepare a short Newsletter for distribution throughout the village highlighting the Society's activities. Various committee members should be asked to distribute these in their own localities.

The next Committee meeting will be held on 2nd May in the Technical Room.

President:
George Mc...

Jan Rattray
Secretary

Thursday 2nd May 1985

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Technical Room. The President George Milne in the Chair.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Apologies were received from Mrs Stevenson, Mrs W. Douglas, Mrs Jeffery and Mrs Hutton.

Plant Sale will be held in the Village Square commencing at 10.30 am. The Secretary will arrange to book the Hall.

Summer Outing. The President suggested that this year's outing should be to the National Trust gardens at Branklyn near Perth and this was approved. It was recommended that the Bus should leave at 5.30 pm.

Bulk Buying. The President reported that the majority of the items had now been sold.

Flower Show. The Secretary confirmed that all the Judges had agreed to come apart from Mrs. Hunter (Flowers) who is not available on that date. It was agreed that David Eppindling be asked about a suitable replacement.

The marguerite (170' x 30') plus 130 tables had been ordered from William North - the cost this year is £791.20 including V.A.T. (1984 £749.80). They are agreeable to giving a £20 donation.

Sandy Beggon confirmed that Douglas Henderson would open the show.

The Committee considered the Flower Show Schedule. It was agreed that the changes made in the structure were worthwhile.

The Secretary reported that she had contacted the other Societies regarding the Inter-Society Competition. All had responded saying they would submit an entry except for Falkhead.

The President reported that three new trophies had been donated - the Community Council Cup for children Age 4-7; the Harrison Trophy which will be allocated to the Teenagers' Section and the Watson Trophy for the best Onion in the show. Mrs Harrison was thanked for this kind gesture.

Ken Houston will check to see if his son would again be available to act as nightwatchman for the Saturday night.

Arrangements will be made to get a suitable structure for the "Hanging Basket" exhibit.

It was noted that wicker paper bags should be available to allow exhibitors to deposit excess material when drying entries.

The Secretary will photocopy the children's section. This will be passed out to children at the school.

It was agreed that a more suitable type of material should be used

as background for the Floral Art exhibit. Mrs. Harrison will ~~also~~ arrange this - checking prices/availability with various sources.

Mrs Irvine agreed to organise the Raffle again this year.

Treasurer
Report.

Peter Stea reported that the Balance on Bank account currently stood at £1581.96. A further £75 had subsequently been received from advertisers in the schedule. At present the Society has 95 members.

Other
Business

None

The next meeting will be held in The Tiddix Room on Wed 24th July.

Secretary
Secretary

President
George Mc

Wednesday 24th July 1985.

minutes of Committee meeting held in Techvic Room @ 7.30pm. The President George Wilne in the chair.

minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Plant Sale: This realised a profit of £109.41 (£118.84 in 1984). There was a feeling that some of the items were priced too low and this should be borne in mind for next year.

The Summer outing to Brantlyn Gardens was well supported although due to the extremely inclement weather the gardens could not be seen at their best.

Bulk Buying - The President reported that with the exception of some wine and some yaltex all the items had now been sold. The final outcome in terms of revenue and expenditure had still to be calculated.

Flower Show 1985.

The following outstanding items were discussed:-

We are still short of a Flower Judge. The Secretary will follow up this with Mr. Corlingwood and Mr. Bice to see if they can suggest a suitable person.

A night watchman has still to be found. Donald Pharo's job will be approached.

Robert Wilson will be asked if his caravan would be available on the Saturday.

The Secretary will arrange for posters advertising the show to be put up in various towns - villages in the area.

Peter Zlea reported that the backing material for the Floral Art section had been obtained.

All six of the ^{other} Inter Society competitors have confirmed that they will submit exhibits.

The various newspapers and radio broadcasts will be advised of the show specifically mentioning the staging of the Inter Society exhibit.

Lunch for the Judges will be in the Goblin Hall @ 1pm - Mrs Hamilton and Mr Taylor will accompany them.

It was agreed that the Sale Table should be dispensed with.

Mrs Hamilton will be asked to provide pot plants for the competition.

Treasurer's Report: Peter Zlea advised that the Balances on Bank Account currently stood at £1642.37. ^A major item of expenditure this year had been the printing of the Schedules - due largely to the restructuring of the sections.

Other Business: The Secretary reported that Ken Foster had written indicating that due to a change in his work circumstances he was unable to continue as a Committee member. He was thanked for his past support.

The next meeting will be held in the Techvic Room @ 7.30pm on Thurs 28th August.
President - J. Wilne Secretary - G. Zlea

Tuesday 3rd September 1985

minutes of committee meeting held in the
redund room - The President George Wilne in
the chair.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. McLaughlin
Mrs Darbey, Mrs. Wilne.

minutes of previous committee meeting were read and
approved

Flower
Show

The committee discussed various
aspects of this year's show which
considering the poor summer weather
conditions was very successful.

The principal points arising were:-

The Floral Art Section was up
significantly due largely to the
classes organised during the winter
months.

The Flower section was up; the
vegetable section was down whilst
the entry in the children's section
was encouragingly good.

The view was expressed that some
changes should be considered for the
Handicrafts section.

A total of 1195 people attended
the show over the two days.

Consideration should giving to obtaining
new trestles for the stage

The Auction was particularly
successful this year raising just over

£100. The Secretary was asked to
write to John Beaman thanking him for his
efforts. The timing of the Auction should
be brought forward to 4.30 pm next year.
The schedule should be adjusted
to advise exhibitors that entries can
be put in on the Friday evening.

A sign should be prepared setting
out the main rules relating to
entry of exhibits.

Standards should be organised to control
removal of exhibits on the Sunday
afternoon.

The Community Council should
be contacted regarding the timing
of the "shows" leaving the Village
Green - this caused the ground
to be very wet and muddy this year.

The Inter-Society Competition
was contested by six societies
(Penicuit withdrawing shortly before the
show). The competition was won by Park Road.

Treasurer's
Report.

Peter Stea gave a detailed
Report on the Income, Expenditure
of the Society. The loss on the show
this year was £195 which considering
such items as the restructuring of
the schedule was a satisfactory outcome.
The Bank balance stands at £2255.51
- £790 is still outstanding in respect of
the hire of the marquee.

Annual
General
Meeting

The Secretary should organise a

date in mid November. A public notice should be placed in the Courier. As before a short Committee meeting should be held before the A.G.M. Mr Forster, Mrs McDonald and Mrs Stevenson have resigned from the Committee. Peter Leck and Jimmy Mann were suggested as two possible replacements.

Winter meetings.

Arrangements will be made to have a gardening film after the A.G.M.

A. Mr. Evans will be asked to give a talk on Alpines in December.

An Inter-society Day will be organised for January/February.

It was agreed that an Accordion night should be held in the School near Christmas. David Grindlay will make the necessary arrangements.

Other

None

Business

The next Committee meeting will be held before the Annual General meeting in November.

~~Secretary~~
Secretary

President.
J. M.

Wednesday 13 November 1985

A short Committee meeting was held at 7pm to discuss final details in respect of the A.G.M. @ 7.30pm.

Minutes of Annual General meeting of the Society held in the Village Hall - The President George Milne in the Chair.

Apologies

were received from Bobby Simpson and Isabel Harrison.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Peter Stea outlined the Society's financial position at the end of October. During the year the Society had a surplus ^{of income} over expenditure of £373.32. The loss on the Flower Show was £166.62 (£261.61 in 1984). The Bank balances at the end of the year stood at £1621.01.

Mrs Mowat queried the Society's Corporation Tax bill of £100.36. The Treasurer reported that this assessment covered two years of interest earned on Bank accounts. It was resolved that consideration should be given to applying for Tax exemption - this will be taken up by the new Committee.

The President thanked Peter Stea for maintaining the Society's finances so effectively and also thanked Mrs. Adair for auditing the books.

President's
Report:

George Wike reported that the Society remained in a healthy position with a total membership of 171.

The Annual Flower Show was held over two days on 17th and 18th August and was opened by Fay Douglas Henderson from the Royal Botanic Gardens. 1195 people attended whilst the poor summer weather conditions affected the vegetable section, other sections saw an increase in the level of entries most notably in the Floral Art section which was helped by the Floral Art classes held during the winter months.

The President reported the considerable restructuring which had been made to the Flower Show Schedule by the Committee and in particular highlighted the introduction of a novice section (open to exhibitors who had not previously won a trophy at the Show).

Three new Trophies were generously donated to the Society.

The Harrison Trophy was donated by Alastair and Isabel Harrison - this was awarded to the winner of the Teenage section.

