

It was moved by Mr Alexander Deas, and seconded by Mr Connell, Slonjary Hotel, that the Report be adopted, with thanks to the Committee. The Chairman called for any amendment, but none was forthcoming, and he declared the motion unanimously carried. It was then moved by Mr Lumsden, Lonsard Hotel, that the whole Committee of eight members be re-appointed with the office-bearers as before, and this was seconded by Mr James Brown, signalmen. There being no amendment, the chairman declared the motion unanimously carried. The meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman by Mr Alexander ~~Deas~~ Deas.

J. W. Jack, Chairman.

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At Slonjary, the 1st day of April, 1928, the Development Committee met in the ante-room of the Public Hall. There were present Rev J. W. Jack, Chairman, with Messrs Beath, Henderson, Hume, Keay, & Marshall. The Minutes of the former meeting, as well as of the Trivial Public Meeting, were read & approved of.

Seats

The Chairman stated that the financial year was up at 1st April, & that the books had been duly audited by Mr Hume and himself, and were in perfect order, with a sum in hand of £31:14/-, whereof—£30:14/- was on Deposit Receipt. Of the sum in hand, £20 had been raised by Mr & Mrs Lumsden, Lonsard Hotel, to provide seats on the roads round Slonjary Village. The chairman stated that, as there were some seats already on the roads, & ~~that~~ ^{as} these had been repaired or provided by the Parish Council, he had communicated with the Council

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as to the advisability of these being handed over to the Development Committee, so that all the seats, both the present ones & the new ones, should be the property of the Committee. He read reply from the Clerk of Parish Council to the effect that they were "willing that the Committee should in future assume custody of & responsibility for the upkeep & maintenance of the existing seats along with any additional ones the Committee might provide". He also read letter from the Road Surveyor, of date 7th February, giving permission on behalf of the Perth District Committee to the placing of extra seats on the roads, provided the carriageway or footpath was kept clear.

The Committee agreed to place extra seats as follows, viz:
One on the road leading from the cemetery to Arngask Manse, just beyond the cross-road; one at the top of the Hilton Road, leading from Dimerie to the Langside Road; one on the Church brae just opposite Sniddyhill ~~to~~ Farm yard; one on the Great North Road, near the Calford Brae; & one on the Lockelbank Road just beyond Fordel Cottage. It was agreed to ask the three local joiners, Messrs Deas, Smart, & Brown to give estimates for ^{five} wooden seats, six feet long, made of ash or larch, similar in make to the one on the Dimerie Road opposite Langpauld, & fixed securely into the ground, said seats to be made substantially & strongly and properly painted; estimates to be handed in to Mr Henderson, hon. secretary not later than the 15th inst.; and to be opened at a meeting of Committee that night.

Electric Light

Letters were read from the Fife Electric Power Co., and the Grampian Electricity Supply Co., regarding the bringing of Electric Light to the Village. From

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April 1st the letters it appeared that the mains of the Fife Co. were coming as far as Kirknatholth & those of the Scampian Co as far as Abernethy, & that Slongary would require to wait until Abernethy & Kirknatholth were linked up. It was agreed to take no action at present, but to wait until the two schemes were more developed.

J. W. Jack, Chairman

April 15th at Slongary, the 15th day of April, 1929, the Development Committee met in the ante-room of the Public Hall. There were present Rev. J. W. Jack, chairman, with Messrs Beath, Henderson, Keay, and Marshall. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved of.

Seats

Four estimates were received for the new seats proposed by the Committee at its last meeting, viz. from Messrs Deas, Smart, & Brown, and one from Messrs H. & D. Deas, sawmillers, who had requested to be allowed to offer. The chairman read copy of the specification which had been sent to each of them. The estimates submitted were as follows, viz. Mr Alex. Deas, £3:7:6 per seat, Mr David Brown £3:5/- per seat, Mr William Smart £2:1:8 per seat, and Messrs H. & D. Deas £1:17:6 per seat. After full consideration, it was resolved unanimously to accept the offer of Mr Smart, as the seat on the Dumerivie Road opposite Langfauld had been made by him, & the difference between his estimate & the lowest one was slight. The question of providing further seats was left for future consideration.

J. W. Jack, Chairman

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Sept. 9th

At Blonny, the 9th day of September, 1929, the Development Committee met in the ante-room of the Public Hall. There were present Rev J. W. Jack, chairman, with Messrs Beath, Henderson, Keay, and Marshall. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved of.

