

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 26 May 2003, at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mrs M Bishop, Mr I Gill, Mr N Humphry,
Mr A Macmillan, Mr D Paterson, Mrs F Renton, Mr F Seed, Mrs C Taylor, Mr B Weir.
Councillor Mrs M McCrave.
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary).
5 members of the public

Mrs Darling welcomed Mrs Margaret McCrave our new Councillor

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2 MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2002

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

3 TREASURER'S REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

Mr Macmillan circulated an Income and Expenditure Account which showed an opening balance on 6 April 2002 of £54.57 and a closing balance on 5 April 2003 of £120.91. A Bank of Scotland Treasurer's Account was also circulated showing a balance on 5 April 2002 of £2252.86 and closing balance on 5 April 2003 of £1836.78. A scanner was purchased costing £199.99. The computer insurance of £24.78 is against theft and web site maintenance of £69.31 is for the Domaine name. The Fighting Fund of £1250.71 will not be touched in case it is needed. Thanks were expressed to Mr Macmillan for presenting the accounts.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, APRIL 2002-2003

Mrs Darling said:

The first year of five for this term of office has been satisfactorily completed, with good attendance of members at 8 meetings. There remains one vacancy for Gavinton.

Scott Brodie resigned in March 2003 due to pressure of work. He has been a member for 5 years, his particular skill being the gavinton.net website. I am glad to say he has agreed to continue this and would welcome items for inclusion.

This ward's Councillor, Logan Forrest, has retired. Tribute was paid for his attendance at meetings, advice and help over some planning matters.

Success in Scotland's Floral Gateway was maintained by Gavinton winning Wee Village for the third consecutive year. Thanks are due to the small band of volunteers who grow plants, bed them out, water and maintain. Nearly every household has hanging baskets or plants at their property, greatly enhancing the village.

The Polwarth Thorn has been registered as one of the 100 Heritage Trees of Scotland.

The business side of the Community Council is greatly helped by our minute secretary Joan Wheadon, whose presentation skills on paper are greatly appreciated. Our treasurer, Angus Macmillan is also a vital part of the team.

Fifteen planning applications have been considered and there have been presentations well attended by the public by PowerSystems and SBC Planning and Implementation Department on the Berwickshire Local Plan and Gavinton Appraisal.

The community computer was installed in Gavinton Village Hall but due to administrative difficulties is only just about to become operational. Thanks to Margaret Bishop who has offered to progress the system.

Gavinton Post Office saw the retiral of the Mowatts after 18 years service. We are grateful to staff from Duns PO who are keeping it open on Monday and Thursday mornings pending the arrival of the new owners.

There has been attendance by delegates at the SBC Community Planning Conference, a training day for Berwickshire Community Councillors, Berwickshire Community Councils Forum and Scottish Borders Community Councils Network Seminar and a seminar on Common Good and Trust Funds.

I thank you all for your input to the well being of the community

Chairman.....EK Leding.....

Date 25/8/04.....