

Glenderby  
1968 – 2006

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## The Glenderby Houseowners Association, 1968 -

The story of the Glenderby Housing Estates in the last three decades of the 20th Century, their development, and that of the Houseowners' Association, is based on the records of the Association so assiduously compiled mostly by Charlton Clarke and David Nisbet, as far as the facts are concerned; some of the more personal sections and certainly those of opinion and, dare I say it, mythology, so common in Scottish history, come from my own recollection and shall be acknowledged as such.

Let me start with an example of one of these, a paradox, which I think pervades the entire piece, and which I think may be noted and thereafter put to one side, as it were, with the frank assertion that it is entirely my own suggestion. There is no question that the moving force behind the creation of the Log Cabin Hotel and its attendant twenty-one small estates was Tony Reid; for this, I am sure, we are all very grateful. It was Tony, too, who in 1968 suggested that the original owners gel together and form The Glenderby Houseowners' Association, small in number though they then were, as will be shown. Despite this, his invitation, that is, there is in my mind no doubt that Tony preferred to deal with the houseowners, then and thereafter, on an individual basis rather than as a body and to keep his affairs with each of us, and ours with him, both discrete and discreet.

I should also say from the outset that this essay, in the general sense of the word, is intended as some sort of record for the owners themselves and for their and our heirs and successors and no one else, with the sincere hope that they may amend it, if they so desire, and, certainly add to it.

The early records of the Association are not very comprehensive and the little that we know is based mostly on the reports of the first secretary, Mr Ivan Morris and, to a lesser extent, on occasional letters written by or for Tony Reid. It is only in June, 1968 that we find identification of the original owners by Mr. Reid in a letter inviting them to attend a meeting to consider the forming of an association with office-bearers who would address the many problems which this unique development already faced. Needless to say, the problems then are still our main concern: water, sewerage, roads, and services generally.

In passing , I would say that generally Mr. Reid's correspondence was with individual owners rather than the Association officially, as it were. I still retain on my own files a bulky correspondence with Mr. Reid little of which appears on the records of 1970 or even 1971 and these differ materially from the significant parts of our correspondence. The first meeting was chaired by Emil (Ginger) Bernier and the main business was to form a committee of those who could be considered fairly local. There was little choice, of course, there being only seven members, all still actively engaged in their own individual business or profession, with Emil Bernier, in particular, still commuting to London by train from Pitlochry.

Thus, Alastair Thomson became Chairman, Ivan Morris, Secretary., and Angus Brown, Treasurer. The other three of the seven original owners were Mr. Joe Thomson, Mr. David Macdonald and Mr. Willie McKissock. Another list, later in 1968. includes Frank Howie. Betty Paterson, and Dr. Baker, while Molly Crossley and Leslie Johnson appear in that of 1969.

Originally, as now- there were twenty-one plots but the original houses built through Tony Reid were only fourteen in number. They were numbers 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, 11,15,16,17. and 18, number 2 being originally the Show House and then for some years the Log Cabin staff house. It would seem that the two Thomsons, the Morrisses, the Berniers, the Macdonalds, the Browns,

and the McKissocks must have taken occupation in 1968, closely followed by the Howies, Miss Crossley (with two properties), Miss Patterson, and the Johnsons, in 1969, and we ourselves in 1970.

The Bakers who had bought plot 16 had been promised that the house would be ready for occupation by 1969/70. It wasn't, of course, and they asked Tony to re-sell it. We bought it from him in June, 1970. It is all the more interesting to note now in the old records that the Bakers only relinquished it in October, 1970, vis-@-vis Tony, that is; and the minutes of February, 1971, suggest further that a Mr. T. Aitken was 'preparing to buy No. 16.' It's probably best not to question how this contradiction came about and to leave this issue with a mark of exclamation! I should say that we were introduced to the Glen by the Howies, both families having very strong connections with Robert Gordon's College in Aberdeen. But it was only by a series of co-incidences that we came in a very brief spell hereafter, only just before leaving for Ghana in August, 1970, that we were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to buy Plot 16 before the house had been completed. In passing, I should say that it would be very interesting to have the stories of how the other occupants of the Glen properties came to possess them. Hopefully that will be recorded eventually. Enough for the moment to say that the first of the non- original plots, Nos. 14 and 19, were bought by the Grays and the Baines respectively, in 1972, though the Grays had second thoughts and sold Plot 14 to the Baines who built their cabin in 1973, on Plot 19, of course.

I will now rely upon the notes I have made on the Minutes of the AGM's from 5th April, 1969 onwards but will, of course, make personal comments on matters that may be of some interest.

