

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 23 March 2009

1. Present were: Margaret Bishop (Chair), David Seed, Kerry Renton, Cathy Allman, Graeme Macleod, John Marjoribanks, Janet O'Kane (secretary), Councillors Jones and Moffat, and 1 member of the public. Apologies were received from Ellen Curran, Pete Gibbons, Terry O'Gorman, Cllr Renton. Mrs Bishop extended the CC's condolences to Cllr Renton on the recent death of her mother.
2. Police input: the attending officer had checked the system but found nothing to report for our area.
3. Minutes of the meeting of 23 February 2009 were agreed and signed
4. Matters arising
 - Langton Ford footbridge: this is now repaired by SBC, and the Duns Ranger Guides, led by Amanda Cowe, have done litter picking, made and put up some bird boxes, and planted several trees. This is work towards one of their badges. The CC recorded its appreciation.
 - SBC review of uses of redundant high school buildings: report on meeting has been circulated.
 - Gavinton's 250th anniversary: Mr Marjoribanks gave a report on progress
 - Langton Gate bus shelter: Cllr ~~Moffat~~^{RENTON} reported that a reconditioned bus shelter is being organised and will be installed in the next month or so
5. Report on windfarm: Mrs Bishop gave an update on behalf of Mrs Darling, who was attending a meeting about this tonight. The OSCR registration is complete. The meeting will be discussing the issue of who gets the interest on the monies held by RES on behalf of the communities.
6. Planning applications: Planning Brief West Gavinton. A report has been circulated; SBC are presenting two options for the community to comment on. It was agreed that as this is an important and complicated issue, someone from SBC should be invited to come along to the next CC meeting to present the options and explain them. Members of the public will be invited to attend.
7. Data protection registration: form now returned to SBC
8. Treasurer's report: not available
9. Update on Gavinton.net website: no change
10. Correspondence received:
 - Keep Berwickshire Tidy Campaign: clean-up week will be 20 - 26th April, with judging taking place the following week, 27 April - 2 May (email circulated)
 - SBLocal 'Small schemes' budget: Mrs Bishop will email them re the patch of village green opposite the hall that needs seeding.
 - Southern Upland Partnership CC membership 2009: agreed to renew
 - SB Environment Partnership: aim is to make Berwickshire plastic bag free
 - Ettrick & Yarrow CC: petition re mobile phone coverage will be put into post office
 - SBC local housing strategy: Mrs Bishop to respond on behalf of CC
11. AOCB
 - Mr Seed expressed his disappointment that SBC will not grit the road up to Cothill and Polwarth
 - Lots of potholes have reappeared in the roads since the bad weather. Cllr Moffat reported that there has been a 40% increase throughout Scotland. Cold tar repairs are not a permanent solution but are done to help save vehicles.
 - Speeding through Gavinton continues: recently a Tesco van was going too fast, and Mr Macleod chased and confronted someone else who was going to football at the pitch.
 - Mrs Bishop asked the Councillors about a roads reconnaissance vehicle seen locally. This is not an SBC initiative.
 - Cllr Moffat raised the problem of dog dirt, as this is becoming a worse problem Borders-wide.

M. Bishop 20/4/09.

Dates of future meetings (all at 7pm):

- 20 April
- 18 May (AGM)
- 29 June
- 7 September
- 19 October
- 30 November
- 11 January 2010
- 22 February
- 5 April

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary