

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 3 April, 2000 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr S Brodie, Mr I Gill, Mr N Humphry,
Mr A Macmillan, Mr D Paterson, Mrs F Renton, Mrs U Robinson, Mr B Weir.
Councillor W L Forrest
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from Mr F Seed.

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2000

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

3 MATTERS ARISING

3,3,9 Millennium project

Plaque to Gavin family – Mrs Robinson showed a design for the plaque. It was decided to circulate this with the Minutes in order for members to consider it more fully and have comments for the next meeting. A copy would also be displayed in the Post Office. Planning permission would not be needed to mount the plaque on the outside wall of the Village Hall but the Village Hall committee would be asked for their approval.

Trees – It is very unlikely that an oak tree could be planted on the village green due to strata of rock running through it and also because of drains etc. If there were to be trees at the entrances to the villages the type, siting and size would have to be carefully considered

Shrubs to East end of Glebe – those overgrowing the pavement have been removed but further work is to be done to the plot, arrangements are in hand.

5 Dog fouling – Bin requested but not provided as SBC have spent their budget on this project. Councillor Forrest to follow this up.

6 Communal Skip - This had not been put on the Red Brae until the day after expected thereby causing extra work for volunteers who had been clearing public areas. It was then re-sited by the garages. Mrs Darling to request that in May the skip is put at the top of the Glebe only, but in September to be on the Red Brae for 2 days before going down to the Glebe.

7 Benches – the SBC confirmed that it was their responsibility to paint these and will do so.

12(a) Mrs Redpath's 111th birthday -- Mrs Darling read out a letter of thanks from Mrs Stewart for her aunt's gift.

5 PLANNING APPLICATION

Outline notification for demolition of garages, erection of dwelling house, South Street, Gavinton, with map, had been received on 20 March and circulated to members. Owners of the garages had also received notification and 3 persons had sent letters of objections to the SBC. Councillor Forrest explained that any plans would have to satisfy the terms of the settlement boundary and conservation area. The Community Council would not object to the plan but would send in their comments when all were to hand, by the due date.

If the garages were demolished then 7 extra cars would have to be parked on the streets and Technical Services would need to do an assessment of parking and see if there was a possible solution.

Polwarth – Neighbour notification had been received of the intention by Morrison Homes to erect 59 houses at Polwarth.

6 REMOVAL OF FLOWERING CHERRY TREE ON SOUTH SIDE OF GREEN, GAVINTON

This has been done and the wood distributed to the elderly for fires. A smaller, more appropriate tree will be planted.

7 REPORT ON BERWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY COUNCILS FORUM AGM, 22 MARCH

Mrs Darling attended as our representative. She said that due to another administrative failure no agendas or minutes of the last meeting had been sent out. Fortunately a quorum of 5, out of 21, was present. New office bearers are Mrs Bridget Darling, Chairman and Mr Chris Anderson, Coldingham, Secretary. The missing paperwork together with Minutes of 22 March would be circulated to all member Community Councils and Berwickshire SBC Councillors.

Mrs Sheila Pate spoke on how Cranshaws are to receive £20,000 from their Trust held by SBC to upgrade their village hall. Mrs Darling has requested that all such Berwickshire Community Trusts be notified together with a financial statement. Councillor Forrest said Mr D Winchester knew about all the Trusts.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 27 September.

Councillor Forrest said SBC, Roads Department, were short of money but there may be some forthcoming from the Scottish Executive.

4 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported a balance of £280 and said we had received a rent rebate of £37 from SBC.

8 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- (a) SBC public leaflet Council Corporate Plan 1999 – 2002. Distributed.
- (b) Association of Scottish Community Councils Newsletter Winter 2000, AGM 20 June.
- (c) Young Scot Magazine No 53.

- (d) Scottish Borders, Land of Creativity leaflet.
- (e) Keep Berwickshire Tidy, 1 – 30 April. Judging first week in May
- (f) Scottish Borders Enterprise, Issue 21 Spring 2000.
- (g) SBC Area Roads Offices, Area Network Officer, Berwickshire.
- (h) Licensing Board Quarterly Applications.
- (i) BAVS meeting 3 April, speaker on Credit Unions.
- (j) Rural Resource Centre, free bookmarks.
- (k) Berwickshire Housing Association Spring 2000 Bulletin.
- (l) SBC, Revaluation 2000, Meeting at Eyemouth on 25 April at 7 pm.
- (m) Jim Clark Rally, notification of road closures 30 June and 1 July.
- (n) Insurance Certificate for Gavinton Village Hall – handed to Mr Ian Gill.
- (o) Borders Community Database of the Voluntary Sector registration form.
(Councillor Forest left the meeting at this point)
- (p) Eastern Borders Citizens' Advice Bureau request for donation – none to be given.
- (q) SBC Scotland's Floral Gateway, meeting 3 May, 7 pm in Duns. Mrs A Majoribanks and Mr D Gibb to be asked to attend.
- (r) Community Planning – Household Survey (Agenda item 3,8)

9 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Lorries are using Gavinton Main Street as a through route to Duns industrial estate. The problem is worst in the early morning. Mrs Darling to write to police.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 15 May 2000 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Gavinton. The Annual General Meeting will take place first, immediately followed by an ordinary meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

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