The only matter of note for that year, 1969, was that by the end of it the Berniers, the Thomsons, Alastair and Joe, independently, of course, the Morriss's, the Howies, the Macdonalds , Miss Crossley (2 plots)the McKissocks, Miss Paterson, the Browns, the Bakers and the Johnsons had all acquired plots and that all but the last two had already taken occupancy.

In 1971/72 David Macdonald became Chairman, wit Ivan Morris as Secretary and Angus Brown as Treasurer, after a two-year spell by Alastair Thomson, Betty Patterson, and Ginger Bernier, respectively..

Interesting items of the Minutes at this time and up to the end of 1974 were:  
Chairmen , 1972 - 75, in annual sequence Angus Brown, Frank Howie, Ivan Morris, the latter having been Secretary for some years, succeeded in that office by Molly Crossley, late '73, Betty Paterson having become Treasurer in 1972.

Late in 1973 No. 2 had been bought by John Given & son. This was a year in which a number of names that had been appearing fairly regularly also disappeared: Prefert, Seale, and Cosby, who had never actually been owners, and even Gray, who had, the latter's plot having been bought by the Baines. It is interesting to note that at this time a Mr. Bevan became manager of the Hotel.

A gate was installed and the question of whether the road was Private or not became quite a heated issue, which I maintain has never been resolved, along with that of the near legendary Right of Way, as to its exact position or even existence.

Another issue that was discussed in 1974 was that of what became known as the Baines Road, but there was no agreement as to its existence or future. The only thing that was decided, needless to say at a much later date , was that the co-owners, the Baines, the Atiyahs, the

Appletons and the owners of Plot 12, which Ivan Morris had bought in '73 - '74, would be jointly responsible for its maintenance.

The other decision at this time was that the Hotel-owners would no longer pay a share of the Glenderby road's maintenance.

Mr. Baines strong suggestion that new owners of the Upper Glen Plots, viz. 12, 20 and 21, should have additional collecting tanks installed at the Upper Glen supply, was accepted.

In July. 1974 it was reported that Mr. Morris's 'Horizon', just recently completed, had a water overflow, but that this had been attended to without too much waste of time , or water.

At this time Mr. Baines suggested that AGM.s and the lunch that followed might be held in an owner's house to which Frank Howie responded by offering Elfin Lodge; this was agreed and it was also agreed that the question of ownership of 'Baines Road' would also be minuted for the AGM in August.

The AGM was held at the Strathlene Hotel and later at Elfin Lodge. A suggestion by Mr. & Mrs Baines that there be an 'all ladies Council' was defeated, the 'status quo' to be maintained and that Ivan Morris would be the new Chairman, with Miss Paterson and Miss Crossley, as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Reference was again made to the PRIVATE notice and Rights of Way issues but disagreement still prevailed. One thing does seem to have been decided, however: that the Association would not be responsible for the maintenance of the 'spur road', presumably that in the Upper Glen but would remain the responsibility of the owners as on Plots 2, 4, and 6.

A Newsletter from the Chairman, Ivan Morris, December, 1974, gave some interesting information of happenings in 1974/75, with references to the Lower Water Supply on Plot 1.2 (no previous mention of this in any records); Tony Reid's letter on the PRIVATE and Rights of Ways issues, without further clarification; the first mention of the Atiyahs and the last of Mr. Seale who wished to sell No. 20 and Mr. Priefert who had 'no wish to build in the near future', on Plot 21 presumably. The Chairman also informed us that he had received a letter from Tony Reid indicating that while he intended to retain ownership of the Norwegian Log Company he would be selling off part ownership of the Hotel and suggesting that this might be of interest to some house owner. In March, 1975, we learned from the minutes,, that Mr. Atiyah, as he then was, had bought Plot 20, supposedly 'for a very large amount.' Some interesting items came to light, or, more correctly, did not, at this time, between April.1975 and the August, AGM. : Ivan Morris had a large tank installed at the Upper Glen supply, large enough for Houses 12, 20 and 21, the cost of these to be shared by Mr. Morris and the other two owners;; Mr. Johnson referred to a letter, which was not produced, concerning the so-called Right of Way as applied to the Glen Road., as being 'for people on foot or horseback', though the latter would have to fall away, not having been used for this purpose for over twenty years; Miss Paterson pointed out that the Lower water supply was 'barely adequate' even for the house-holders, let alone the Hotel

First mention was made of the Kinnears, Plot 12-to-be, and the Sandells as Managers/part-owners of the Hotel, while the Aitkens, it seems, were still 'somewhere in Africa'. (Angus Brown, however, was clever enough to unearth our Lisbon address!) The '75 AGM was held in The Strathlene Hotel on the 16th of August.

The present Council would carry on with the additional member, Tony Baines. Mr. Johnson, Mr.McKissock, and Mrs. Dawn Baines would be Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary,

respectively.

