

GAVINTON, FOGO AND POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth Community Council held on Monday, 25 April 1988 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, Gavinton.

Present: Mr R Baillie (Chairman), Mr A Macmillan, Mr R Markby,
Mr J Robinson, Mr J Scott, Mrs J Wheadon (Secretary)

1 Apologies for absence

Mr I Aitchison, Dr A C Brown, Mr D McNiven
Miss Burns-Greig sent a letter of apology in which she said it was an honour and pleasure to be our District Councillor and she looked forward to a useful and friendly contact with everyone and intended continuing to work for what she felt was the best interests of the area and those living in it.

2 Minutes of last Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 April 1987 having previously been circulated were signed as a correct record.

3 Chairman's Report

Mr Baillie in his report said the highspot of the Community Year was the winning of a Bank of Scotland Garden Seat as East Area Winners of the Bank of Scotland 'Scotland in Bloom' Competition. In 1988 it may be too much to expect yet further honours but we had the immense advantage of a dynamic Village and Gardens Sub-committee to co-ordinate and fill the space previously occupied by just a few dedicated volunteers who were well stuck into the job of planning that Gavinton would positively burst with bloom if wind and weather would allow. In the Keep Berwickshire Tidy Competition 1987, Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth were third. Mr Baillie thanked the Environmental Services Department and their staff for their great assistance and attention to our requests in the past year. He continued, during the past year the Community Council had become members of the Berwickshire Association for Voluntary Service at £4 and the Activity Bus Association at £10. Together with necessary support for our own Village and Gardens Sub-committee it was obvious that our support grant from the District Council of £60 was not sufficient to cover expenses therefore this matter would be attended to in 1988 and some fund-raising event planned. The Community Council purposefully did not concentrate on this aspect during the last year in order to give other Community projects a chance to raise finances through these ventures.

During the year we got a fully equipped new public telephone kiosk at Gavinton alongside which a flower bed was incorporated. The old kiosk at Fogo was refurbished. A new pavement was completed along the principal road frontage at Gavinton and hopefully the former threat of flooding that was associated with some houses situated thereabouts had disappeared.

Questions were raised in respect of school bus pick-up points; planning application procedures; grass-cutting of road verges; snow clearing and gritting at Fogo; gritting of pavements at Gavinton and the proprietary ownership of Langton burnside at Langtonmill Ford, among other matters, were fully and expeditiously answered by appropriate local authority departments and Mr Baillie thanked them publically on behalf of the Community Council for the care and effort put into their written replies, and also in the thorough work they had undertaken after our observations had been made to the authority concerned. Mr Baillie thanked the Regional and District Councillors responsible for our area particularly those who had attended our meetings and pursued matters on our behalf with their respective authorities.

During the year Mr and Mrs Sheldon left the village and Mrs Sheldon was thanked for her contributory work and support of the Council. Mrs Mowat was welcomed as her replacement and it was felt sure she would be a great asset to the Council.

The Chairman thanked all the members of the Community Council for their support during the year, in particular Gus Macmillan for keeping the accounts straight and Joan Wheadon for her work as secretary.

4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer circulated the Income and Expenditure Account which showed a credit balance of £215.56 in the 2 accounts, with no debts outstanding.

The Chairman proposed a donation of £70 to the Village and Gardens Subcommittee to enable them to purchase such items as hanging baskets etc, seconded by Mr A Macmillan and carried unanimously. Cheque made out to Mr Iain Gill.

5 Election of Officers

Mr Markby proposed that the office bearers be re-elected en bloc, seconded by Mr Robinson and carried unanimously.

On behalf of the Community Council, Mr Robinson expressed appreciation for the excellent work done by the Chairman and Secretary and also to the Treasurer for keeping the finances in order.

Chairman *R. Baillie*
Date *21 June 1989*