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26th February 1985

An Extraordinary Assembly of the Parish meeting took place on 26th February 1985 at 7.30 p.m. in the Institute to consider a report of the sub-committee on Television.

Mr J.H. Barkway in the chair and 20 residents of the Parish namely Mrs Gregory (Hon Sec) Messrs I. Dickinson, & J. Walker members of the committee, Mrs Black, Mrs Foster, Mr & Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs P. Dawson, Mr K. Dawson, Mr T. Birkett, Mrs J. Williams, Mr & Mrs Fox, Mr & Mrs Potts, Mr Brownlow, Mrs Bialy, Professor Reynolds.

1. *Introduction:*

After explanation by the Chairman as to the reason for the meeting he introduced three other members of the Committee. They had been chosen, not only for personal attributes, and not only for the fact that they represented geographical areas of the Parish, but also because they all had good to adequate reception on their television sets and thus had no 'axe to grind'.

The Chairman also hoped that no landowners had been annoyed by the I.B.A. & other investigators walking on their land before the sub-committee had started its investigation.

2. *Siting:*

Mr Ivan Dickinson said that proposed sites for transmitters and aerials were above Kentmere Hall Quarry and at Brockstones. Permission had been granted by the Blackburn family and himself for the sites to be used. Cables buried six inches underground would connect the apparatus to the mains supply at Kentmere Hall and Brockstones.

3. *Technical:*

Mr Jeffrey Walker with the aid of diagrams and maps described the equipment and explained what was needed to cover all dwellings in the Parish.

All sets would receive BBC1 & 2, Border and Channel 4 with good reception in normal weather conditions, regardless of the time of day, all year round. Each house would be 'signal tested' to ensure strength of signal.

4. *Contractor:*

Mr Barkway stated that the contractor who had quoted was Television Relay Networks owned and run by Mr Victor Reddrop who was a member of the Society of Cable and Television Engineers. Both his membership of the society and his firm's financial status had been confirmed. His company was responsible for implementing the scheme in Langdale.

5. *Financial Plan:*
The Chairman introduced a possible Financial Plan which noted the cost of approximately £6225. He added that the committee's estimated charge would be £65 per household dwelling. An approximation of the aerial charge would be £15 plus labour.
There were recurring charges to cover Insurance, Electricity & maintenance which would hopefully be covered from an account funded by donations and other activities.
6. *Community Benefit:*
He made the point that the charges should be regarded as a 'Community Project' because of the benefits to all and everyone should be encouraged to take part. Some form of Community Trust could be formed to manage the affairs taking them outside a Parliamentary division. Obviously the more money raised, the more the opportunity to reduce the initial cost.
Properly based the Community Trust could be used to further other community projects.
7. *Vote:*
(a) Following questions Professor Reynolds proposed and Mr Hugh Baldwin seconded the proposal that the sub-committee should continue their investigations to ensure the scheme went ahead. Carried unanimously.
(b) Mrs C Black proposed that a questionnaire should be sent to all householders asking whether 1. they were interested in the scheme or not, 2. whether they would donate to the scheme, 3. whether they would help to organise and 4. take part in the fundraising. Mrs Mitchell seconded & the resolution was carried unanimously.
8. *A.G.M. was announced as being on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30 p.m. in The Institute.*

Jeremy H. Barkway
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