

Gavinton, Fogo & Polwarth Community Council

Minute of the meeting held on the 1st March 1994 in the village hall
Gavinton.

PRESENT

Mr R M Sinclair (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr J B Elliot (District
Cllr), Mr M Lamb, Mr R J Markby, Mr I McCowen, Mrs M G Mowat, Mrs F
Purves, Mr F Seed, Mrs C Watt, Mr R Wilkinson.

1. APOLOGIES were received from Mr A McMillan & Mrs M Weir

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting on 18th November 1994 had been
circulated previously, were approved by the council and signed by the
chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

1. Roads etc - Following a meeting between Capt. Sinclair & Mr Seed
and the roads department Mr Seed was able to report the following:-
a.) The new laybys at the east end of the village are public property
and, as such, may be used by the public until such time as the housing
plots are sold when they will revert to the ownership of the property
they serve.
b.) There are no plans for an adjacent or service road for this
development.
c.) The provision of parking by the playing field was in hand and
expected to be complete by 31st March. While this was welcomed by the
council the size of the parking area was still seen to be inadequate.
d.) The department were aware of the problem of the width of the road
to the Glebe.
e.) While there are no plans to demolish the bridges at Middlefield &
Ladyflat the department were erecting signs at both places.
f.) Scottish Office approval was needed to extend the 30mph limit to
the east of the village but the department had this matter in hand.
g.) Chevrons had been erected as requested at the A6105 junction.
h.) The stones at the road edge by Nisbet Roads have been removed.

2. Scotland in Bloom - The council expected the village to enter the
competition in 1994.

3. Langton Burn Footbridge - The Chairman reported that work had
been carried out on the footbridge but that it had been subsequently
damaged and that, though the council lacked the resources to carry out
ongoing basic maintenance to the bridge they would reimburse the
community council to the sum of £3 per hour for the labour of a paid
volunteer if one could be found to do this work. Concern was again
expressed about the poor state of repair of the approaches to the
bridge. It was hoped that something might be done about this but
recognised that it was unlikely the regional council would undertake
the work.

4. Local Government Reform - The Chairman read out a letter to the community council from Lord Minto in which he expressed his thanks to the community council for the its support in the Keep Berwickshire in the Borders campaign. The Chairman, with the unanimous approval of the council, went on to thank Cllr Elliot for his suberb work in this matter.

5. Former Joiners Shop - This had been examined by the owner with a view to repairing it, but was found to be too costly & it was soon to be sold.

6. Gavinton Village Improvements - No futher work had been carried out on the projects in hand since the last meeting, mainly due to the inclement weather.

7. Fogo Village Hall - It was reported that some work had been carried out on the railings but a section of them had since fallen down again. Mr Seed volunteered to look into the matter on behalf of the council.

8. Bus Service in Gavinton - The council was still waiting for the result of the tender for the service due in the spring.

10. Area Surrounding Telephone Box at Polwarth - The cost of planting this area had been looked into and the council decided to drop the idea on the grounds of excessive cost.

4. ASSOCIATION OF SCOTTISH COMMUNITY COUNCILS (ASCC)

The council could not see the merit of joining this organisation but was favourable to the proposal from the Edrom, Allanton & Whitsome community council to form a Berwickshire group of community councils. The council had not heard from the Edrom etc community council since the original proposal & it was agreed to contact them to find out what progress had been made in setting up such a group. It was agreed that if there were to be meeting of the proposed group the community council would send a representative and Mr Wilkinson volunteered for this. It was further agreed that if such a group were to be formed the community council would join it without further discussion.

5. BERWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION for VOLUNTARY SERVICE

It was agreed to continue the community council's subscription to this organisation

6. BERWICKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - PUBLIC LOCAL ENQUIRY

Notice of this had been sent to the secretary and was passed on to the council. The council's attention was drawn to it's decision at the meeting of 6th June 1991 concerning further development in Gavinton. It was agreed that Capt Sinclair would attend the enquiry on March the 15th at the time the objections relevant to the community council's decision are to be heard by the panel.

and represent the community councils view.



7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Keep Berwickshire Tidy Campaign - Notice had been received advising the community council of the dates of the clean up and subsequent judging. Cllr Elliot alerted the council of a meeting covering the campaign to be held in the district council chambers on March 8th. Capt Sinclair & Mr Wilkinson volunteered to attend.
2. Street lights - Gavinton - it was reported that another street light had been installed in the village. A request was made to find out if the lighting in the Glebe was up to standard and Mr McCowen would contact the lighting department to find out.
3. Gas meters - It was reported that another white gas meter box had appeared on the side of a house within the conservation area. It was noted that on previous occasions when this had happened the gas company had been obliged to make the installation less intrusive. Mr Lamb would contact the gas company about this.
4. Service trench - Concern was expressed about the service trench remaining open at the east end of main street. It was felt, however, that it would be unrealistic to expect the builders to fill in the trench before all the services had been installed.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be on Monday 25th April 1994 at 7.00pm in the village hall, Gavinton.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Will be on Monday 25th April 1994 at 7 pm in the Village Hall, Gavinton, following the annual general meeting.

Chairman:-



Date:-

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