

Gavinton, Fogo & Polwarth Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held on Monday 24th February 1997

Before the commencement of the meeting and at the invitation of the Chairman Isobel McLelland explained to the council her project to publish a "village trail" fact sheet which would give visitors to Gavinton many of the features of historical and architectural interest to be found within the parish. She explained grants should be available for project but these would not cover the full cost and hoped that the council would offer financial support. The council was highly supportive of the idea and agreed to grant some of the funds within its means.

PRESENT

Mr Francis Seed (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr I Aitchison, Cllr L Forrest, Mr R Markby, Mr A McMillan, Mr I McCowen, ~~Mrs F Renton~~ Mrs U Robinson, Mr R Sinclair, Mrs M Weir

Apologies were received from Mr Lamb

MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

Minutes of the last meeting of the 9th December 1996 were approved & signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING

Neighbourhood Watch - The secretary had been in touch with the community liaison officer (PC Richardson). The establishment of a scheme need not necessarily be promoted by the council. Residents in the village should contact the community liaison officer and he would arrange to have a public meeting where a presentation would be made and if sufficient number of residents were in agreement a neighbourhood watch committee would be formed to implement the scheme.

SBC REVIEW OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Because of the forthcoming demise of the council under SBC review the chairman decided that the disposal of funds held by the council should be treated as a matter of urgency. The treasurer reported that, at the time of the meeting, the council account showed a credit balance of £4018.30 of which £2680.53 was being held in escrow on behalf Mrs Weir and the playground committee who had raised this amount. The balance of the Cockburn pictures windfall amounted to £1116.34 and the "normal balance" amounted to £221.63.

It was noted that under article 8 (3) of the council's constitution that upon dissolution all funds remaining with council after discharging its liabilities had to be disbursed within the council's administrative area for the common good.

The following points were agreed:-

1. The playground committee funds held in escrow by the council amounting to £2680.53 would be paid over to the committee as soon as they had made the banking arrangements to receive it.
2. £300 would be contributed towards the village trail scheme
3. £920.00 would be donated to the playground committee for use in the playground scheme.
4. Any liabilities would be discharged before the final meeting and the usage of the closing balance would be decided then.

The logistics of dissolving the council were discussed. It was agreed that a final meeting should be held and logically this should take place on March 31st the date set for dissolution by the SBC. But this being Easter Monday was thought to be impracticable. The last nearest practicable date to this was Wednesday 26th March. The treasurer would have to have the books finalised 10 days before this.

The deadline for any further suggestions to the SBC on reforming community councils was noted to 3rd March, but the council felt it had already said all it had to say on this.

After the reforms if residents within the new administrative area wished to form a community council they would have to apply to the SBC under section 22 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994. 20 signatories on the electoral roll within the area were required for the application. The necessary form of application had been obtained and was shown to the meeting. All present appended their signature and the deputy chairman agreed to obtain the 8 further necessary signatures. The application would then be forwarded to the SBC by the secretary.

5 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Keep Berwickshire Tidy

The cleanup will be 19th - 27th April to be judged the week after

Fogo Bridge

Cllr Forrest reported an unconfirmed rumour that the Blackadder bridge at Fogo was under threat of having a weight limit imposed. The secretary would try to find out the position here.

Water Main Replacement

The Chairman confirmed that the contractors were under obligation to reinstate any damage done during this work.

Village Hall - Legal Position re Lease

The question of who would be liable for the rent of the village hall payable to the SBC after the reforms. The secretary undertook to approach the SBC legal department about this.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 26th March 1997 at 7.00 pm in the village hall Gavinton

Chairman:

Date:

J. Lead
26/3/97.