

Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth Community Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 13th April 1992 in the village hall, Gavinton.

Present Mr.R.M.Sinclair(Chairman), Mr.J.L.Humphrys, Mr.R.J.Markby, Mr.R.I.McCowan Mrs.M.G.Howat, Mrs.F.Purves, Mr.F.Seed, Mrs.C.Martin, Mr.J.B.Elliot (District Councillor) and Mr.D.P.Moffat (Regional Councillor).

Four members of the public were also present.

Apologies for absence These had been received from Mr.G.A.Aitchison, Mr.A.W.Frame and Mr.A.L.Wood.

Borders Local Health Council

Before the business of the A.G.M. Mrs. Lorna Morris of Edrom gave an interesting talk on the work of the Health Council and answered members' questions.

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1st May 1991 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. Chairman's report

The Chairman Mr.R.M.Sinclair began his report by paying tribute to his predecessor Mr.A.D.Mitchell who had regretfully resigned as chairman in December. Mr. P.Turner had also resigned and there thus two vacancies on the council, for which nominations for co-option had been received. The Chairman then reported on the main activities of the council over the past year. Gavinton had again received a certificate of commendation in the 'Scotland in Bloom' competition. The local newsletter 'The Verter' continued to provide a useful medium for the dissemination of community council and other news but the editors would welcome more feed-back from residents. The council had given its views on three planning applications of which it had received notice and was awaiting notification of decisions about them. The council was continuing to press for a road sign to Fogo from Gavinton and the main road, and had also asked for improvement of the lighting in the vennels in Gavinton. Village improvements had been the subject of much discussion over the past year and various projects were currently being looked at in detail, including as a pressing priority the provision of a bus shelter for the school children in Gavinton. An attractive bench seat had been erected round the cherry tree on the green in Gavinton and Mr. R.Markby was thanked for his work in installing it. The council had made a list of various other possible improvements and discussions had taken place with representatives from Scottish Borders Enterprise.

The council had made a donation of £200 to the Gavinton Village Hall committee and intends to make an annual contribution in the future. The council had been pleased to note the recent installation of rubber mats under one of the climbing frames on the green.

The Chairman concluded by reminding the public that they were very welcome

at meetings and the council was anxious to hear their views.

3. Treasurer's report

The treasurer Mrs.M.Mowat presented the Income and Expenditure account for the year 1991-2. This showed a balance of £84.70 in the current account and £121.36 in the deposit account. Adoption of the accounts was duly proposed, seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Election of officers

The following having been proposed and seconded were elected to serve in the current year :

Chairman : Mr.R.M.Sinclair

Treasurer : Mrs.M.Mowat

Secretary: Mr.J.L.Humphrys

It was decided to leave the election of a Vice-Chairman until the next meeting.

5. Nominations for co-option

The following having been proposed and seconded were duly co-opted as members of the council:

Mrs.Caroline Watt : proposed by Mrs.C.Martin

seconded by Mr.J.L.Humphrys

Mr.Michael Lamb: proposed by Mrs.F.Purves

seconded by Mr.R.J.Markby

6. Other business

a. Regional Councillor Mr.D.P.Moffat reported on the recent Planning Committee meeting he had attended and the decisions made there. There was concern amongst members that its objections concerning the garage at Plot 2, Main Street, Gavinton had been overruled, especially as it was reported that approval had been given for a double garage on the site. Publication of the Local Plan would be made in about two months, the council was told.

b. Village improvements A suggested list of possible projects was circulated and these would be decided upon at the next meeting after members had had a chance to assess local views.

c. 'No ball games' sign The question of ball games on the green was discussed and there were divergent views about the necessity for the sign by the swings. After discussion a proposal that the sign should be retained was approved by a majority of votes.

d. Gavinton road/A6105 junction Mrs.Martin suggested that the planting of trees on the north side of the Duns road beyond the junction would in future reduce the view of vehicles turning into the main road. Other members thought that the width of the Gavinton road at the junction had been much reduced by the recent curbing operations. The secretary had asked the Roads Department for their comments.

7. Date of next meeting

This would be on Monday 8th June 1992 at 7.30 pm.

Chairman:



Date : 19. 4. 93.