



Minute of a Public Meeting at Gravir (1892)

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A meeting of the inhabitants of Gravir, Park, Isle of Lewis, was held in the Gravir Schoolhouse on the evening of 5th inst., to bring their needs before the Government and others interested, with authority, who, they are of the opinion, ought to consider their grievances.

The meeting, which was very hearty, called upon the Rev. H. Kennedy to take the Chair, when the following resolutions were moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to:

1. That Government be asked to consider the great hardship the people of this district endure for want of roads; they consider it oppressive to be taxed for roads where no roads exist; and where they have to carry their dead three or four miles through bog and snow in winter; and having no inland communication with the only town in the Island.

Moved by Mr. D. Nicholson, Elder: Seconded by Mr. H. Morrison, Elder:

2. That, viewing the distressing conditions of the people on account of the failure of the fishing, the loss of the crops and the low price upon stock, pressure be brought to bear upon the Government to grant money to construct the roads needed - which would not only relieve the present destitution, but be of future and permanent good.

Moved by Mr. M. MacIennan, Elder: Seconded by Mr. Kenneth Maclean:

3. That the Postmaster General be asked to give a telegraph office at Gravir, the reasons for the resolution to be sent with the same to the Postmaster General.

Moved by Mr. N.M. Nicholson, teacher: Seconded by Mr. M. Mackenzie

4. That copies of these resolutions be sent to the Secretary for Scotland, the Member for the County, the Postmaster General, and also copies to the Highland News, the Daily Mail, and the Oban Times.

These resolutions were enthusiastically agreed to, and supported with earnestness, which proved that the speakers felt the great need there existed for works being started as soon as possible.

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