

Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth Community Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 19th April 1993 at 7.30 pm.
in the village hall, Gavinton.

Mr. A.W. Frame

Present Mr. R.M. Sinclair (Chairman), Mr. G.A. Aitchison, Mr. J.L. Humphrys,
Mr. R.J. Markby, Mr. R.I. McCowen, Mrs. M.G. Mowat, Mrs. F. Purves, Mr. F. Seed,
Mrs. C. Watt, Mr. J.B. Elliot (District Councillor), Mr. D.P. Moffat (Regional
Councillor) and three members of the public.

Before the formal business of the meeting Sgt. Scott of the local police talked about various aspects of police work and answered members questions about neighbourhood watch schemes, security, speed limits etc.

1. Apologies for absence

These had been received from Mr. A.L. Wood and Mr. M. Lamb

2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

These having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the
Chairman.

3. Chairman's report

The chairman gave a summary of the work of the council over the past year. Several matters concerning road safety had been taken up with the appropriate authority, especially the signing of the Gavinton/A6105 junction. Much thought had been given to possible village improvements in Gavinton and a sub-committee had been appointed to oversee these. Gavinton had again been finalists in the 'Beautiful Scotland in Bloom' competition and the chairman and secretary had attended the presentation ceremony in Falkirk. The reorganisation of local government in Scotland had occasioned several meetings and discussion, and the council had given its response to the consultation paper, expressing its preference for a single-tier system with a new authority covering the area at present administered by the Borders Regional Council. The council had also considered the proposals concerning water and sewerage and replied to them, stating that it strongly opposed any privatisation of these services. The council had also dealt with several planning enquiries and replied accordingly.

The chairman closed his report by thanking all who had helped the council in its work over the past year.

4. Treasurer's report

The treasurer Mrs. M.G. Mowat presented the income and expenditure account for the year 1992-3. This showed a balance in the current account of £73.91 and in the deposit account of £144.79. Approval was given for the treasurer to move the accounts to the Gavinton Post Office. The accounts were approved and adopted.

5. Election of officers

A motion proposing that the present officers continue in office until the forthcoming elections was proposed by Mr. F. Seed and seconded by Mr. G. Aitchison.

The motion was unanimously carried and officers would therefore be:

Chairman : Mr. R.M.Sinclair

Treasurer : Mrs. M.G.Mowat

Vice-chairman: Mr.A.W.Frame

Secretary: Mr. J.L.Humphrys

6. 'The Verter'

Mr. Humphrys as one of the editors of the newspaper asked for comments and opinions from the council regarding the issues so far . There was general approval and the editors were urged to continue publication.

7. Other business

1. Early warning system

Mr. Markby reported that this system at present in his house was to be discontinued.

2. Erection of wall to contain flower bed

Mr. Lamb was to be asked to build a wall for the flower bed at the north east edge of the green. This ought preferably to be done before the village inspection for the Scotland in Bloom competition.

3. Planning application

There were no objections to a planning application for a garage at the Smiddy, Gavinton.

4. Community Council elections

The secretary urged those members wishing to stand for election to make sure that their nomination papers were handed in by the due date.

5. Road in the Glebe

Mr. Aitchison regretted that the road had not been made wider when the recent repair work to the pavement had been done.

8. Date of next meeting

This would be arranged after the elections in May and the new councillors informed.

Chairman:

Date:

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