The Minutes for 1975-1977 are very sketchy. There is mention of the Kinnears for '75 and '76, that the McKissocks had gone at that time and the Stewarts moved in 1976, that Leslie Johnson and the Baines carried on to lead the Council, that the Appletons were welcomed and the problems involving a new style of cabin in this connection were sorted out, that the Trybo house was built in 1976, probably for the Sandells, that Mr. Bernier took over again as Treasurer for a spell, and that the McKissocks had left in 1977. It should not be too surprising that the year, 1976 - 77 was short in other ways. This was the year of the worst drought experienced in these and other parts.

The Minutes for 1978 and 1979 are missing. (This was noted by me when I compiled the others in or around 1994, although I did discover that Leslie Johnson had at that time the only known copies,)

Early in 1980 there still seems to be some doubt as to whether the Lower Water storage tanks are on Plot 10 or Plot 12, but this is a minor issue though not for Betty Paterson who is still having low pressure problems which this is only resolved when her plot, 8, is provided with a tank of its own.

Much of 1981 seems to have been taken up with 'the Summer House Affair.' We were, as usual, overseas, at that time in Soweto and of no fixed abode, which probably explains why we heard nothing of it until some years later. It would appear that the Kinnears objected to the positioning of the summer house Jimmy had built for us during our absence. They had taken over 'Horizon', Plot 12 from Ivan Morris and felt that the studio, Mary's, as it later became, overlooked and seemed to threaten their privacy, though we had had trees planted around it. We were supposed to have been informed of this by letter, but this was not done and it was some years before we heard of the matter and how it might have led to the Kinnears' departure in 1983.

At the 1981 AGM in August a new council was elected with Michael Atiyah as Chairman, Ginger Bernier as Treasurer, and Iain Appleton as Secretary. The most important proposal at that AGM was made by Dr. Archie Stewart who suggested that the gate should be closed at holiday times. Had I been present, I would have supported him since I have always maintained that it was ridiculous to have a gate and never use it. But obviously it didn't find favour as it doesn't appear even to have been voted on. More generally, there were still worries about the adequacy of the Lower Water supply.

The 1982 AGM gave rise to talk of the need or reliable plans for the various services, but nothing came of this, though it was noted that efforts be made to find an alternative supply, if only to supplement that to the Lower glen. During this year, Miss Paterson's tank was finally installed.

Early in 1983, the Kinnears sold 'Horizon' to the Riddleys. This was the year in which Michael was knighted and at the AGM in September he gave up the Chairmanship and Ian Appleton, as Secretary. The new triumvirate were D. MacDonald, Bernier, and Howie, but early in 1984 Helen Ridley took over as Secretary. At this time David MacDonald also resigned because of business commitments.

It was at about this time, early 1984, that Brian McGill and Carr Ridley began to figure in the Minutes, though not as yet in any official capacity, as far as I can see. Helen, of course, was already Secretary. The Boyds left the Glen, and Crievie Lodge, of course, in mid-1984.

There must have been a water shortage that summer as mention is made of Brian Sandell having arranged a delivery of water by bowser.

The Goldby Forestry business came up, with particular reference to the Association's taking over a part, this under the lead of Tony Baines, but only 14 house-owners agreed each to invest a £2000 share and it fell through, although the Upper Glen owners agreed to a part ownership, for a much smaller sum.

But that was in 1985 -86 when it was agreed with Mrs. Goldby that a fire-break, by means of a 'ploughed gap' was initiated. The Upper Glen owners received a key for access to the Goldby forestry section.

The Council leaders for 185-86 were Brown, Bernier, and Helen Ridley. The Ridleys were still residing at Southport at this lime.

Archie Stewart died in 1986, about mid-year.

Throughout the years 1986-1988 the main interest seems to be concerned with the question of the Appleton's extension to their unusual cabin on Plot 21 .Most of the correspondence of those two years was almost exclusively on this subject. The majority of owners were in support, although it is doubtful whether this was to be an extension or a completely additional building. This was why one or two of the owners, at most, were against it. Tony Reid as the Superior in those days, could have turned it down. But it would seem that he left it to the other owners, the great majority of whom would have allowed it, on the understanding, of course, that it didn't establish a precedent There is no further reference to this matter in Minutes that followed; so it must be assumed that the owners' agreement was not acted upon..

The Chairman for 1986-87 was Angus Brown, with Ivan Morris as Treasurer.

But in mid-1987 he informed Angus that he would be selling-up in July and going off to Spain to sell his property there. His wife, Lily, had died in April after a long illness, cancer, I think, although it hadn't been common knowledge.

