

GAVINTON, FOGO AND POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 24 February 1986 in the Village Hall, Fogo.

Present: Mr D McNiven (Chairman)
Mr R Baillie
Dr A Brown
Mr R Markby
Mr J Robinson
Mrs B Sheldon
Mrs J Wheadon (Secretary)

Miss M Burns-Greig, District Councillor

16 members of public

Apologies for absence

Mr I Aitchison, Mrs B Darling, Mr A Macmillan

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public.

Middlefield Granary

The Chairman told the meeting that a new application had been lodged with the Planning Department for Change of use to long term grain store only (no drying facilities) for Middlefield Granary. As yet all the facts were not to hand with regard to what was to be stored and lorry movements. He said he was surprised at the letter from Miss Burns-Greig which had been displayed in the village shop window. Miss Burns-Greig explained that her reason for the letter was to explain to the Village immediately that the dryer was being removed and that we were talking about a new application for a long term grain store. The Chairman read out the letter.

He asked Miss Burns-Greig if she had discussed alternative arrangements with Philip Wilsons. Miss Burns-Greig replied that she had been having discussions with them since September and also on all agricultural matters with farmers throughout the Borders. All other possible uses for the site had been discussed by the firm but she said that the meeting should only consider the application now made, which had her full support. When pressed by the Chairman to explain "long term storage" Miss Burns-Greig said anything in excess of one year, which would mean far less traffic than before.

Mr Robinson asked Miss Burns-Greig if she was doing an about face as the original application had been refused because of the inadequate road access to Middlefield and this had not changed.

The matter was fully discussed and the Chairman said another meeting would be called when more details were to hand. In the meantime the Secretary was to write to the Planning Department to inform them that we should be forwarding our comments to them soon.

Miss Burns-Greig warned that the Community Council should consider what alternative uses the building could be put to if this application was refused. However the general view of the Community Council was that road access to the site had not improved and fear was expressed that if this application was granted then others could follow to develop and increase the site as had happened at Craigswalls.

Operation Raleigh

The Chairman read out a letter concerning the above and it was agreed to pass this on to the Youth Club.

Any Other Business

Snow Clearance - It was stated that this had been slow in the village. Miss Burns-Greig said she was aware of this and any future snow should be cleared more quickly, including the vennels.

Pavement Alterations - Dr Brown asked if the drains could be moved about a yard from the doors. Miss Burns-Greig said she would look into this but the start date was dependent upon the weather.

Minutes - Miss Burns-Greig said copies should be sent to the District and Regional Councils and also made available in the village shop.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.