

GAVINTON, FOGO AND POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting held on Tuesday, 15 March 1988 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Gavinton.

Present Mr R Baillie (Chairman), Mr I Aitchison, Mr A Macmillan,
Mr D McNiven, Mr R Markby, Mrs M Mowat, Mr J Robinson, Mr J Scott,
Mrs J Wheadon (Secretary)
Miss M Burns-Greig - Regional/District Councillor
Mr W Smith - District Councillor
One member of public.

1 Apologies for absence

Dr A C Brown.

2 Minutes of meeting held on 12 January 1988

The Minutes of the above meeting having previously been circulated were approved and accepted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising

(a) Maitland Row, Gavinton, street sign - not yet refurbished. Mr Smith said he would mention this to Mr Rhind.

(b) Langton Mill rubbish dumping - The Chairman read out letter he had sent to Mr F Seed regarding the marches around Langton Mill and he also passed round a new plan showing the marches as drawn in by Mr F Seed which still showed the area in question belonging to Mr Aitken of Langton Mill, therefore as this was private property the Community Council could do nothing about it. However the road had been resurfaced and the area levelled out which had improved it.

(c) Dog Fouling Notices - telegraph poles. The present notice to be left on the Gavinton village green. Not possible to use electricity or telegraph poles.

(d) Borders Local Health Council - The Chairman read out a letter he had sent to Borders Health Board re Health Council.

(e) Eroding of road verges - Mr Macmillan reported that the Roads Department had scraped the edges of the roads around Fogo which had improved the situation. Miss Burns-Greig said anyone could contact the Roads Department and report a road requiring attention. It was mentioned that horses, as well as vehicles, caused damage to soft verges.

(f) Snow clearance - In response to a letter the Roads Department had sited a grit container in Fogo. They had also modified the route taken by the gritter to include Fogo village.

(g) Gavinton - pavements and refuse collection. Three grit containers had been placed in the Main Street and thanks expressed to the proprietors of the properties for their co-operation. Mr Aitchison reported that the one outside his garden in The Glebe was leaking salt into his garden, Mr Baillie said he would investigate this. The road sweeper was now coming round after the refuse had been collected.

4 Scotland in Bloom Competition

The Gavinton Village and Gardens Sub-Committee chaired by Mr Iain Gill had met on 23 February and a report of the meeting was read out. They requested financial help from the Community Council to purchase hanging baskets and flower containers for use in public areas of the village. It was thought that some function should be arranged to raise funds. The Chairman said he was very grateful to Mr Gill for his report.

5 Correspondence

(a) Notification of Keep Berwickshire Tidy Campaign, 1988 - clean-up by District Council 4-9 April; judging 11-16 April. Liaise with Garden Sub-committee in respect of patch of land in front of Manse stables which is presently being used by a contractor for parking vehicles.

(b) Letter from Berwickshire District Sports Council re Short Tennis. Youth Club to be asked if they want help in obtaining short tennis equipment.

(c) Letter from MSC Tourism Team re Village Notice Board - more information requested.

(d) Letter from Berwickshire Association for Voluntary Service stating new name and office premises at 13 North Street, Duns, open afternoons.

(e) Letter from Mrs C Flemming explaining function of Activity Bus. It was decided to join the Association at a cost of £10 per annum.

6 Any Other Business

(a) It was reported that the footpath leading to the footbridge over Langton Burn was in poor condition due mainly to being used by horses and also on occasions by motor cyclists. Miss Burns-Greig said she would speak to Mr Quentin McLaren, who was in charge of rights of way, regarding this.

b) It was reported that on the road going east from Gavinton at the corner which gave access to the sewerage processing plant the road was permanently flooded, presumably due to a blocked drain.

(c) It was suggested that the Gavinton signpost at the east end of the village should be moved farther out. Another suggestion was that the 30 mph signs should also be sited further out from the village but it was noted that this would be more difficult as it would also involve the police and also there were not buildings on both sides of the road - which was the normal stipulation. A letter to be sent to Roads Department.

(d) Miss Burns-Greig told the meeting that the Borders Region average domestic rate bill was £357 per annum, which was the lowest in Scotland.

(e) The Chairman gave notice that he wished to change the constitution as per the attached sheet, seconded by Mr McNiven.

7 Berwickshire News Press Report

A summary of meeting to be sent.

9 Date of Next Meeting

April

Annual General Meeting on Monday, 25 March 1988 at 7.30 pm in Village Hall, Gavinton.

R. Gillie