Other matters of importance at this time were that. Alan Finch and Mrs. Kirk took over the Hotel; new metal window catches were fitted to all the original houses; that there were problems regarding the disposal of rubbish with the P.& K. Council; sewerage charges were increased also, regarding access to and disposal of the slurry; and the Goldby Forestry development and matters pertaining to it were settled , but not until 1988. It seems also that we in the Upper Glen paid £259 each for a triangle of land in the newly planted forest, to safeguard the source of our water supply; Mrs Goldby was to pay £1000 for additional use of the Glen road for the next five years.

Officials of the Council for for 1987-88 were Carr Ridley & Brian McGill, with Nora Maclellan as Secretary..References to J.Macdonald and Mr.Barker, as owner, selling Troll Haagen were also made.

The Articles of Association were revised and approved in 1988.

The trio above carried on for 1988-1989.

The question of the Appleton extension still seemed to be on-going. Alan Finch got off to a good start regarding the appearance of the Hotel and at first appeared very generous as to his

share of payments for maintenance of the road. The Chairman wrote the Rights of Way Society regarding their view and seemed to have received a positive reply but there is no recorded evidence of their agreeing to the fact that it was anything other than a pedestrian right of way, except a vague reference to horses being allowed to use it because of its having been a drove road in the distant - altogether too distant - past..

In 1989-1990 Brian became Chairman, with Bert as Treasurer and Nora, Secretary.

Yvonne & Billy Clark took over Troll Haagen.

Brian had correspondence with David Main, Balnakilly, regarding his hiring out of 'cycles' which were proving more than a mere nuisance to Glenderby residents.

He also wrote Iain Duncan about his property above Glen Derby, but no reply was forthcoming. It should be remembered that he had sold a large piece of ground to Mrs. Goldby without any reference to Glenderby owners, his nearest neighbours.

The officials for the year 1990 - 91 were again Brian, Bert, and Nora.

There was considerable correspondence as concerning rubbish collection as between the Association and the Hotel on the one hand and P&K Council on the other. In the meantime Brian had written Iain Duncan again and eventually, in November, 1990, received a very vague reply which was quite unsatisfactory as far as the Association was concerned and gave no assurance whatsoever of keeping us informed. It was, apparently, in 1991 that all members were informed by the Chairman that Charles Crichton was very interested in buying Billy Clark's "sub-plot" and building thereon, but there seemed to be much confusion, despite rough plans having been drawn up, as to who would occupy Troll Haagen and who, the new house- to-be-built. At any rate, it would seem that Billy changed his mind and Charlie obtained a site at Upper Balnald, presumably from Tony Reid, and Jimmy built a cabin that was to be called Grumbles, a name, so legend has it, suggested by John Cleese. (At this point I had better explain how this "sub-plot" came about. Originally, there was a plot between Pilots 11 and 15. In the natural course of events this would have been Plot 13. But its situation was such that it would have had no access other than by the same drive as, and across, the property of Plot 11. Ivan Morris (11) and Leslie Johnson (15) decided to bare this plot in the late Sixties or early Seventies with the proposed 'stand' for the house on Ivan's half, presumably because of Troll Haagen's having the only feasible access. In the early Nineties, the owners were the Clarkes and it was Billy Clarke's idea to sell what I live called the "sub-plot". If you look at the nature of the ground between the two bad bends in the Glen Road on the side of the two properties you will appreciate the difficulty of entry to the existent but never-developed plot.)

At the AGM in August, 1991, and the Council meeting that followed, it was decided that John Given would be the Chairman and Thom Aitken, Secretary and Treasurer, at least for that year. The first decision made by the committee under this duo was that letters of agreement would be signed with Alan Finch, who at that time had agreed to pay 54/58% of the total cost of £11,000, to initiate with Taycon the improvement of the Hotel Road and this was well nigh unanimously accepted by the Association enthusiastically. Again there was a set-back, however; Alan Finch had been too hasty and had to limit his share: the result was that a less ambitious scheme of road repair was devised for which the Association members paid £75 each and the Balnald owners, through the good offices of Irene Hemmings contributed, £50 each. Nevertheless a great improvement was effected.

John Given, as Chairman and Thorn Aitken, as Secretary/Treasurer carried on throughout 92/93

and 93/94. In that year, 1993 both Bert Maclellan and Tony Baines fell ill, the latter literally through a fall; in July, the McIntyres took over Troll Haugen from the Clarks; and, as 1993 was the Association's Silver Jubilee, thoughts of the past and the loss of such members as Esme, Lily, Archie, Netta, and more recently Margaret and Ginger predominated. In those years, the Feu Disposition was sorted out and clarified.

In 1994, as Rowanhill was about to be developed strong objections were made to Tony's use of '22, etc., Glenderby' and its thus being considered an extension of Glenderby, a nomenclature that contradicted earlier agreements. So Rowanhill it eventually became. We suffered another loss in 1994 when Bert Maclellan died

At the beginning of the 1995 AGM Mr. Joe Thomson, as Chairman, asked us to stand in silence as a tribute to Bert Maclellan, who for the ten years of his stay at Crievie Lodge had contributed much to the well-being of the rest of us in the Glen.

It might be well at this point to give a summary of the office-bearers in the Nineties.

Thus:

1991-94 John Given, Chairman; Thom Aitken, Sec./Treas.;;  
1994-96 Joe Thomson, " ; Blair Thomson, Sec.; Brian McGill, Treas.;;  
1996-98 Thom Aitken, " ;  
1998-00 Iain Appleton " Blair/Charlton, " ;

At this time, mid- and early Nineties, the "Yellow Weed" became very apparent and Alastair Thomson urged that owners should do their utmost to eradicate Ragwort and, to a lesser extent, thistles.

There was much discussion following a Setter from David Macdonald suggesting that professional advice should be sought not only on road maintenance but also on improvements to all services generally. Nora Maclellan indicated that more attention should be given to the road from "Piccadilly Circus" onwards.

A sub-committee was formed to address the problem of the inadequacy of the Lower Glen water supply.

Carr Ridley drew up an estimate as to how the expense of Hotel road maintenance and improvements might be shared. This would result in the Hotel paying 69%, Glen owners, 23% and Others, 8%.

In August, 1995, a belated welcome was given to Miss Christina Ker and Leslie Johnson was congratulated on having reached his 80th birthday.

The suggestion was made by Angus Brown that in future AGM's should not be held on the Games week-ends.

The 1996 AGM was held in the Kirkmichael Hotel, an occasion on which Brian McGill spoke of Jimmy Rattray's problems regarding his building outwith the Glen, Montrose to be precise, and with some of the Rowan Hill owners, and suggested a letter of appreciation be sent from the Association to the appropriate authority.

When this appeal failed because of the obvious reason that Jimmy had built only a few of the Glen houses, Brian urged individual owners to write personally in support of Jimmy.



Mrs. Ibbotson attended this AGM on behalf of the owners of the Hotel and continued to be the one with whom the Association negotiated.

Mr. David Murdoch was co-opted to the council of which Thorn Aitken was elected

Chairman with Blair Thomson and Brian McGill as his associates, while Alison Macdonald was ostensibly to become Minute Secretary.

Latest news in 1996-97 was that the Hotel was being run, still on behalf of the Ibbotsons, by a Pitlochry based property company, the live-in manager being a Derek King.

The council agreed to the summary of the Feu Disposition being distributed in an attempt to dispel a number of myths that have flourished over the years. The Chairman also urged that other Glen-related information should be passed on, especially to new residents, for the same purpose.

In November '96 it was made clear that Mrs. Ibbotson still owned the Hotel. However in May, 1997, it was put up for sale.

There were suggestions again that the entrance gate should be closed, but again there was no agreement on this, other than that the gate be used on certain occasions, such as the Games week-end.

(All this makes one wonder if we wouldn't have saved ourselves a great deal of trouble later on, particularly with the horse-riding business, which was only established much later, of course. It was obvious that these and indeed many other problems affected only residents of the Glen rather than all owners.)

Decisions on the payments of maintenance of the Hotel Road by the hoteliers is to be considered in abeyance until the Hotel is sold. Attempts were made, however, by the Treasurer to collect past debts still outstanding through Mrs. Ibbotson's local solicitor, Andrew Hodge, but although Brian wrote him on Nov., 1997 and again in January and February, 1998, there is no record of even a reply.

At the August, '87 AGM mention was made of children's interference with the sewage 'works' and parents were informed; the need for hazard sign and possibly protective fencing was discussed; there were leaks reported in the Upper tanks, which Jimmy repaired; Tony Reid informed us the 'solum' of the road was owned by the hotel proprietor. (We had always been led to believe that this was Tony's own, in perpetuity, as it were.) Other points of interest were that our finances were in very good order; a Petition against the building of houses at the lower end of the cemetery road was made available and later submitted to the authorities; the Nisbets were welcomed as new owners of Troll Haagen; and a tribute was made by the Chairman to Tony Reid for his idea of the Hotel and Glen Development Plan; Carr's project of improving the bend in the road below Lorien was completed and he was thanked as were Jimmy and Ian Webster for their labours.

It was learned on 23rd February, 1998 that Jimmy, Wendy, and Mandy Rattray had taken over the Hotel.