Drainage

The chairman read the following letters regarding Drainage:

- (1) Letter from the Department of Health in Edinburgh addressed to the Clerk of the Perth District Committee, drawing attention to the report of the Sanitary Inspector as to Blonny Drainage.
- (2) Letter from the Clerk of the Perth District Committee to the Clerk of Angusack Parish Council, stating that 75% of the cost of a Drainage system for the first 15 years could be secured from the Unemployment Grants' Committee.
- (3) Letter from the Clerk of the Parish Council to the chairman of Development Committee, suggesting the calling of a meeting of the ratepayers to reconsider the whole question.

The Development Committee are gratified that the prospect of securing a Drainage system is now much nearer realization, and they cordially concur in the view of the Parish Council as to the calling of a meeting of ratepayers. They hope that any objections to the scheme may now be met in view of the large percentage of the cost being defrayed, as suggested, by the Unemployment Grants' Committee.

J. W. Jack, Chairman.

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March 30~~th~~ at Glangry, the 31st day of March, 1930, the Development Committee met in the ante-room of the Public Hall. There were present Rev. J. W. Jack, chairman, with Messrs Beath, Henderson, Home, Keay, Marshall, and Smart. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved of.

Finance

The Treasurer's Book, duly audited as at 24th March, showed a Balance in hand of £20:5/-, after paying the five seats. It was agreed to have a wooden plank, two inches thick, ~~and~~ and nine inches wide, & made of larch, placed as a foot-post at every one of the five seats, and at any of the other seats where the chairman & secretary might think it necessary. It was agreed to offer the contract to Messrs H. & D. Deas, of the Glangry Sawmill, in the first instance. It was agreed not to put down any extra seats in the meantime.

Mr Wallace

The Committee feel it right to record their sense of loss at the death of Mr James A. Wallace, one of their members. Mr Wallace has taken a deep interest in the work of the Committee & in the development of Glangry, and has shown much generosity to the village. It was agreed to appoint Mr Alexander Deas to the vacancy in the Committee, especially as Mr Deas is to be the local district representative of the County Council now that Parish Councils are being abolished.

Vacancy

Mr A. Deas

J. W. Jack, Chairman

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April 16th

at Sleyfarg, within the ante-room of the Public Hall, on April 16th, 1931, a meeting of the Development Committee was held. Those were present, Rev. J. W. Jack, chairman, with Messrs Beath, Henderson, Keay, Home, Marshall, & Deas. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved of.

Finance

The Treasurer's book, duly audited, showed a balance in hand of £18:15:5.

Drainage

A letter was read from the County Clerk, stating that the Drainage scheme had been approved by the County Council & that the Unemployment Grant had been secured. It was stated by Mr Deas that the ~~cost~~ contract amounted to £4817, & had been secured by Messrs Henderson, contractors, Leslie. The work was to commence on 23rd inst., & would be suspended in the village during the summer months.

Electric Light

A letter was read from the manager of the Grampian Electricity Supply Company, to the effect that every endeavour was being made to have a supply available for Sleyfarg before the next lighting season.

Park

A communication from the County Clerk was read, stating what was being done meantime with the park gifted to the parish by the late Mr Wallace of Duncraig, & asking for suggestions. The committee do not consider the time ripe yet for making any suggestions as to the use of the ground.

Triennial

As the second triennial period is now finished, the Committee resolved to call a public meeting in accordance with the constitution, to be held on Thursday, 30th inst., at 8 o'clock.

J. W. Jack, Chairman.

April 30th

At Slangary, the 30th day of April, 1931, the triennial Public Meeting was held in the ante-room of the Public Hall, at 8 p.m., to receive a report of the accounts and general affairs of the Committee, & to consider the re-appointment of the Committee for another triennium. The chair was taken by Rev. J. W. Jack, Chairman of Committee. The minute of the Public Meeting three years ago was read and approved of. The Chairman explained the origin of the Committee, & gave in a report of the work done during the last three years in providing extra seats on the roads, in bringing in drainage, in hurrying on the electric light, & in keeping in touch with the District Committee regarding the Public Park gifted by Mr. Wallace. He intimated that the Committee at present numbered seven, viz, Rev. J. W. Jack, chairman, with Messrs Robert Beath, Alexander Deas, Charles Henderson, Richard Hume, John Keay, and Charles A. Marshall. He stated that the Constitution allowed a Committee of nine, and in view of this he suggested that the extra two places should be filled.

Vacancies

The financial & other reports were approved of and adopted, with thanks to chairman & secretary.

It was then moved by Mr McWhannel, and seconded by Miss Esther Winton, that the present Committee of seven be re-elected, with Rev. J. W. Jack as Chairman, and also that the two vacant places be filled by Mr David Stewart, mason, Slangary, and Mr ^{Thomson} Muirhead, Forward Hotel. The chairman called for any amendment, but none being forthcoming, he declared the motion unanimously carried. The meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman by Mr Robert Cameron.

