

GAVINTON, FOGO and POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 1st May 1990 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Gavinton.

Present

Mr. A.D.Mitchell (Chairman), Mr. G.A.Aitchison, Mr. A.W.Frame, Mr. J.L. Humphrys, Mr. R.J.Markby, Mrs. M.G.Mowat, Capt. R.M.Sinclair, Mr. A.Macmillan, Mr. P.Turner, Mr. McCowen, , Mr. J.B.Elliot (District Councillor) and one member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed the newly co-opted member Mr. McCowen, and Mr. Elliot.

1. Apologies for absence

These had been received from Messrs. Moffat and Nairn, the Regional Councillors.

2. Children's Panel

The Chairman introduced Mr. Robert Bertram, the Deputy Chairman of the Borders Region Children's Panel. Mr. Bertram gave a very interesting and informative talk on the Panel and the Children's Hearings system. He urged those interested in serving on the Panel to apply as there was a need for more members next year. Women were especially needed. Mr. Bertram answered members' questions and distributed leaflets and application forms. He asked those present to pass these on to any one interested.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Bertram for coming to talk to the Council. His talk had been very instructive and much appreciated.

3. Report of the last Annual General Meeting

The Chairman outlined the circumstances concerning the last A.G.M. which had been postponed from April because of the May elections. When it was held in June, it had been impossible owing to the absence of many Council members to appoint officers other than the Treasurer and an interim secretary. The present officers had been elected at the November 1989 meeting.

4. Chairman's report

The Chairman began his report with details of the changes in the personnel of the Council in 1989. The Council now had 10 members made up of four former members and six newcomers. At the November 1989 meeting the officers of the Council had been elected as follows: Chairman - Mr. A.D.Mitchell, Vice-Chairman - Capt. R.M.Sinclair, Secretary - Mr. J.L.Humphrys, and Treasurer - Mr. A.Macmillan.

During the year the Council had dealt with a variety of matters. These included consideration of outline planning applications for houses at Fogo and for the conversion of the Old Kirk in Gavinton to provide two dwelling houses, removal of moss etc. from the Red Brae footpath (thanks were due to Mr. Nairn for arranging this and other work), the provision of lights outside two houses in the Glebe, Gavinton (thanks to Mr. Elliot and the District Council for arranging this), consideration of the Borders Structure plan and local plan programmes and the conveying of the Council's views on these, and the problems of water supply in the region.

Mr. Elliot had drawn the Council's attention to the possibility of obtaining grants for Conservation Area Enhancement schemes and a sub-committee had been appointed to pursue the matter. Projects to improve the visual impact of Gavinton were considered and included the provision of three stone flower containers at the entrance to the village and the erection of village signs on them, window boxes for the village hall, the provision of a seat round the cherry tree on the green, the siting of flower containers by the village hall, the edging of existing flower beds by the green. These schemes had been discussed with Mr. Souness of the planning department and a grant of £275 had been received for some of the work. It was hoped that the other items would be eligible for a grant in the year 1990/1. Thanks were due to Mr. Rhind and Mr. Ian Gill for their help in providing the necessary dry stone dyking material.

The Council had also given consideration again to the provision of a bus shelter for school children in Gavinton. Possible plans had been obtained from Borders Region but the cost involved made it seem unlikely that the matter could be taken much further at the moment.

It had been suggested to the Region that further kerbing be carried out in Gavinton especially from the Manse/Glebe corner where traffic was spoiling the verges.

The Council had made recommendations concerning bus services and school buses to the Region, especially its dissatisfaction with the enforced waiting of the Duns Primary school children.

The Council had also expressed its support for the campaign to upgrade the A1.

In conclusion the Chairman thanked the secretary for his work for the Council and the members of the Council for their attendance and support.

5. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer circulated the Income and Expenditure account for the year 1989 - 90 which showed a balance in the current account of £29.55 and in the Deposit account of £394.20. Since preparing the accounts a cheque for £275 had been received from the Region for Conservation Area enhancement. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Capt. R. Sinclair and seconded by Mr. A. Frame. The Chairman thanked the treasurer for his work in keeping the accounts.

6. Election of Officers

Capt. Sinclair proposed and Mr. Markby seconded a motion that the present officers be re-elected for a further year. There being no other nominations this was carried unanimously. Mr. Mitchell to continue as Chairman, Capt. Sinclair as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Humphrys as secretary and Mr. Macmillan as treasurer.

7. Other business

a. The question of the co-option of further members was raised. It was agreed that a further lady member would be welcome. Members undertook to make inquiries about possible candidates.

b. The Chairman confirmed that the Council had received no further plans from the Region concerning planning application.

8. Date of next meeting

This would be on Wednesday 6th June 1990 at 7.30 pm. in the Village Hall, Gavinton.

Chairman :

ADM Mitchell

Date :

1 May 91.