

GAVINTON, FOGO AND POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 27 May 1985 at Fogo School at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Mr D McNiven (Chairman)
Mr R Baillie
Dr A Brown
Mrs B R Darling
Mr A Macmillan
Mr R Markby
Mr T Reid
Mr J Robinson
Miss M Burns-Greig - District Councillor

Miss Burns-Greig introduced Mr Hope, Assistant Director of Planning of Borders Regional Council. The Chairman requested an update of the Middlefield grain dryer situation. Mr Hope has had two or three meetings with Mr Scott or Mr Findlay Calder to discuss further use of the premises, but has not received written information despite 2 letters.

Philip Wilson (Corn Factors) Ltd have written to Borders Regional Council saying there would be no appeal against rejection of planning permission for change of use from agricultural to commercial purposes.

Concern was expressed at a report in The Scotsman on 16 April 1985 quoting Mr Scott "the premises will continue to be used".

Mr Hope explained a Stop notice could be issued within 3 days of notification of commercial use recommencing. If this was ignored Enforcement through the Procurator Fiscal or Sheriff could be applied for. The administrative procedure could take months.

Stop and Enforcement could be issued simultaneously.

Mr Reid left the meeting at this point.

The Assessor has put the Middlefield dryer on the Valuation Roll but Philip Wilson (Corn Factors) Ltd is appealing against this.

Q "Could it become an Intervention Store?"

A This would require planning permission.

Q "How often can a firm re-apply for planning permission?"

A Every 6 months, cost £2,256.

Q "What is the fine for misuse of the premises?"

A Ultimate penalty is imprisonment.

Q "The inadequate road for heavy vehicles was the main objection to planning permission for change of use - how would this effect agricultural use?"

A If legitimate agricultural use was made of the plant, the planners would not be involved regardless of the traffic.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hope for his explanations. Mr Hope assured us the Community Council would be consulted if further planning permission is applied for.

Mr Hope then left the meeting which continued with the following items:-

- 1 Report of the Lothian and Borders Police 1984 is available.
- 2 Letters from Miss E Burn, School Council and Miss Acton, Borders Region Education Department concerning the school bus from Cavinton were read and noted.
- 3 Major Askew is to be reminded that he is Regional Councillor for Fogo and Polwarth, including Nisbet Rhodes.
- 4 The Berwickshire Council of Social Service Annual Report 1984 was tabled.
- 5 Letter from Mr Ingoldsby re Berwickshire Keep Tidy reverts to original format:
June 24 - 28 clean up with Council lorries
July 8 - 13 judging.
- 6 The Environmental Services Committee Minute of 9 April 1985 was tabled.
- 7 Ball games on the Village Green. Following the notice banning these was placed near the swings, football has been reasonably satisfactory at the other end of the green. Children can use the football field within reason, but not the official goals. It is recognised parents are loth to let younger children play at a distance from the village.
- 8 District Council Annual Garden Competition nomination forms are available for Council tenants - closing date 26 July.
- 9 Duns and District Round Table July Spree - it was agreed that Junior 5-a-side football for primary school children and a team of 5 persons not less than 15 years should be entered.
- 10 The Annual General Meeting of the Berwickshire Council of Social Service will be held on 5 June. It was agreed to pay £4 annual subscription
- 11 A letter from Stonehouse Community Council to all Community Councils in Scotland re revaluation was noted.

Any other business - grass cutting of roadsides between Fogo and Bogend, also weed spraying in Fogo village is to be referred to Major Askew.

Date of next meeting was not arranged.