J. W. Jack, Chairman.

April 4th

At Slangary, within the ante-room of the Public Hall, the 4th day of April, 1932, a meeting of the Development Committee was held. There were present, Rev. J. W. Jack, chairman, with Messrs Beath, Henderson, Home, Heay, Marshall, and Stewart. The minutes of the triennial meeting were read and approved of.

Electric Light

The chairman intimated that there was no word yet as to when the electric light was to be available.

Public Park.

He read letters from the County Clerk to the effect that the ground gifted by Mr Wallace was now available for a Public Park, but that no regulations had yet been drawn up. The meeting, after consideration, came to the conclusion that, owing to the want of sufficient grass, the ground was not yet in a state for public ^{games}, & that it should be left ~~—~~ for another year.

Building

The Chairman stated that there was a prospect of a Perth gentleman building several houses in Slangary, on the Duncraig estate, but that nothing was yet definitely settled.

J. W. Jack, Chairman.

April 26th

At Slangary, the 26th day of April, 1932, ~~the~~ a meeting of the Development Committee was held. There were present, Rev. J. W. Jack, Chairman, with Messrs Beath, Henderson, Heay, Marshall, & Stewart. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved of.

Public Park

The Bye-Laws for the Wallace Public Park, which had been sent down by the Clerk of the County Council for consideration by the Development Committee, were read by the chairman. These were

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considered to be suitable, with one or two slight alterations. The chairman reported that the suggestion of the Development Committee that the ground was not yet fit for public or organized games had been adopted by the County Clerk, and such use of the ground was to be prohibited for another year.

J. W. Jack, Chairman.

Nov. 21st

At Glasgow, the 21st day of November, 1932, a meeting of the Development Committee was held. There were present, Rev. J. W. Jack, Chairman, with James Beath, Deas, Home, Keay, Marshall, Muirhead, and Stewart. The minutes of the former meeting were read & approved of.

Roads

The chairman stated that, in a conversation he had with the Road Surveyor, Mr Angus Macleod, the latter had expressed his gratification at the existence of a Development Committee in Glasgow, and said he would be glad to have suggestions from it at any time, especially about the month of February when he always made up his estimates for the year. It was agreed to suggest to him that repairs should be made to the footpath on the Post-Office Road and the one up the Church brae to Melville Terrace.

Wallace Park

The chairman stated that the District Council, which had charge of the Wallace Park, could not hand over the management of it to the Development Committee, but had agreed that the District Councillor should co-opt two or three from it, with himself as convener, to be known as the "Park Committee". The chairman stated that, at the suggestion of the District Council Clerk, he had co-opted the following three, viz: Mr Alexander Deas, Mr Charles Henderson, & Mr Charles A. Marshall, and

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Lighting

had notified the Clerk accordingly.

The Chairman stated that the District Council had agreed to light the Slangary streets with electric light in place of the present petrol lamps. There would be 24 lamps, instead of 21 as at present, & the cost would work out less than the present system. The lamps would be 100 watts, ~~each~~ costing £2:5/- each, and would be lit from the first Saturday in September till the third Saturday in April.

Scott's View

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The Chairman drew attention to the fact that Scott's famous view mentioned in the Fair Maid of Perth was only two & a half miles from Slangary, on the Wallace Road, a few hundred yards beyond Dean Hill Farm. He suggested that the road should be opened up, that sign-posts should be erected at suitable points, & that a slab with a suitable inscription should be erected at the spot, as well as an Indicator. The meeting cordially agreed to the suggestion, and it was resolved that a fund should be raised to meet the cost. The chairman read letters from the Scottish Rights of Way Society to the effect that the Wallace Road is a Right of Way, and promising to help if there should be any difficulty with the proprietors. The matter was left in the hands of the chairman to issue a Circular letter, in name of the Committee, soliciting contributions, & to arrange with the proprietors.

J. W. Jack, Chairman.

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April 20th

At Slangary, within the ante-room of the Public Hall, the 20th day of April, 1934, the Development Committee met. There were present Rev. D. Jack, chairman, with James Beath, Deas, Henderson,

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Hume, Healy, & Muirhead. The minutes of the former meeting were read & approved of.

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The accounts, which had been duly audited by Messrs Hume & Marshall on Deposit Account showed a sum in hand of £19:17:4. The Chairman stated that the Secretary (Mr Henderson) & himself had changed the ~~Deposit~~ Deposit at the Bank of Scotland from Deposit Receipt to Deposit Account, the latter to be operated on, as before, by the secretary & himself. This ^{action} was approved of, & the finances were regarded as satisfactory.

