

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, 24 May 1999, at 7.00 pm**

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from Mr N Humphry.

2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs Darling said:

This Community Council has completed 2 years of office since reorganisation.

There have been 8 meetings during the year, and I thank members for their good attendance. The death of Derrick Stoddart last December was much regretted, but the Council was pleased to appoint Scott Brodie to the vacancy. One vacancy still remains for Gavinton.

To recapitulate on the year's activities:-

Scotland in Bloom 1998, Gavinton entered, but found that with the new criteria few points could be achieved, so the decision was made not to enter this year, which breaks the sequence of 13 entries, having won Best New Entrant, Best Small Village and being commended 9 times. Planting up of public areas by a few enthusiasts will continue: funded by the Community Council. No doubt residents will continue their excellent window boxes and containers. Special thanks to Ronald Markby for his help around The Green.

In Keep Berwickshire Tidy, this area came second.

The greatest achievement was the opening of the Play Area on The Green last August, when the Berwickshire Lord Lieutenant attended. The facility has been widely used, and become a focal point. Not all the money raised was utilised, so a small extension is being planned.

The Jim Clark Rally parking last year raised £1,800 for village hall improvements. Francis Seed very generously made the Glebe field available.

Mrs Jane Redpath attained her 110th birthday in March and is the oldest lady in Scotland.

Nine planning applications have been discussed with the railings at Fogo School continuing to be considered a safety hazard by our members. Access over the Green

to a garage at Greenrigg continues to be under legal and planning discussion. Fogo Bridge now has a weight restriction.

Neighbourhood Watch for Gavinton finally became a reality in August 1998. Thanks are due to Charles Curry for taking the chair and to Christine Haliburton for secretarial input.

School transport involved meetings with parents when the privilege passes for secondary schoolchildren were withdrawn on the grounds that the bus was full. Having ascertained numbers, an appeal was made and passes reinstated in April to all those requiring one, bar one child remaining on the waiting list.

Berwickshire Community Councils Forum attendance by Bridget Darling and Una Robinson has continued with the latter recently resigning. Input to the Forum is seen as important for all Community Councils.

The Berwickshire Area Committee has met monthly, with Bridget Darling representing all Community Councils except Duns and Eyemouth. The addition of Mr Craig (Leitholm) to the Committee in March is welcomed.

The Scottish Borders Council continues to be approached on the poor state of many roads and verges in the area and the mowing of daffodils, bumping of trees and spraying of verges continue to be deplored.

Speeding through Gavinton has been brought to the attention of the police.

No Chairman's report can be complete without thanks to Joan Wheadon our Minute Secretary, whose professional input to the paperwork makes life much easier for me.

Gus Macmillan has kept our financial affairs in order and Logan Forrest our Regional Councillor has been a great help with advice and input to the Scottish Borders Council. It is good that he has been re-elected.

A few faithful members of the public have attended our meetings - it would be nice to see more.

3 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer circulated an Income and Expenditure Account for the period 6 April 1998 to 5 April 1999 which had been certified correct by Jim McDevitt, Honorary Auditor. This showed a closing balance of £326.02.

Chairman B.R. Darling Date 15/5/00