

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 10 November 1997, at 7.00 pm

**PRESENT:** Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mr A Macmillan (Treasurer), Mrs C Allman, Mr N Humphry, Mrs F Renton, Mrs U Robinson, Mr R Sinclair, Mrs S M Weir, Councillor W L Forrest, Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary)

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr F Seed.

### 2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 1997

The Minutes, which had previously been circulated, were signed as a correct copy by the Chairman.

### 3 MATTERS ARISING

11(b) School bus - The Chairman said that this morning parents had received letters from SBC stating that their secondary school children could travel free of charge on the school bus from Gavinton. It was emphasised that this was a privilege and could be withdrawn at any time at very short notice.

11(d) Railings, Fogo School - No progress. Mrs Darling to contact Mr Allan again.

8(c) Gavinton Village Leaflet - This had now been published and 1,000 copies printed. It was available free-of-charge from the Post Office and the Church.

### 4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Old Langtonlees - The plans had been circulated and comments received sent back to SBC Planning Department.

(b) Vintgar, South Street, Gavinton, Erection of Gates - No adverse comments received.

### 5 CHURCH GATES ON THE RED BRAE

The Chairman explained that when the Church Hall was built the large gates were taken off the posts and one was now leaning against the hedge. However access was the problem in that there was insufficient space for a mini bus to turn and even cars had difficulty. Elderly and infirm people could not walk up the slope so transport was essential. The Church Hall was used four or five days a week. It was decided to ask SBC if access could be improved, especially as their vehicles and grass-cutting equipment used the entrance.

## **6 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME**

This matter had last been on the agenda in February 1997 but due to re-organisation of the Council it had not been implemented. A benefit of the scheme could be reduction of household insurance premiums. Mrs Darling proposed that the matter should be taken forward and this was seconded by Mrs Weir.

## **7 MAITLAND ROW - STATE OF ROAD**

The main problem was the broken footpath on the South of the road which caused ingress of water into Butterwell cellar. This was discussed in June 1995 and August 1996 but nothing had been done. The matter to be looked into again.

## **8 SBC BERWICKSHIRE AREA COMMITTEE REPORT**

Leaflets detailing the remit of the Committee were distributed with the Agenda. There have been 2 meetings so far. The next meeting on 25 November would be an Open Forum when there would be a presentation on Tourism in Berwickshire.

## **9 FOGO - CONSIDERATION TO BECOME A CONSERVATION AREA**

This would only affect 4 houses, the school and the church. Mr Macmillan said he wished to carry out further research.

## **10 TREASURER'S REPORT, BUDGET TO 5 APRIL 1998**

The Treasurer presented a draft Income and Expenditure Account from 1 April 1997 to 30 November 1997 which showed a balance of £316.51. The accounts to be audited then sent to SBC. Councillor Forrest confirmed that the new financial year would run from 1 December 1997 to 30 November 1998. Mr Macmillan said he would prepare a budget for the next year.

## **11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) Consultation Arrangements between the Forestry Authority, SBC and Community Councils for New Planting and Felling Proposals
- (b) Scottish Borders Licensing Board (Berwickshire Division).
- (c) Scottish Borders Rural Partnership - Training Workshops.
- (d) Franco-Scottish Society, Mardie, near Orleans in France wishes to be twinned with a village in Scotland. It was decided that Gavinton would not be a suitable village for this twinning.
- (e) Lothian and Borders Police, Drugs Seminar, Wednesday, 19 November 1997. Mrs Darling and Mrs Renton to attend.
- (f) The Princess Royal Trust Borders Carers Centre exhibition "Aids to Daily Living".
- (g) Scottish Borders in Figures Statistics.
- (h) Structure Plan Review 1997, Report of Survey, from SBC.

- (i) SBC Internal Communications Strategy. Corporate Briefing Note No 001.
- (j) SBC re Draft Constitution

**12 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- (a) Play Area - Mrs Weir reported that Mr Jim Oliver had come for a site visit with her and Mr Frame on 13 October but since then she had heard nothing. A letter to be sent to Mr John Inglis, Parks Department of Leisure and Recreation, SBC stating our disappointment and requesting a plan for the layout of the equipment. Councillor Forrest said he would see what could be done.
- (b) Planning Applications Fogo and Polwarth - These are still on-going. All comments and objections were sent to the applicant to look at.
- (c) It was noted that Wendy Reid had been appointed as our local fieldworker for Scottish Borders Rural Partnership and was based in offices of BAVS, Duns.

**13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 5 January 1998 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Gavinton.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chairman .....

*B.P. Jarking*

Date .....

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