

GAVINTON, FOGO AND POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held on Thursday, 27 March 1986 at 7.30 pm in Fogo School.

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

Miss M Burns-Greig

1 Apologies for absence

Mrs B Darling and Mr R Markby.

2 Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 10 March 1986

The Minutes of the above Meeting having been circulated were taken as read and accepted on the proposal of Mr Robinson and seconded by Mrs Sheldon.

3 Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 11 March 1986

Mrs Sheldon pointed out that she had been present. Minutes accepted on the proposal of Mr Aitchison and seconded by Mrs Sheldon.

4 Matters arising

There was none.

5 Middlefield Granary

The Chairman read out a letter from the Planning Department of 18 March 1986 regarding the Planning Application No 29/86 stating that it had been approved subject to conditions as follows:

- (a) permission granted for one year from date of meeting.
- (b) no grain drying facilities to be on site.
- (c) use of site and building only between 8 am and 6 pm, Monday to Saturday.
- (d) no use of site on Sunday.
- (e) woodland to be retained and managed

The Chairman asked that the letter be circulated.

It was stated that this result was achieved despite the fact that our Regional Councillor did not represent the views of the community. In fact she tried to have the restrictions and conditions removed.

X Miss Burns-Greig said she had been unable to get the information asked for in the Chairman's letter of 25 March. Mr Baillie proposed that Miss Burns-Greig had the information typed and sent to him and he would see that it was circulated to members in time for the next meeting.

Discussion took place as to how best to let people in the community know the outcome of the Planning Application and it was decided to send a letter to each person.

The Chairman said the Community Council were very pleased that the restrictions and conditions had been imposed but Miss Burns-Greig thought that the operator should have been allowed to operate it as previously without any restrictions.

6 Invoice for swings, dated 31 May 1984

The Chairman said we had just received the above bill and had paid for the swings but still had the climbing frame and packaging to pay.

Dr Brown expressed surprise that the bill had just been received - almost 2 years after it had been received by the District Council, who had paid it at the time. He said that he had understood at the time that Miss Burns-Greig had thought that we would not be presented with the bill, and thought it remarkable that it should come at this time and he wondered what had prompted its presentation.

Miss Burns-Greig, when asked, said she could give no reason as to what had prompted the account being sent out at this time..

Mr Baillie proposed that a copy of the bill should be made for members for the next meeting.

Miss Burns-Greig said she thought that no account would be rendered. .

It was stated that the balance outstanding was £219, as £330 had already been paid.

Dr Brown asked Miss Burns-Greig if she would enquire from the District Council why we had just received this bill and she promised to do so. He said he would like more information as it seemed strange that it should come at this time.

It was stated that this could have far reaching effects as the District Council accounts would have already been audited.

Dr Brown proposed that we ask the District Councillor to find out for the next meeting what had prompted the Director of Finance to send an account at this time, seconded by Mr Baillie.

7 Duns Festival - Reiver and his Lass

A notice regarding this was discussed and members of the committee said they would approach any eligible young people who may be willing to take part.

8 Transport - Alterations to bus services

A notice regarding alterations to local bus services which had been received from the District Council was discussed. As any comments we wished to make had to be received by 9 April, Dr Brown said he would deal with this.

9 Any other business

(a) Dr Brown asked if Miss Burns-Greig had asked about the position of drains when the roads in Gavinton are repaired and she replied that this would be looked into before the work started.

(b) Miss Burns-Greig read out a statement giving her position and views with regard to Middlefield third planning application. Mr Baillie proposed that Miss Burns-Greig should send a copy of this to the committee so that it could be copied for each member and be discussed at the next meeting. Seconded by Dr Brown.

(c) The Chairman asked why 2 lorries had been loading grain at Middlefield site at 7.10 pm last Tuesday evening. Miss Burns-Greig said it was still being used by a local farmer. When asked if she could ensure that the farmer knew of the restrictions with regard to time of use Miss Burns-Greig said this would have to be done by the Planning Department, but that meantime the farmer may not be subject to the conditions. The Chairman pointed out that this would be unacceptable as the conditions applied to the site and its use.

It was stated that monitoring of the site must be done to ensure that the conditions were being kept.

(d) Mr Robinson said that it was the tenth anniversary of the forming of Community Councils and during that time this Community Council had been faced with a number of interesting issues which included the purchase of the village hall in Gavinton; disposal of waste; school transport; and the Middlefield grain dryer and over each issue the Council had looked at all the pros and cons and done what it had thought right for the community at large and this went for the question of Middlefield too and in the final analysis it was decided that it was right to object to the application for a dryer.

10 Date of next meeting

Monday, 21 April 1986 - Meeting of Community Council at 7.30 pm followed by the Annual General Meeting at 8.15 pm.

