

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on 12 April 2010

1. Present were: Margaret Bishop (Chair), David Seed, Ellen Curran, Cathy Allman, Pete Gibbens, Terry O’Gorman, Janet O’Kane (secretary), Cllr D Moffat. Apologies were received from Jane Jeffrey, John Marjoribanks, Kerry Renton, Cllr Renton, Cllr Jones
2. Police input - none
3. Minutes of the meeting of 22 February 2010 were agreed and signed
4. Matters arising
 - Report on windfarm benefit received from Mrs Darling. There will be a 12 June launch and turbine inspection.
 - Red Brae – it is believed that SBC has said it will maintain all of Red Brae, and this will be confirmed by Mr Marjoribanks at the next meeting
 - Gavinton Futures project – to be discussed at the next meeting
 - Gavinton village green parking – to be discussed at the next meeting
5. An updated summary of planning applications was circulated and current applications examined
6. Treasurer’s report – the accounts for 2009/10 were circulated. There is a separate sheet for the coat of arms project, and Mr Gibbens will do a further breakdown of those items.
7. Mrs O’Kane gave a brief report on the recent ‘Weed Them Out’ meeting in Galashiels, which was held to alert communities to the warning signs of possible cannabis farms in the area.
8. Recruiting new CC members: Mrs O’Kane proposed writing a letter to circulate around the CC area when new members are needed. This was agreed.
9. Correspondence received:
 - Volunteer Centre Borders: Audit of volunteering and community activity questionnaire
 - BT: Adoption of red telephone kiosk programme
 - Consultation: Tackling Poverty and Financial Inclusion Strategy (circulated to CC members by email, respond by 31 May)
 - Scottish Borders Elder Voice: April 2010
 - Scottish Borders Safer Communities Partnership: Briefing Pack
 - Keep Berwickshire Tidy Campaign: 19-24 April. There was discussion on this matter, as SBC is insisting that communities need to get insurance clearance and be accompanied by a member of SBC staff before they undertake the litter pick-up. It was agreed that this was bureaucracy gone mad and would deter a lot of people from taking part.
 - SBC: CC insurance cover. Mrs O’Kane is going to check with Mr Marjoribanks if anything connected with the coat of arms should be added to policy, and if so, communicate this to SBC.
10. AOCB
 - Mr Seed raised the roadslip going to Marchmont from the station and the continuing problem of potholes. Cllr Moffat confirmed that SBC is tackling these problems as fast as its resources will allow.
 - Mr O’Gorman confirmed that Gavinton’s grit bins, which had been removed before Christmas, are now back. It was agreed to tell SBC’s Roads Dept where these are now required, to ensure they are in place in good time for the winter.
 - Mr Seed raised with Cllr Moffat the subject of the current adjustments to business rates and how the appeals procedure will be carried, as he forecast a lot of appeals.
 - Mrs Allman said that the weight limit sign for Fogo bridge has disappeared, but Cllr Renton has confirmed a new one is being produced. She also said the path to the footbridge has again been damaged by water.
 - There have been reports of rats in the Glebe, Gavinton. It was agreed that Mrs Bishop would contact SBC re this.

Dates of future meetings in 2010 (all at 7pm in Gavinton village hall unless otherwise stated):

- 17 May (inc. AGM)
- 5 July
- 6 September
- 18 October
- 29 November

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary