

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Fogo Community Hall On Monday, 5th June 2006, at 7pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chair), Mrs C Allman, Mrs M Bishop, Mrs F Renton, Mrs C Taylor, Mr D Paterson, Mr A MacMillan, Mr N Humphry, Mrs J Seed, Mrs J O'Kane (minutes secretary), and Cllr Mrs M McCrave.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr I Gill, Mr M Rooke and Mr N Whyte.

2. Minutes of AGM held on 30th May 2005

Agreed and signed.

3. Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts

Mr Macmillan presented his report and the accounts. He was thanked by Mrs Darling.

4. Chairman's report

Mrs Darling presented her report on 2005/06 (at end of these minutes).

Bridget Darling
Chairman

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT APRIL 2005 - 2006

This has been the fourth year of a five year term of office, with an election due in April 07.

Membership has seen a vacancy filled and one co-option. Members are thanked for attendance at 8 meetings. Some have been to the 4 training evenings arranged at SBC, Planning Aid Scotland day held at Allanton, and SBC Focus Group meeting for Planning and Development, SBC Budget presentation, and attendance at some planning meetings to hear applications relevant to our area. These are important to enable us to make decisions and comment appropriately on many consultations from SBC, Scottish Executive and other public bodies.

Councillor McCrave is thanked for her input to our meetings.

30 planning applications have been considered, ranging from house extensions, windows, conservatories, new build and meteorological masts. The new SBC rules allowing decisions on "non contentious" matters to be taken under delegated powers require us to be alert, as we only receive notification.

The Local Plan was finalised in December 05, and Local Public Inquiries will be held on matters that have received many objections.

Community input to Keep Berwickshire Tidy in April 06 resulted in 3rd place, and Gavinton came 2nd in Scotland's Floral Gateway in July 05.

Difficulties with many electricity outages affected our whole area, and we continue to seek compensation from Scottish Power. The sewage overflow in The Glebe Gavinton had compensation paid to affected car owners.

Retention of public phone boxes in Fogo and Polwarth was achieved through the power of lobbying. The one in Fogo has even been repainted!

Roads continue to be a concern. The resurfacing of Main Street Gavinton was welcomed, with the other streets to be considered for next year's budget. The access onto the A6105 is very unsatisfactory due to tree growth at Langton bridge. There have been several accidents at The Auld Kirk corner mainly due to excess speed. The state of verges, grass cutting and potholes continue to be reported.

SBLocal has successfully done several small jobs in the area.

Gavinton Village Hall refurbishment project is in the process of seeking funding. The CC has been pleased to assist with some applications and donations. Fogo Community Hall has received a donation towards furniture, and the Nursery School help towards the outdoor play area.

The John Hunter Footbridge at Fogo is well used, and the planting and paths are becoming established. Lisa Chernoff and Frances Renton are to be congratulated on receiving a merit award from the Heritage Lottery Fund for their work.

It has been another busy year, and I thank you for your input to our communities.