

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, 14 May, 2001 following the Annual General Meeting

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr I Gill, Mr N Humphry, Mr A Macmillan,
Mrs F Renton, Mr B Weir.
Councillor W L Forrest
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary).
2 members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr S Brodie, Mr D Paterson, Mrs U Robinson and Mr F Seed.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 2001

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

3 MATTERS ARISING

3,9 Gas pumping station – In reply to her letter the Chairman had received a verbal assurance that the pumping station was quite safe, but no written reply. The meeting asked that she should insist on written assurance.

3,10 Dog fouling in Gavinton – still some instances of dog fouling.

4 Cleaning of Ann Smith Memorial – Mr Sandy McLean of Greenlaw to do the work.

12(a) "No Dogs" notices on church gates at Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth – have been removed as have most in Berwickshire. The dog bin erected by the children's play area is to be left for 2 months, but if unused it will be removed to the east of the village.

4 KEEP BERWICKSHIRE TIDY WEEK, JUDGING 6-12 MAY

This has been cancelled due to foot and mouth disease but thanks to Cathie Allman for clearing up litter at Fogo. The Chairman picked up over 300 items in and around Gavinton.

5 PLANNING APPLICATION – ERECTION OF DWELLING HOUSE AT OLD LANGTONLEES

The site had previously had outline planning permission. Although there were no objections it was felt that the house, being large, was out of character with the site.

6 FOOT AND MOUTH OUTBREAK, SBC COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman said this was a dreadful event. The "Road Closed" signs to be reviewed Friday, 18 May.

7 SBC DEVELOPMENT CONTROL FOCUS GROUP, REPORT ON MEETING OF 30 APRIL

The Chairman attended and said the meeting had been about Best Value Review. The time scale for planning applications is to be tightened and will be monitored. Conditions will be tightened, including neighbour notification, if a notification is missed then another application may be made for the same fee but if a further application is required then there will be a second fee. Extra resources have been made available to Planning. In future meeting agendas will be on the web site.

8 PLANNING AID SEMINAR, GALASHIELS, 28 APRIL

Due to foot and mouth disease Mrs Darling did not attend. However there was a training pack on Community Local Environment Awareness Raising.

9 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:

(a) SBC A-Z Guide to Public Services – very good

- (b) SBC Borders 2010, Scottish Borders Community Plan – extra copies for members required.
- (c) SBC Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy. SEPA View, Winter 2001.
- (d) Red squirrels in South Scotland – sighted at Charterhall.
- (e) Southern Upland News, Spring 2001
- (f) Rural Resource Centre – Scottish Land Fund Lottery Cash
- (g) The Borders Forest Trust
- (h) Berwickshire Housing Association Bulletin, Spring 2001.
- (i) Memory Bank, March 2001
- (j) SEPA View, Spring 2001
- (k) Berwickshire Community Safety Panel, "TACADE" presentation, Chirnside, 14 May, 7pm
- (l) Berwickshire Community Council Forum AGM Report.
- (m) SBC Community Council Special Project Fund – to apply for Glebe shrub area
- (n) Local Health Council update.
- (o) Borders Local Health Council, Survey of GP out of hours services
- (p) Association of Scottish Community Councils AGM, Dumfries
- (q) Scottish Executive, Land Reform Bill

10 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Drain at Rashie – SBC Roads rectified the problem but left a large step up into 1 Rashie and a dip in the middle. Mrs Renton 'phoned Kelso office about this.
- (b) Verges at Fogo have been cut.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 25 June 2001

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Chairman

S. F. Darling

Date

25/6/01