

Gavinton, Fogo & Polwarth Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held on Monday the 7th October 1996

PRESENT

Mr Francis Seed (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Cllr Logan Forrest
Mr R Markby, Mr I McCowen, Mr A McMillan, Mrs F Renton,
Mrs U Robinson.

8 members of the public were present.

APOLOGIES

Were received from Mr I Aitchison, Mr M Lamb, Mrs F Purves,
Mr R Sinclair, Mrs M Weir

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Having been circulated previously were approved and signed by the chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

Village Enhancement - Play Area - Since Mrs Weir was absent a progress report could not be made. However further money had been received for the project. It was agreed that funds collected for the project would be kept in the council's bank account but would be itemised separately.

Cockburn Pictures Windfall - Village Hall Refurbishment - The areas identified for improvement were the heating, double glazing the windows of the main hall and remedial work to damp-proof the ladies & gents toilets and if funds permitted the kitchen. Estimates had been received as follows. Heating £1510.90; Windows £400; Damp-proofing £1700. It was agreed that the hall committee should go ahead with the first two items and do as much work on the damp-proofing (with the toilets a priority) as was possible within a total expenditure of £3000 for all the proposed refurbishments.

FUTURE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS - Following the circulation by the SBC of proposals for local government decentralisation the chairman hoped that members had returned the questionnaire to the SBC. At the meeting on this matter in Duns it was noted that those present were emphatic in their opposition to the proposed new wards and especially against the renaming of the eastern part of Berwickshire "Blackadder".

Cllr Forrest explained that this last proposal had been dropped and that he and fellow councillors had worked out a plan which would give representation of one councillor per 2500-3000 voters and the wards this would entail. The plan if adopted would mean there would be 6 Berwickshire councillors. The community council agreed that it would do all it could to assist in the adoption of this plan.

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION - because of the current debate on the function or refinement of local government it was felt not necessary to amend the constitution at this time.

SBC & COMMUNITY COUNCILS - It was agreed that the council was happy with the boundaries & constitution of the community councils and that the local SBC councillor should remain an ex officio member of the community council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Various points were noted that should be brought to the attention of the relevant authorities. Namely the laybies at Crimson Hill; the state of the grass verges either side of Fogo between Charterhall & Bogend. Drainage at Maitland Row, Gavinton and overgrown gardens at Gavinton.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Will be on Monday 9th December 1996 at 7.00pm in the village hall,
Gavinton

Chairman:



Date:

