

GAVINTON, FOGO AND POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 1991 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Gavinton.

Present: Mr. A.W. Frame, Mr J.L. Humphrys, Mr. R.J. Markby, Mrs. C. Martin, Mr. R.I. McCowen, Mrs. F. Purves, Mr. R.M. Sinclair. In the absence of Mr. A.D. Mitchell, the Vice-Chairman, Mr R.M. Sinclair took the chair.

1. **Apologies.** These had been received from Mr. G. A. Aitchison, Mr. A.D. Mitchell, Mrs. M. Mowat, Mr. F. Seed, Mr. J. Elliot, Mr. D.P. Moffat and Mr. A. Wood.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st August 1991 having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising.**
 - a. **Scotland in Bloom competition.** The secretary had had no reply as yet to his letter suggesting a later date for inspections.
 - b. **Bench seats.** The secretary read a letter he had received from the Planning Department about the bench seat on the green and the other items which had been funded under the Conservation Area Enhancement scheme, expressing its approval and readiness to consider other projects.

The secretary also reported on the conversation he had had with Mr. Rhind about the bench seat at the top of the Red Brae, which had not reappeared after removal. It was claimed that the bench had been vandalised and would be returned after repair. Mr. Markby suggested that it should be sited further back from the road when it eventually reappeared. This was agreed.
4. **Correspondence.**
 - a. **Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland.** It was decided to join this association.
 - b. **Borders Local Health Council.** It was agreed that the Council should be invited to send a speaker to address the Community Council and, it was hoped, some of the public at a forthcoming meeting.
 - c. **Borders Community Transport Group.** The secretary suggested that it would be a good idea if a member of the Council would undertake to concern him-or herself with transport problems in the area. He would circulate all the correspondence he had had about it and perhaps someone might then volunteer to do this.
 - d. **Scottish Borders Enterprise.** The Chairman and Secretary would attend the forthcoming meeting about this and report accordingly.
 - e. **Village Hall Committee.** It was agreed that the Council should make some donation to the Village Hall Committee. The amount would be decided after the representatives had reported back from the forthcoming meeting of the Hall Committee.
5. **Flower tubs - Spring Display** It was agreed that up to £30 could be spent on bulbs and plants for the flower tubs, Messrs Humphrys and Markby undertook to buy these and to plant them.

6. Other Business.

- a. *Polwarth Church steeple.* Mr McCowen reported that there was concern in Polwarth about the state of the steeple and wondered whether the Civic Society could be approached. It was felt that as this was primarily the concern of the Church of Scotland, the Minister ought to be asked about it first. The Council would be willing to lend its support if it was thought desirable. Mr. McCowen undertook to speak to the Minister about the matter.
- b. *Road Junction.* Mrs. Purves raised the matter of the dangerous exit from the Gavinton road on to the A6105. The tall hedges and trees on the north side of the main road now obscured the view of vehicles approaching the bend and bridge. Members agreed that it was a dangerous exit but the Roads Dept. had been approached and declined to do other than keep the matter under review.
- c. *Flower tubs etc. in Fogo.* Mrs. Martin would make enquiries in the village to see what form of floral display the residents of Fogo would like, as it might be possible to obtain some funds for this.
- d. *Gas Installations.* The Chairman thought that it was time that the unsightly yellow markings on the roads and pavements were removed and Mr. Markby was surprised that the meter boxes were allowed to be fixed to the fronts of houses in the conservation area parts of the village. The secretary was instructed to write to the Gas Board about these matters.
- e. *30 m.p.h. sign at the eastern end of Gavinton.* The Chairman raised the question of the position of this sign which he felt ought to be further east. It would obviously have to be moved when new houses were built on the north side of the road. The Secretary said that there were several matters outstanding with the Roads Dept. and he had given Mr. Wood details of these. Mr. Wood had said he would take these up directly with the Dept.

7. Date of next meeting.

This would be on Monday 2nd December 1991. Thursdays had proved to be impossible for two members of the Council.

Chairman :



Date :

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