There is a minute by the Chairman in the file, dated 30th June, 1998, to the effect that there had been no meeting of the Council so far that year, explaining the circumstances and indicating that Iain Appleton was willing to take on the Chairmanship of the Association at the AGM on

23rd August in the Log Cabin Hotel.

This took place and it was a very full meeting indeed, with only David & Averil Macdonald being absent, an apology having been given.

The Chairman announced that there had been two letters requesting acceptance of extension, presumably for plots 11 and 20; that a tree had been planted in memory of Leslie Johnson, who had died that year; that David Nisbet had become a committee member; that it had been a bad year for Ragwort and thistles, as was obvious. The Treasurer reported that there had been trouble at the sewage works with children again, but there was no serious damage; and warned that there would be an increase in sewerage clearance charges. Tony Reid spoke of his agreement with Vodaphone to erect a mast at a high point on his land above Rowan Hill.

It was agreed that the bottom sign, indicating 'authorised entry' and control of dogs should be left as an appropriate deterrent. The new Chairman thanked Thorn Aitken for his "hard work and commitment".

It is a very simple matter to record what was going on in the year 1998/99 as far as the Glenderby Association was concerned. Although there was considerable correspondence, it was almost all exclusively on one subject: the erection of a Vodaphone mast on Tony Reid's property. The main participants in this very controversial matter were the Chairman, Iain Appleton, Tony Reid, Bill Ryan the owner -to-be of No. 6, Rowanhill, David Nisbet, Michael Atiyah and, of course, representatives of Vodaphone. The controversy lasted almost for the entire year, with many understandings on both sides and a great deal of ambiguity as to the actual settlement.

The Glen-owners came to understand, however, that they would not be affected when it was decided to erect the mast some distance to the north-east side of Tony's land, away not only from Glenderby but also from Rowan Hill.

At the AGM in August, 1999 it was suggested that regarding the improvement to the Glen road each owner would contribute £1000. As can be imagined, modest though this was generally considered, "it was not well received."

There are also a number of personal items from the AGM. that should be noted: Carr Ridley expressed his sadness on leaving the Glen; Angus Brown paid a warm tribute to his fellow-owners and neighbours; Nora Maclellan would oversee the Upper Glen water supply; David Hudson suggested the setting-up of a reserve fund for the Glen road; but this was rejected; Charlton Clarke was to become Secretary on Blair's resignation.

The year and the AGM. ended on a very quiet note in comparison to the earlier arguments and the final minute of the AGM. reads almost smugly with the assurance that there are "no outstanding problems."

That apart, one would have expected to find a reference and tribute to Blair Thomson's five years as Secretary to the Association.

The main changes for the early years of the 21st century are as shown Below.

2000	Chairman,	Iain Appleton;	Secretary,	Blair Thomson;	Treas.	Brian McGill
2001-04		David Nisbet		Charlton Clark		Brian McGill
2004 +		Brian McGill		David Nisbet		Brian McGill

Other changes: 2000, The Hudsons, now at Horizon, and the Humphriss, at Tigh na Droma, were welcomed Tony Baines died in January Valerie Johnson moved South Mrs. Frances Shaw replaced Frank as owner of Elfin Lodge

2001 Marjorie Stewart died. John Atiyah died

2002 Adrienne Lewis moved into Caladh

2004/5 Frank Howie died

2003, The Humphriss sold to Jenny Walton  
The Gingells and Jenny Walton were welcomed

2005, Dann Hale and Brenda moved in as David Hudson re-sold Betty Patterson's, having just bought it.

2006, Rod and Lin Edgecumb took over Tigh ua Droroa from Jenny Walton.

The Association was very active at this time, mainly thanks to the efforts of David Nisbet and Brian McGill. There is no shortage of detail either in the Minutes of those years, but there was such controversy between 2000 and 2004 over, the road reconstruction, before and after the event, that, it would seem best simply (or not so simply) to summarise what went on during those years, especially 2002 and 2003. There were arguments as to the cost and how it should be borne; there was a certain amount of disagreement as to which contractor to use; there was controversy about whether the reconstruction entailed new work or simply maintenance. Eventually the work was begun in May, 2003 and completed in November of that year. Seventeen of the house-owners paid a full share of the cost, each £550, but two, Nos.1 and 3 insisted on paying only according to the appropriate road maintenance charge. There were some problems too as to the clearance of trees on some parts of the road-side but this, I believe, was eventually resolved. As can be imagined, there is considerable correspondence on this subject in the records but little on the financial side, except as shown above. (The total payment to the contractors, for example, is not indicated.) Some neighbours and others who make use of our Glen Road, mostly for business purpose, were approached regarding 'donations' but here again there is little detailed information regarding their response, other than that in the negative. Whether the improvement to the road was worth the money depends on personal expectations. This, quite rightly, has never really been discussed, especially with regard to the durability of the top surface. There is, however, no doubt that it had to be done and we are grateful to David Nisbet and Brian McGill for their tenacity and single-mindedness in seeing it through.

