

Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth Community Council

Minutes of the special meeting held on Thursday 10th December 1992 in Old Langton School, Gavinton.

Present Mr. R.M.Sinclair(Chairman), Mr. J.L.Humphrys, Mr. R.J.Markby, Mr.F. Seed and Mrs.C.Watt.

1. Apologies These had been received from Mrs.Mowat and Mr.A.L.Wood.

2. The structure of local government in Scotland

Members watched the video provided by the Scottish Office and then discussed the council's response which was sought by the District, Region and Scottish Office.

It was agreed that:

- a. A single tier system would be desirable provided that the services provided were better and more cost effective.
- b. the council would favour a structure such as the 24 unit one which would make the new authority responsible for the area covered at present by the Borders Regional Council.
- c. community councils should have a more important role and be seen to be more effective, if residents were to volunteer to serve on them or use them as a channel of communication.
- d. community councils should have a statutory right to comment on
 - a. planning applications
 - b. road, pavement, verge and lighting plans
 - c. road safetyand prior consultation would be desirable in other matters.
- e. financial arrangements could be agreed locally but help with photocopying etc. would be desirable.
- f. there should be more councillors in the new authority than at present in the Regional Council.
- g. an annual conference of community council representatives with their parent authority would be beneficial in discussing problems and improving communications.

Chairman:



Date:

7.1.93.