

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 14 August, 2000 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr S Brodie, Mr I Gill, Mr N Humphry,
Mr A Macmillan, Mr D Paterson, Mr F Seed.
Councillor W L Forrest
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary).
1 member of the public.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs F Renton, Mrs U Robinson and Mr B Weir.

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2000

The Chairman apologised for Mr Paterson's name being omitted from those present, this was rectified, then the Minutes, which had previously been circulated, were signed as a correct copy.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3,3,9 Millennium project, Gavinton Plaque – not yet to hand. Planning for a fund raising event to be on next agenda.

3,8(c) Noticeboards, Gavinton and Fogo – the Village Hall Committee have agreed to provide a new one for Gavinton. Angus Macmillan to see what can be done for Fogo. Scott Brodie said he would speak to William Young about the matter.

The Village Hall Committee will also provide new window boxes for the Hall.

3,8(d) Gavinton play area – a hop scotch unit and balance beam had been ordered in May and the SBC informed Mrs Weir that they were to hand in a letter dated 9 August. However they will not be installed until early in September and we are disappointed at the deleteriousness of the Parks Development Officer, Mr Hogg. The cost of the equipment is £858 and SBC will pay the VAT. Installation costs will be advised.

6 Scottish Borders Household Survey Results – Mrs Darling had attended and only 4 people had been present. Three hundred extra people had been surveyed from Hawick and Eyemouth as these were felt to be areas with special needs. In answer to her question Mrs Darling was told that this had not affected the budget. Another meeting is planned for 20 September on Management of Business and Working Practices. The next survey to be on healthy eating.

9 Community Trust Funds – As Mr Winchester is on sick-leave this is on hold.

11 Berwickshire Community Councils Forum – Mr Seed agreed to be second delegate.

14(e) Jim Clark Memorial Rally – Mrs Darling had not received a reply to a letter to Mr Colin Pagan inviting him to attend a Community Council meeting to discuss arrangements for the next rally. Mr Seed said he would try to get in touch with him through Mr Russell Blood. Mr Paterson said that after the rally it was noticed that small items like garden secateurs and a stone ornament were missing from houses in The Glebe.

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Erection of commemorative memorial, land off B6460 at Charterhall - no objections.

(b) Conservatory at Fogo House – no objections.

- (c) Middlefield Store, change of use to Waste Transfer Station – an application by SBC but no details available. Neighbour notification had been received on 5 August. Mr Seed had already had a site meeting with our MSP, Euan Robson, who was not in favour. Mrs Darling reminded the meeting that 2 applications for a grain dryer and store on the site had been refused on inadequate roads – the situation had not changed. The road is also the preferred route for children to walk to school. Councillor Forrest said there was tremendous pressure on Protective Services with regard to waste disposal and the Council would lose the Duns site next year. It was agreed that Mrs Darling would ask Mr Lillico, Director of Protective Services, to attend a public meeting in Gavinton Village Hall after which observations would be submitted, the closing date for which is 6 September.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance £581. It was agreed that if an invoice was received for the plaque (estimate about £281) it should be paid, then the money would be replaced after a fund raising event.

6 DANGEROUS EGRESS ONTO MAIN ROAD AT OLD CHURCH

After a near miss by a local resident the grass was strimmed down very low by SBC following strong representations.

7 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- (a) East of Scotland Water, Report 1999/2000
- (b) Borders Carers Centre, Issue 14.
- (c) Scottish Borders, Land of Creativity, update.
- (d) Lothian and Borders Police, Public Performance Report 1999/2000
- (e) Memory Bank, Summer update.
- (f) BAVS Annual Report 1999/2000
- (g) Scottish National Heritage leaflet.
- (h) SEPA View, Issue 4.
- (i) Borders Talking Newspaper, request to speak to our Community Council.
- (j) Berwickshire Housing Association, Bulletin Summer 2000.
- (k) Scottish Borders Tourist Board Newsletter and information.
- (l) Scottish Borders Rural Partnership, Partners Day 2000, 24 August.
- (m) Borders Primary Care NHS Trust, AGM 17 August.

8 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) School bus - some secondary school children had been allocated seats and others not. The situation will be monitored and a meeting of parents called if necessary.
- (b) Proposed houses at Polwarth – a new glossy brochure had been received.
- (c) The Glebe – concrete slabs in area where children play are broken. Old shrubs have been removed and tree stumps removed there and at side of Green. To be put on next agenda.

9 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, 25 September 2000 at 7.00pm in Gavinton Village Hall.
Monday, 6 November 2000

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Chairman S.R. Darling Date 25/9/00