The year, 2004-2005, was comparatively quiet in the early part. David was Chairman Charlton, Secretary and Brian., as ever, it seems, Treasurer. Ragwort, it was noticed was still flourishing, and the horses and rights of way issues, still undecided, and open to many arguments., valid and otherwise, especially with regard to such out-dated matters as drove roads and pedestrian/horse/vehicle use and, of course, the entire confused issue of feudal rights and wrongs.

At the 2005 A.G.M., Brian took over the Chairmanship, though remaining Treasurer, and David became Secretary on the resignation of Charlton, who was praised for his sterling work in that post. With regard to the recent work, of 2003, on the road, Mr. Thomson asked why the accounts for that matter had never been recorded the Treasurer replied that this would be remedied 'in due course.' (In this connection there was still some question with a small minority of owners as to whether this really had been 'more than maintenance'.)

Earlier that year, in February, 2005, Frank Howie, one of the few remaining 'originals' had died.

Altogether, 2004-2005 had been a remarkably quiet period. It looks, however, here in 2006, as if the whole business, including problems with the Hotel Road, is about to start again, after a couple of quiet years in which, nevertheless, the feudal system in Scotland has, dare I say It, ended and taxation, especially of 'second home/ ownership has increased for quite inadequate and in appropriate reasons, and land tenure has become even all the more confused.

Nevertheless, the usual problems and questioning regarding, shooting, wild life, rights of way and drove roads that may or may not have existed, according to one's vested interests, ownership, real or imagined, popular and unpopular myths, water, its quality and availability, sewage and waste disposal, and services or lack of them, all are with us as they have always been..

Stay and go well; and may the road rise up to meet you, metaphorically, as in the old highland farewell.

## Rowan Hill

The development of Rowan Hill is quite a discrete matter from that of Glenderby, although the original owner of the property was Tony Reid, who, to begin with, saw it as an extension of Glenderby. It got off to a bad start in more ways than one, to such an extent that some of us considered it to have a hoodoo, or at least to be ill-starred. The original owners there were the Chaplins, the Hudsons, George MacNab, Jenny Walton, and Charlie Jackson; the sixth of the plots, bottom left as it were, was built on later, after the property had been bought by David Hudson .

To say the least, there was very little harmony amongst the original owners: it is not in my purview to suggest any more than this, but that, at least, if so. In the past few years, however, the situation has greatly improved, particularly since the arrival of Peter and Susanne Collen who took over the Hudson's upper Cabin almost seven years ago, and the Duncans, John and Sylvie, who became owners of Jenny Walton's 'mansion' more recently, as well as Bob and Hillary Broadfoot who bought the Hudson's lower cabin two years ago. Peter, particularly, has done much to improve the local environment and John and Bob have brought Rowan Hill closer socially to the Glenderby community.

Last year, Alan and Glynnis Booth bought No.1, which had been vacant for some time, and they have given Rowan Hill a closer link with the village below than ever before.

But, as I have said, it really is a separate development, not as a part of Glenderby's history but with its own story to be told.

GLENDERBY LOG CABIN DEVELOPMENT, as from 1968

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|----|----------------|--|
| 1  | Craigavad      | David & Isobel MURDOCH (1979)  |
| 2  | Granby         | John & Joyce GIVEN (1973)  |
| 3  | Elfin Lodge    | Frank & Etta HOWIE (1968)<br>Frank, Colin, Moira, & Pat. HOWIE (1989)<br>Frances & Bill SHAW (2000)  |
| 4  | Rocksie        | Emii (Ginger) & Esme BERNIER (1968)<br>Ginger BERNIER (1981)<br>Jacquie & Charlton CLARK (1987-88)<br>Nick & Mary BERNIER  |
| 5  | Avismoor       | David & Averil MACDONALD (1968)<br>Alison MACDONALD  |
| 6  | Tigha na Droma | Angus & Veka BROWN (1968)<br>The Brown girls<br>Stephen & Ann HUMPHRISS (1997)<br>Jenny WALTON (2003)<br>Rod & Lin EDGCUMB (2006)  |
| 7  | Stavanger      | Joe THOMSON (1968)<br>Edith, Gavin, Keith  |
| 8  | Heatherbrae    | Betty PATERSON (1968)<br>David HUDSON (2005)<br>Dan HALE & Brenda LAWRENCE (2006)  |
| 9  | Telemark       | Alastair & Margaret THOMSON (1968)<br>Alastair & Gwen<br>Blair, Morag, and Fraser THOMSON (1993)   |
| 10 | Caladh         | Willie & Jessie McKISSOCK (1968)<br>Archie & Marjoric STEWART (1976)<br>Marjorie STEWART (1986)<br>David STEWART (2001)<br>Adrienne LEWIS (2002)   |
| 11 | Troll Haagen   | Ivan & Lily MORRIS (1968)<br>Ivan MORRIS (c.1977)<br>John Macdonald/the BARKERS (owner) (1987)<br>The CLARKES (1989)<br>The MacINTYRES (1992)<br>Miss Christine KER (1994)<br>David & Margaret NISBET (1997) |
| 12 | Horizon        | Ivan MORRIS (c 1979)<br>The KINNEARS (1981)<br>Carr & Helen RIDLEY (1983)<br>David & Ann HUDSON (2000)   |
|    | Larsen         | Polly MURRAY & Richard HAWORTH (2006)  |

