

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 30 March 1998, at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr N Humphry, Mrs U Robinson,
Mr F Seed, Mr R Sinclair, Mr D Stoddart, Mrs C Taylor, Mrs M Weir.
Councillor W L Forrest.
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary).
3 members of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr A Macmillan and Mrs F Renton

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 1998

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

3 MATTERS ARISING

3,11(d) Railings, Fogo School - No progress.

3,5 Church Gates on the Red Brae - Work completed very satisfactorily. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mr Raymond Allan, SBC.

3,3,6 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - Ninety questionnaires had been distributed and just over 40 per cent returned, all in favour. It was now up to the Police to arrange another meeting. Mr Seed said that at a recent meeting he had attended held by Lothian and Borders Police, Inspector Biggar had commented that it was up to the community to show perseverance as so often initial enthusiasm flagged.

3,12(a) Gavinton Play Area - Mrs Weir reported that she was having difficulty in speaking to anyone at SBC regarding this as Mr Inglis had retired. It was felt that the existing plan was not to scale but Mr Humphry said he would try to produce one. Councillor Forrest said he would try to pursue this matter. Mrs Darling and Mrs Weir also to try to speed up the matter.

3,6 Community Council Constitution - Two copies of the draft Constitution had been received with changes requested, ie 8 seats for Gavinton and 3 for Fogo. These copies had to be signed by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer and one copy returned to Mr Winchester. The Constitution would have to be ratified at the AGM. Another voting member could now be co-opted and it was therefore agreed to advertise this vacancy in Gavinton.

It was agreed that every member should be issued with a copy of the Constitution and one of Standing Orders.

3,9 Signs to Polwarth Thom - Mr Seed said Mr Mackie was willing to put up another sign if someone could provide it. Mr Seed said he would endeavour to have one made. Councillor Forrest asked if anything had been done about the

unsafe buildings on the site and when told no, he said he would pursue this again.

- 4 Beautiful Scotland in Bloom - update Gavinton had entered and there had been a very positive meeting with 8 members of the village. Mr Beattie of SBC had written to say bedding plants would be available for purchase. As compost would also be needed it was agreed to increase the Council's contribution to £75 instead of £50.
- 7 SBC Consultation with Community Councils on Planning Applications - It was felt that new houses in Main Street should not be included in the conservation area and the Chairman would write to Mr M Douglas querying this anomaly.

4 CO-OPTION OF NON VOTING MEMBERS TO FILL 2 GAVINTON VACANCIES

Mrs Darling proposed and Mr Sinclair seconded the co-option to the Community Council of Mr Derrick Stoddart, 14 The Glebe and Mrs Christine Taylor, Rowardennan, both of Gavinton, carried unanimously. Both were welcomed.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

It was reported that the bank balance was £392. Mrs Darling would let Mr Macmillan know that the rent for the Village Hall was due. An audit would be required for the AGM.

6 LOTHIAN AND BORDERS POLICE - MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF BERWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY COUNCILS ON 12 MARCH 1998

Mr Seed and Mrs Renton had attended. Mr Seed reported that it had been a very informative meeting. Inspector Biggar had said she wanted the public to contact the police on any problems from drug abuse to dog fouling and all calls should be responded to within 10 minutes.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- (a) 16 February - Grain Store, Middlefield, change of use to storage for plants and materials associated with Woodland Management services. Whilst in favour of the plan for change of use, assurance was requested that the old railway bridge would be able to carry wagon traffic and warning signs displayed for narrow bridge as well as double bend.
- (b) 25 February - Old Langton School, re-consultation. No adverse comments.
- (c) 2 March - Butterwell Tigh East. No adverse comments.

8 FOGO BRIDGE - WEIGHT RESTRICTION ORDER

Vehicles weighing over 26 tonnes not to be allowed on bridge from 16 March 1998. Temporary signs now in position but permanent ones would be erected.

9 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) Letter of thanks from Mrs Stewart for flowers presented to Mrs Redpath on her 109th birthday.
- (b) Scottish Water and Sewerage East of Scotland Area Committee invitation to meeting at Hawick on 18 March.
- (c) SBC/Borders Health Board, Borders Joint Community Care Plan 1998-2001. Local Consultation Programme, March - May 1998. A meeting will be held in Southfield, Duns, on 30 April. Mrs Darling and Mrs Taylor to attend.
- (d) SBC Licensing Board (Berwickshire Division) applications for meeting on 31 March.
- (e) Keep Berwickshire Tidy clean-up week 16 - 24 May, with judging during week following 24 May.
- (f) Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland Planning Workshop, 27 May, at Kelso. Cost £10 per Community Council. Mrs Darling to attend.
- (g) Borders Health Board - Public consultation on proposals to establish and dissolve National Health Service Trusts in Borders, 1 April - 30 June, 1998.
- (h) Berwickshire Housing Association Bulletin, Spring '98.
- (i) Borders Local Health Council Update No 22.
- (j) Railtrack Network Management Statement, 28 March 1998.

10 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Ford railings - the handrail was in a poor state of repair.
- (b) It was pointed out by Mr Sinclair that a newspaper cutting regarding the loss of an unnamed nesting site of a white barn owl due to a limb falling from a tree had appeared on the hall notice-board. If this pertained to Gavinton, it was felt that enough of the tree remained to probably continue being suitable.

11 DATE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 18 May 1998 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Gavinton. This will be followed immediately by an ordinary meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Chairman B. J. Darling

Date 18 May 98.

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