

Gavinton, Fogo & Polwarth Community Council

Meeting held on the 13th February 1995 in the village hall Gavinton.

PRESENT

Mr R M Sinclair (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr J B Elliott (District Cllr), Mr R Markby, Mr I McCowen, Mr A McMillan, Mr R Nairn (Regional Cllr), Mrs M Mowat, Mrs U Robinson, Mr F Seed, Mrs C Watt, Mrs M Weir

2 members of the public were present

1. APOLOGIES - were received from Mr M Lamb & Mrs F Purves

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

held on the 28th November 1994 had been circulated previously were approved and signed by the chairman

3. MATTERS ARISING

1. Fogo

The railings at Fogo school were still in an unsatisfactory state of repair but it was noted that the housing development took in this area and nothing should be done until this was under way.

2. Play area Gavinton.

Mrs Wier reported that there had been further meetings of the play area sub committee and they had examined ways of raising funds to improve the equipment. A new safety surface had now been installed. The report in the local press that the region had a plan to upgrade local play areas was noted and it was hoped that this would include Gavinton.

3. Lighting in the Glebe.

The new lights in the Glebe had still not been connected.

4. Langton Burn footbridge.

The chairman reported that he had difficulty finding out who was responsible for the upkeep of Langton burn footbridge. Cllr Nairn said he would try to find out.

5. Police Community Consultations.

The feasibility of starting a neighbourhood watch scheme was discussed. It was felt to be unnecessary for the moment but the council would keep the matter under consideration.

6. Road Signs.

There was a suggestion that there should be a "reduce speed now" sign at the junction of the main road. Cllr Nairn was of the opinion that the roads department had to have a compelling reason for the erection of signposts and that they would have statistics on the frequency and severity of accidents at this corner. The secretary would find out what these were prior to making representations to the department should it be felt necessary.

7. Red Brae Road.

The chairman had been in contact with the relevant authorities to find out who was responsible for the upkeep of the Redbrae road but had nothing yet to report.

**8. Community Council Forum.**

Mrs Mowat had attended the Community Council Forum in Duns on December 5th and gave a comprehensive report about its proceedings. It was felt that the Forum was useful in that it gave more weight to Community Councils which in turn was an incentive for the local authority to pay more attention to them. The Forums AGM will be at 7.30 pm on March 15th in Duns; as many community councillors as possible were urged to attend.

*John*

*LACK OF TIME AT THE MEETING*

**9. Borders Joint Advisory Committee.**

The local government reform joint advisory committee had sought the views of all community councils about their relationship with the new unitary authority. The council formulated a reply and the secretary was instructed to forward this to the committee.

**4. EXTENSION OF SPEED LIMIT**

It was agreed that the 30 mph limit should be extended eastward of Main Street to accommodate the new built up area. The appropriate authority would be contacted.

**5. PLANS FOR JOINERS SHOP**

The proposals for the former joiners shop were approved.

**6. MILLENNIUM PROJECTS**

Attention was drawn to the Millennium Project for the Borders and members were asked to come up with ideas about this.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**8. COMMUNAL SKIP**

Dates that a communal skip would be at Gavinton were given.

**9. WARD BOUNDARIES - NEW UNITARY AUTHORITY**

Cllrs Elliott and Nairn announced their intentions to stand for election to the new unitary authority and that since the ward boundaries were being changed neither of them would represent the community council area in the future.

**10. AGM**

The Annual General Meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Monday 24th April in the Village Hall, Gavinton

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Will be at 7.00 pm on Monday the 24th April following the AGM in the Village Hall, Gavinton

Chairman:-

Date:-

*John*  
*24/4/95*