

# Gavinton , Fogo & Polwarth Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 26th March 1990 in the Village Hall, Gavinton.

## Present:

Mr A.D. Mitchell (Chairman), Mr G.A. Aitchison, Mr A.W. Frame, Mr J.L. Humphrys, Mrs M.G. Mowat, Capt. R.M. Sinclair, Mr P. Turner, Mr J. Nairn (Regional Councillor), Mr J.B. Elliot (District Councillor)

The Chairman welcomed the Regional and District Councillors and the return of Mr G.A. Aitchison after his operation.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

These had been received from Mr A. Macmillan ~~and~~ Mr R.J. Markby, *and Mr. D.P. Moffat*

### 2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 1990 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. Matters arising

#### a. Red Brae footpath:

The disappearance of the footpath over the bridge on the main road at the bottom of the path was reported. The lack of a pavement on the bridge could prove dangerous to pedestrians. Mr. Nairn said he would take this up with Borders Region.

#### b. Bus Services:

Mr Nairn reported that discussions about these were going on at Borders Region H.Q. Plans to organise bus services to connect with trains at Berwick were being prepared

4. Report of sub-Committee

- a. **Conservation Area Enhancement Schemes** - The secretary reported on progress concerning the planned floral beds, window boxes, seat on the Green in Gavinton, edging of existing beds and the purchase of flower containers. It was hoped that the regional Roads Dept. might be able to build the flower beds, if financial help was forthcoming from the scheme in the year 1990-1991. Finance should shortly be available for the purchase of the other items.
- b. **Bus shelter** - Plans of wooden shelters had been received from Borders Region and were circulated and discussed. In view of the cost of such shelters it was decided to refer further consideration to a later date and to explore other possible sources of finance.

5. Correspondence

a. **Keep Berwickshire Tidy Campaign**

The action to be taken in connection with the campaign was discussed. Two areas were thought to require special attention:

- i. the unsightly rubbish dump at Fogo on the Gavinton-Fogo road north of the bridge, which had caused adverse comments from the judges in the past. It was believed to be part of the Charterhall Estate and the Secretary was asked to write to Major Trotter about it.
- ii. the area by Langton Mill ford and the condition of the handrail on the footbridge. Mr Elliot would raise the matter with the District Council. Concern was also expressed about the state of the shelter on the south side of the Gavinton playing field and the litter around the pavilion and the entrance. The secretary would take this up with the British Legion Football Club.

**b. Borders Regional Structure & Local Plan**

There was discussion about the possible allocation of the area south of the Glebe for housing development, which had been put forward for consideration by the Borders Region Planning Dept. Members spoke of past plans for this area and the problems with sewerage capacity. In view of the lack of roads on the site it was thought that only a large housing development would be feasible and this was not thought to be desirable. The Secretary was instructed to report to the Borders Region that the Council would not favour such a development.

**c. Keep Scotland Beautiful - Environment Week**

The material concerning this was shown to the Council and Capt. Sinclair undertook to examine it to see what action could or should be taken.

**d. A1 Trunk Road Report**

The technical report on the A1 was discussed. Members spoke of dangerous stretches of this road. The Secretary was instructed to write to express the Council's full support for the campaign for its improvement.

6. Other Business

- a. Road and path verges round the Green and elsewhere in Gavinton: the Chairman said that the use of weed-killer on the verges was making them unsightly and leading to deterioration of the roads/paths. Cases of lorries and the playbus overrunning the verges were reported. The Chairman would write to the District Council about this and Mr. Nairn would raise the question of curbing with Borders Region.
- b. Roadmenders hut: Some members expressed concern at the state of the hut which no longer seemed to be used. Mr. Nairn would raise the matter with Borders Region.
- c. Co-option of new Council Members: Mr. P. Turner proposed and Mr. Aitchison seconded the co-option of Mr. R.I. McCowen of Polwarth Manse. This was carried. The Chairman would write to Mr. McCowen to this effect.
- d. Borders Regional Council Elections: notice of this was posted in the Village Shop, Gavinton. Mr Nairn expressed his pleasure at working with the Community Council over the past year and the Chairman thanked him for his regular attendance, support and help.

7. Date of Next Meeting

This would be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 1st May 1990 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Gavinton.

Chairman : *AD Mitchell*

Date : *6 June 90*