Road Seat

As the seat at side of road adjoining Longfand was now broken & useless, it was moved by Mr Beath & seconded by Mr Henderson that a new seat be made in its place. This was agreed to, & Mr Deas was asked to attend to the work.

Park

It was suggested that the Park Committee should make the charge 10/-, instead of 15/-, for the use of the Park by picnics.

Scott's View

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The chairman stated that the proprietors, over whose ground the Wallace Road passes, were all agreeable to the erection of Direction Posts for Scott's View, the proprietors being Mrs Guthrie of Lochelbank, The Trustees of Adam Wardlaw for East Fordel, and Mr Pitcaithly of West Drom for the rest of the road. The tenant of Lochelbank, Mr James Shattock, was also agreeable. The chairman stated also that the Perth District Council, in view of the road being a Right of Way, had resolved to repair it as far as Lochelbank Farm, so that cars could have proper access as far as the standing & be parked there. He read letter also from the National Trust for Scotland, ^{which} was willing to take over the Viewpoint and hold it in perpetuity for the Scottish nation, leaving the management locally to the Development Committee, & stated that

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the Trust was at present in communication with Mr Pitcaithly of West Down in regard to a few of sufficient ground at the Viewpoint. All these arrangements, which had been made by the chairman, for the purpose of opening up the Wallace Road as far as the Viewpoint, were approved of by the Committee, and he was authorised to go forward with the appeal for contributions towards the erection of Direction Posts, & of slab & indicator, as soon as matters were ready for this. The Committee resolved to form itself into a Scott Committee for this particular purpose, and the chairman was authorised to put this heading on the printed appeals & other literature used.

Triennium

As the third triennium is now finished, the Committee resolved to call a public meeting in accordance with the constitution, to be held on Monday, 30th inst., at 8.15 pm.

J. W. Jack, Chairman

April 30th

At Slonagary, within the Upper Room of the Public Hall, the 30th day of April, 1934, the Triennial Public Meeting was held. The chair was taken by Rev. D. Jack, chairman of the Development Committee. The Minute of the last Committee meeting was read & approved of.

The Chairman gave in a report of the accounts & of the general affairs of the Committee, including work done in connection with Drainage, electric lighting, the Wallace Park, the road & footpaths, & Scott's View at the Wick of Baighie. It was unanimously agreed that the Committee, with the same chairman & secretary, be re-appointed

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Committee

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for another three years. The Committee thus consists of Rev. D. Jack, chairman, Mr Charles Henderson, hon. secretary & treasurer, and the following members, viz: Messrs Robert Beath, Alexander Deas, Richard Hume, John Keay, Charles A. Marshall, David Stewart, & Thomas Muirhead, being nine altogether.

It was moved by Mr Alexander Deas, and unanimously agreed, that the thanks of the public be minuted to the chairman and the secretary, for the large amount of work done during the three years just ended.

J. W. Jack, Chairman.

Sept. 14th

at Glasgow, the 14th day of September, 1934, a meeting of the Scott Committee was held. There were present, Rev. D. Jack, chairman, with Messrs Beath, Deas, Keay, Marshall, & Stewart. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Development Committee were read & approved of.

Scott's View

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The chairman laid on the table his Collecting Book, containing contributions towards opening up the old Wallace Road to Scott's View adjoining the Wicks of Baighie, and showing a sum of £50:1:8 in hand after paying all expenses. This was regarded as extremely satisfactory, and it was believed that more might yet be received. As the Development Committee has a sum in hand of about £20, it was agreed that £5 of this be handed over to the Scott Fund, making a total of £55:1:8 to date.

Estimates

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The chairman laid on the table estimates for Direction Posts

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Sept. 14th + Notice Boards, twelve in number, required on the road to the Viewpoint. It was agreed to accept the estimate given by Messrs Fleming & Co., Glasgow, which it was found would amount to about £46. In regard to Field Gats & Hissing Gats, it was agreed to purchase these from the Agricultural Requisites Supply Co., London, whose catalogue was laid on the table. It was considered that the cost of the Posts, Notice Boards, Field Gats, Hissing Gats, Fencing, &c., would be about £46. The meeting arranged that estimates for erecting all this material should be obtained from the following wire-fencers, viz. James Collier, Fallhouse, Burnside, Milnathort, and J. & D. Skinner, Somersfield, Satside, it being left to the chairman to fix a day for them to visit the road. The Committee expressed much satisfaction at the progress of the effort to commemorate the Viewpoint.

