

GAVINTON, FOGO AND POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting on Monday, 9 September 1985 at 9.50 pm in the Village Hall, Gavinton.

Present: Mr D McNiven
Mr I Aitchison
Mr R Baillie
Dr A Brown
Mr R Markby
Mr J Robinson
Mrs J Wheadon
Miss M Burns-Greig, District Councillor
6 members of public
Mr A Kirkwood MP

Dr Brown took the Chair and thanked Mr Kirkwood for attending.

Dr Brown explained the history of the grain dryer at Middlefield from its erection in 1978 to the present time to Mr Kirkwood, and stated the objections of the Community to the proposal of change of use from agricultural to commercial status, particularly with regard to the volume of traffic and the unsuitability of the approach roads to the East and West of the dryer.

Mr Baillie asked Mr Kirkwood to look into the matter of the law with regard to what can be regarded as "agricultural" in Planning law and yet be rateable in Rating law. It was stated that rates are now being paid on Middlefield grain dryer but as far as Planning Department is concerned it is an agricultural building. Mr Kirkwood promised to do this.

Mr Kirkwood advised that the Community Council should lobby local District Councillors before the Planning Committee meeting on 17 September.

He said he supported the action of the Community Council