

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 18 May 1998, at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr N Humphry, Mr A Macmillan,
Mrs F Renton, Mrs U Robinson, Mr F Seed, Mr R Sinclair, Mr D Stoddart,
Mrs C Taylor.
Councillor W L Forrest.
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary).
1 member of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from Mrs M Weir.

2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In her report the Chairman said following the setting up of the new Borders Regional Council in April 1997, Community Councils were re-established but due to technical difficulties ours did not become reality until 2 June. The Council had met 8 times, and she thanked members for their excellent attendance and commitment to the interests of the community.

The Berwickshire Community Councils Forum which met quarterly had elected her to be their representative for the Rural Community Councils on the new Berwickshire Area Committee of the Scottish Borders Council this was very interesting.

Gavinton received a Certificate of Excellence for their entry into Beautiful Scotland in Bloom last year, and hoped to make more impact this year.

The Jim Clark Rally became the first closed roads in the UK last year, and 2 parking sites brought welcome income to the Gavinton Play Area Appeal which had raised some £6,000 since the project started 4 years ago. The fruit of their labours should be in place very shortly.

There had been 10 Planning Applications to consider, change of use at the Middlefield Grain Drier to use by Woodland Management Services being of particular note. The proposal to build 41 houses at Polwarth former village engendered much discussion, but since the liquidation of the company involved, nothing more had been heard. The Polwarth Thorn had received cosmetic surgery and new signs put up by Scottish Borders Enterprise.

Removal of the free places on the school bus for our secondary schoolchildren last August aroused great concern, and after much lobbying these were reinstated in November but could be withdrawn at short notice if circumstances changed.

The Gavinton Village leaflet produced by Mrs McLelland with grant aid was to be commended. The Church Gates on the Red Brae had been replaced through Scottish Borders Council.

Work at the Gavinton sewage plant had taken several months, and a pipeline laid to Duns where sewage treatment would soon be undertaken. The replacement water main through our area had also been undertaken with minimum disturbance. The improvement to the Choicelee road junction was welcomed.

Neighbourhood Watch for Gavinton had recently been approved by the Police and finalisation of arrangements were imminent. This had been ongoing since February 1997.

The Chairman closed with thanks to Joan Wheadon, Minute Secretary, Gus Macmillan, Treasurer, and to Councillor Logan Forrest who had been a sympathetic and industrious representative on our behalf to Scottish Borders Council

3 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer circulated an Income and Expenditure Account for the period 1 April 1997 to 5 April 1998 which had been certified correct by Jim McDevitt, Honorary Auditor. This showed a closing balance of £320.11.

4 COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION - RATIFICATION OF ADJUSTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

The meeting unanimously approved that Gavinton should have 8 seats instead of 7 and Fogo 3 seats instead of 4.

5 ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS

As all office-bearers were willing to continue, Mr Seed proposed electing them en bloc, this was seconded by Mr Macmillan and unanimously approved.

Chairman

R. R. Locking

Date

24. 5. 99

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