J. W. Jack, Chairman

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SCOTT'S VIEW AT WICKS OF BAIGLIE

GLENFARG COMMITTEE TO ERECT DIRECTION POSTS.

The Glenfarg Scott committee, who are raising funds for opening up the old Wallace Road, from which Sir Walter Scott obtained at the Wicks of Baiglie his famous view of Perth, visited the viewpoint in company with the chairman, Rev. J. W. Jack, D.D.

The spots where direction posts are to be placed were marked, and arrangements were made as to the position of field gates, wicket gates, and notice-boards. The various proprietors have given hearty consent.

The road used to go straight on at Lochilbank Farm to the right of the steading, but this part has disappeared since Scott's time, and the road is only reached again on going round by the farmhouse. Every effort is being made to direct visitors aright. There will be a dozen direction posts.

The committee were accompanied by two contractors, who are to estimate for the work.

Rev. Dr Jack, interviewed, stated that contributions were urgently required to carry the work through.

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At Glasgow, within the ante-room of the Public Hall, the 15th day of ~~September~~ October, 1934, a meeting of the Scott Committee was held. There were present Rev. D. Jack, chairman, with Messrs Beath, Deas, Horne, Keay, and Stewart. The Minutes of the former meeting were read and approved.

The chairman intimated further contributions towards the Scott Scheme, bringing the net amount in hand to £69.

Estimates

Estimates were read from the two contractors. Messrs Slimeis' amounted to £6:15/-, but this did not include the risk of rock in erecting the posts. In this latter event, there would be 5/- extra charged for boring a hole about 8" deep, and 1/- per hour if the posts had to be altered at the blacksmith's. Mr Collier's estimate amounted to £9:10/-, but made no mention of the fence at the Viewpoint, nor of the risk of rock anywhere. After consideration, the meeting came to the conclusion that Mr Collier's estimate would be the cheaper, if it included the fence and the risk of rock, & the chairman was requested to find out from him whether it included these things, and if so to accept it without calling a further meeting.

Road Surveyor

The chairman read letter from Mr Angus Macleod, the District Road Surveyor, giving permission to erect the two posts required on the public road, viz (1) at the junction of A. 90, Edinburgh Road, and (2) at the junction of the Wallace Road with the Old Edinburgh Road. The remaining ones, ten in number, are on the Wallace Road.

J. W. Jack, Chairman.

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Addendum to previous minute: The following letter was read from Mr George Pitcaithly, J.P., West Dean Farm, the proprietor of the Viewpoint:

West Dean,

Bridge of Earn,

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Dear Dr. Jack,

I haven't made any arrangement with the National Trust. They have been in communication with me, but I much prefer to leave it as we have done so far. Full permission is given to you to close off the spot & make such repairs on roadway, etc., as are necessary - so go ahead. You have done very well indeed. I have no doubt you have written many letters probing the patriotism of those whose inclinations are literary or archaeological. Well, good luck to you! With kind regards, Yours sincerely,
(Signed) George Pitcaithly.

The meeting expressed gratification at the full permission being given by the proprietor.

J.W. Jack, Chairman

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April 15th

At Slonyarg, the 15th day of April, 1935, the Development Committee met. There were present Rev. Dr. Jack, chairman, with Messrs Beath, Deas, Hume, Marshall, Muirhead, & Stewart. An apology for absence was intimated from the hon. secretary, Mr Charles Henderson.

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The chairman laid before the meeting the Financial Statement for the year, duly audited by Messrs Hume & Marshall, showing a sum in hand of £13:3:7. He also submitted the accounts of the Scott Committee, ~~by~~ duly audited by the same members of committee, showing a sum in hand, after paying all expenses & outlays, of £14:6/-. The question of erecting an Indicator at the Viewpoint, & of putting two or three seats there, was considered, & was thought desirable, & it was agreed to do this whenever the Funds permitted.

Royal Jubilee

The chairman suggested that the Development Committee, being the successor of the old Parish Council, should do something to help in the celebration of the Royal Semi-Jubilee on May 6th. The Committee, after discussing the matter, agreed to provide & put up flags across the main roads of the Village, & to issue a Recommendation to householders, shopkeepers, & others to decorate or put 'bunting' on their premises. They discussed the holding of Public Sports, but were unanimously of the view that, as the day will be a holiday & many people going away, there would not have the success which they ought to have. At the same time, as Mr Henderson, the schoolmaster, might be arranging school sports, they wish every success to those, & to any other arrangements he might make for the children, the Guides, & the Scouts.

J. W. Jack, Chairman.