

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 2 April, 2001 at 7.00 pm

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr S Brodie, Mr I Gill, Mr D Paterson, Mrs F Renton.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2001. NOTES OF POLWARTH VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT. NOTES OF WASTE TRANSFER STATION/CIVIC AMENITY SITE, MIDDLEFIELD

The Minutes, which had previously been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct copy. The 2 sets of notes had also been circulated. Mrs Darling said she had written to the Scottish Executive regarding the Middlefield Site but only 4 of her 6 questions had been answered and there had not been a site visit. No further information had been received from Mr Robinson, nor another invoice.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3,9 Grant application for The Glebe – not successful.

5 Communal skip, complaint on siting – someone had complained to SBC regarding siting of the skip. Next time it will be sited next to the garages at the Glebe.

6 Proposed Wind Farm on Black Hill, Duns – In reply to a letter from the Chairman, RES said if the grid connection was to Eccles the least impact route would be identified. A common grid link to the North had been discussed and we shall be kept informed.

9 Gas Pumping Station - The Chairman had received a telephone call in reply to her letter, stating that there was no danger. A written reply has been requested.

10 Dog fouling in Gavinton – there has been an improvement since Christmas. The situation to be monitored.

4 £1000 FROM MR CLEAT AND MRS PATERSON

The following suggestions were made:

Clean Ann Smith Memorial - £180 + VAT.

Plaque to Gavin family - £150 towards cost.

Plant oak tree which would be donated by Niall Whyte

Plant trees which would be donated by Thomas Flemming.

Plant bulbs.

Mrs Darling to speak to Mr Cleat and Mrs Paterson.

5 REFLECTIONS ON THE MARCH BLIZZARD

There had been a wonderful spirit. Thanks to Mr Seed and Mr Sanderson, Middlefield, for sending men and machinery to clear away the snow drifts.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

The current bank balance is £1100 which includes the residue of the Fighting Fund.

7 FRIENDS OF THE EARTH, SCOTLAND, QUESTIONNAIRE

The Chairman had completed this.

8 BERWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY COUNCILS FORUM, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mrs Darling said there had been a presentation on the Crystal Rig Wind Farm and another by East of Scotland Water.

9 SBC EDUCATION COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM "FORMER FOGO PRIMARY SCHOOL (EXCAMBION OF LAND)"

The Developers of the proposed housing behind the school wish to have a strip of land from the play ground to widen the access to the site. This was agreed. Outline planning permission is still viable.

10 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR RENOVATION OF CALDRA LODGE

No objections.

11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) Scottish Executive, A Draft Scottish Outdoor Access Code.
Scottish Executive, Land Reform, The Draft Bill, February 2001.
Scottish Executive, Rural Affairs Department, Rural Strategic Support Fund.
- (b) SEPA View, Winter 2001.
- (c) Association of Scottish Community Councils, February 2001.
- (d) Better Government for Older People, proposed Elder Council.
- (e) Home Office Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000
- (f) Scotland's Natural Heritage, No 19.
- (g) Scottish Tourist Board, Borders, Vol 5, Issue 5.
- (h) Scottish Enterprise Borders, Issue 23.
- (i) B&Q – grants of £5000.
- (j) BAVS News, March 2001.
- (k) Wheel.E.Bins, cost £23.
- (l) Licensing Board, East Division.
- (m) The Princess Royal Trust, Issue 16.
- (n) Loan Finance, Scottish Borders Rural Partnership.
- (o) Planning Aid Seminar, 28 April, Galashiels, Mrs Darling to attend.
- (p) SBC, Foot and Mouth Precautions
- (q) Scottish Borders Community Councils Steering Group, Report on Seminar, 21 October 2000.
- (r) Keep Berwickshire Tidy
- (s) SBC Floral Gateway – to enter "Wee Village", judging in week commencing 2 July.
- (t) SBC questionnaire on communication between community councils and SBC – Chairman and Vice Chairman to complete.
- (u) Lothian and Borders Police – new Police Inspector, Duns

12 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) No Dogs notices – have been put up on all cemetery gates; bolted to metal ones and badly nailed to the War Memorial oak lych gate at Fogo, which has caused damage. A letter of objection to be sent to SBC.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 14 May 2001 – Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Chairman *B.P. Darling* Date *15/4/01*