- 15 Lorien Leslie & Valerie JOHNSON (1969)  
Valerie JOHNSON (1998)  
David JOHNSON (2000)  
Alistir TAIT & Naomi Hamilton (2004)
- 16 Troutbeck Thorn & Mary AITKEN (1970)  
Mark & Grigor  
Tommy & Grigor (1989)
- 17 Balloch Lodge Molly CROSSLEY (1968)  
Tara Brian & Celine McGILL (1984)
- 18 Crievie Lodge Molly CROSSLEY (1968)  
The BOYDS (1984)  
Bert & Nora MACLELLAN ( (1985)  
Nora MACLELLAN (1994)  
Andy & Sally GINGELL (2003)
- 19 Dorich Tony & Dawn BAINES (1972)  
Dawn BAINES (2000) & Alistair
- 20 Beinno Sir Michael & Lady Lily ATIYAH (1974)
- 21 Ian & Marjorie APPLETON (1977)

Changes of occupancy and other items of interest.

With regard to the changes of Ownership in Glenderby itself, these can be understood from the Directory given above.

Generally, however, after many years of little if any change, recent years have been quite busy in this respect.

Altogether, while there has been no change of family ownership in numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 16, 19, 20 and 21

Plot 17 has had one change

Plots 10, 15 have had two changes

Plots 6, 8, 18 have had three changes

Plot 11 has had five changes

As will be seen from the dates on the list, most of the changes have been fairly recent.

As a matter of interest, the houses on 10 and 19 have always been permanent residences, the latter with the same owners.

Over the past 38 years, some others have been permanent residences.

These are Nos. 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 15, 18, and 19, the last since 1980, the others, however, never all at the same time.

Two, Nos. 17 and 18, were originally rented out on a weekly basis for several years, but not now - as is No. 4 at present.



## Glenderby House-owners Association Council Roll of Office Bearers

(Reading, from left to right, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer)

1968	Bernier / Thomson A.	Morris	Brown
1969	Thomson A.	Morris	Brown
1970	Thomson A.	Morris	Brown
1971	Macdonald D.	Morris	Brown
1972	Brown	Crossley	Patterson
1973	Howie	Crossley	Patterson
1974	Morris	Crossley	Patterson
1975	Johnson	Baines D.	McKissock
1976	Johnson	Baines D.	Bernier
1977	Baines T.	Baines D.	Bernier
1978	Baines T.	Baines D.	Bernier
1979	Given	Baines D.	Bernier
1980	Given	Appleton	Bernier
1981	Atiyah	Appleton	Bernier
1982	Macdonald D.	Appleton	Bernier
1983	Macdonald D.	Howie	Bernier
1984	Macdonald D.	Ridley H.	Bernier
1985	Brown	Ridley H.	Bernier
1986	Brown	Ridley H.	Morris
1987	Ridley C.	Maclellan N.	McGill
1988	Ridley C.	Maclellan N.	McGill
1989	McGill	Maclellan N.	Maclellan B.
1990	McGill	Maclellan N.	Maclellan B.
1991	Given	Aitken	Aitken
1992	Given	Aitken	Aitken
1993	Given	Aitken	Aitken
1994	Thomson J.	Thomson B.	McGill
1995	Thomson J.	Thomson B.	McGill
1996	Aitken	Thomson B.	McGill
1997	Aitken	Thomson B.	McGill
1998	Appleton	Thomson B.	McGill
1999	Appleton	Thomson B.	McGill
2000	Nisbet	Clarke	McGill
2001	Nisbet	Clarke	McGill
2002	Nisbet	Clarke	McGill
2003	Nisbet	Clarke	McGill
2004	McGill	Nisbet	McGill
2005	McGill	Nisbet	McGill
2006	McGill	Nisbet	McGill
2007	Atiyah	Nisbet	McGill