The Community Council presented a trophy which was awarded to the winner of the Children's Age 4-7 section.

Finally Mr. Watson from Gorebridge provided the Watson Trophy to be awarded for the Best Onion in the Show.

This was Gifford's year to stage the Inter Society Exhibit which was

contested by Gifford, Darkeith, Parkhead, Mayfield, Easthouses, Hestonpans and Airdrie/Gorebridge. Parkhead Society were the eventual winners.

It was resolved that next year's show will be held on Sat 23rd and Sun. 24th August 1986.

During the winter months the Society organised the following talks:

In December Bob and Bill Edger gave an informative talk on the growing of Onions and herbs.

In February Mr. Anderson from the Royal Botanic Gardens gave a lecture on Garden Pests.

In March a Mr. Clark from Dobbies discussed Garden Trees and Shrubs.

During the Summer the Society held its Plant Sale in June raising £109 for the Funds.

Our Summer Outing was to the National Trust Gardens at Brantlyn, Perth. This was particularly well supported although the weather conditions were most inclement.

The Bulk Buying Scheme again provided a valuable service as well as boosting the Society's revenue. The President recommended that a more restricted list of items be included in next year's Scheme.

Memberships
Subscription

The President proposed that the membership subscription be left unchanged.

and this was carried by the meeting
with the exception of Mrs M.

Election of office Bearers. All the Office Bearers have indicated their willingness to continue for a further year. Their re-election was proposed by D. Givoley - seconded by Mrs. B. Bogen. The appointment of a new Vice-President will be arranged by the new Committee.

Committee members who have indicated that they wish to resign were Ron Foster Mrs Stevenson, and Mrs Hamilton.

Three new Committee members were appointed.

	Proposed	Seconded
Peter Kerr	Mrs M. W. Dugall	P. J. Lea
Jimmy Mann	I. Rattray	S. Bogen
Peter Wilson	I. Rattray	D. Phantom

Other Business. Mrs M. Hamilton suggested that efforts be made to keep members aware of dates of meetings etc. The President indicated that an Annual newsletter was compiled but that the Committee would give consideration to how best to increase general awareness of the Society's activities.

The President was given a vote of thanks for his efforts - George Waine in turn thanked the Committee for their support over the year.

A National Trust film was shown after the meeting.

President.

Janet Rattray
Secretary

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Todmire Room on Wednesday 27 November 1985

President George Waine in the Chair.

Apologies

were received from Mr. Simpson, Mrs Vance Mrs R. Wedden and Mrs Horton.

Minutes

of previous meeting were read and approved. The President welcomed Peter Kerr, Jimmy Mann and Peter Wilson to the Committee.

Winter

meetings

Arrangements have been made for Mr. W. Smith from the Royal Botanic Gardens to give a talk on Alpine plants on 4th December.

An Inter Society Gardening quiz will be organised for 4th February.

Mr. Anderson will be asked to give a talk on 4th March.

Bolt

Buying

This will be run along the previous lines. The President is currently in course of getting comparative prices. It was agreed that there should be a narrower range of items this year.

Flower

Show 1986

This will as agreed at the A.G.M. be held on 23rd and 24th August.

It was agreed that Doris Waine be asked to ~~reduce~~ examine the stage used at the show to see how this could be made less unwieldy.

The Secretary was asked to formally write to the District Council regarding the timing of the shows on the Village Green and also to establish the basis on which we were able to use this area of land.

It was agreed that extra schedules be ordered ~~next~~ year and that a copy should be distributed to members.

Treasurer's

Report.

Peter Stea indicated that the Society's Bank balance stood at £1576.31. The Committee discussed the Society's position with regard to payment of Corporation Tax. It was considered unlikely that exemption could be obtained, particularly given the Bulk Buying activity and that accordingly the matter should be dropped. Mr. Adamson was asked to audit the Society's accounts and asked to step down. The Secretary was asked to arrange to give him a £25 Gift token and to formally write thanking him for his services.

A suitable replacement will have to be found.

Other

Business

It was agreed that the Secretary should prepare a Newsletter which should be distributed to members during January.

Sandy Bagon indicated that it had been brought to his attention that The President had been out of pocket to the extent of £30 as a result of the Bulk Buying. It was agreed that George White should be reimbursed for this.

The next Committee meeting will be held on 22 January @ 7.30pm.