

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 22 February 1999, at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr A Macmillan, Mrs F Renton,
Mr F Seed, Mr R Sinclair, Mrs M Weir.
Councillor W L Forrest.
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary).
2 members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr N Humphry, Mrs U Robinson and Mrs C Taylor.

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 1999

Councillor Forrest referred to 12(e) and said his statement regarding money to improve housing stock did not refer to our area as all housing had been previously taken over by Berwickshire Housing Association. The Minutes, which had previously been circulated, were then signed as a correct copy by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3,3,9 Millennium - no further suggestions

3,12 School Transport - Mrs Darling had convened a meeting of all parents of Gavinton schoolchildren in the Church Hall on 15 February 1999 and it was agreed to make a £10 donation to the church treasurer. There were some places on the school bus, especially evenings. SBC said they could be allocated to others. Mary Weir was preparing lists showing seats available on which days and times for allocating to other children. Mr Fuller, SBC, agreed that if a child gave up a seat then wished to have it back at a later date this could be done. The lists would be passed on to Mr Fuller. Alistair Frame was to check from school lists to see if any child with a seat had left the school. Mary Weir was thanked for her efforts.

10 Vacancies on Community Council to represent Gavinton - Interest had been expressed by one person but he was not present.

4 AN ACCESS STRATEGY FOR THE BORDERS

Mrs Darling and Mr Sinclair had attended the meeting on 2 February. Walking in the Scottish Borders 1999 was an excellent book.

5 FUNDING FOR FLOWER PLANTING IN GAVINTON AND FOGO

The meeting agreed to allocate £50 for plants to be obtained from Jim Jack, SBC, Mrs Darling said Drew Gibb had kindly planted winter pansies in the south raised bed.

6 ACCIDENTS AT GAVINTON JUNCTION ONTO A6105

There had been 2 accidents in January, both in very icy conditions. One lorry had failed to negotiate the bend when coming from Choicelee and gone through "The Old Church"

garden. A car had gone into trees in the dip near the bridge.

7 GENERAL STATE OF ROADS AND VERGES

Councillor Forrest said roads throughout the Borders were in a poor state with numerous pot-holes which would have to be repaired in the summer. Mr Macmillan said one drain at Fogo had improved the situation but another one had the manhole cover too high above the road so did not take the water. Councillor Forrest said he would ask when the repairs to Maitland Row were to be undertaken as £8000 had been allocated for this in the 1998/99 budget.

8 DEAD TREES ON ROADSIDES

Although these could be unsightly, if not a danger, there was no requirement to have them felled, which was the responsibility of the landowner if more than one metre from the road edge.

9 PLANNING APPLICATION: FOGO COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Council had asked :

Was there a need for 2 ramps, and must they be permanent?

Had consideration been given to the adequacy of the toilet area for a wheelchair-bound person?

The shabby and possibly dangerous state of the railings round the property had long been a concern.

SBC had replied that 2 ramps were necessary. They would be constructed so that if required they could be removed. A toilet for the disabled was being provided. Work was currently being done. SBC said the state of the railings was not an issue they could take on board under the present scheme.

It was felt that the hall should be available for other functions and meetings.

10 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported a bank balance of £405.00

11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) Scottish Natural Heritage, Consultation Paper, National Scenic Areas.
- (b) East of Scotland Water, Area Meeting, Duns, 23 February 1999. - Mr Macmillan to attend.
- (c) Safe Times, Issue 9. - a copy passed to Mr Curry, Neighbourhood Watch.
- (d) Rural Forum, Issue 52.
- (e) SBC Information Evening for Community Councils, Galashiels, 11 Feb 1999.
- (f) SBC Council and Committee Digest, Issue 5.
- (g) Association of Scottish Community Councils, Constitution and Standing Orders.
- (h) Land Reform Policy Group - Recommendations for Action. - Mr Seed to attend.

- (i) Association of Scottish Community Councils, National Survey 1999 - Chairman replied.
- (j) Consultation with Community Councils, Gavinton Conservation Area, prime frontages/core areas. This is necessary for the operation of the Council's current Replacement Window policy.
- (k) Policing Your Roads, The Force road policing strategy for beyond 2000 - booklets distributed.
- (l) Borders Local Health Council, Consultation Panel. Mrs C Taylor to be asked to be our representative.
- (m) Update No 26, Borders Local Health Council.
- (n) The Care Directory.
- (o) Cascade, Winter 1998, Scottish Water and Sewerage.

12 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Mr Sinclair sad he would get a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Community Council for Mrs Redpath's 110th birthday on 7 March. She is now the oldest woman in Scotland.
- (b) Public rubbish bins - Mrs Darling had contacted SBC regarding emptying of the bins at South Street, Village Green and Playing Field. If not full then it was at the discretion of the refuse collector whether or not bins were emptied. The situation would be monitored.
- (c) Jim Clark Rally - Mrs Renton said she would contact Colin Pagan and PC Richardson to arrange a public meeting in Gavinton Village Hall.
- (d) Gavinton Play Area - About £2,000 remained in fund. To be discussed at next meeting.
- (e) Fogo bridge - Four signs erected warning of weak bridge.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 12 April 1999 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Gavinton.
Annual General Meeting - 24 May, 1999

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chairman

B R Darling

Date

12-4-99

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