

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, 25 June, 2001 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr S Brodie, Mr N Humphry (part-time),
Mr A Macmillan, Mrs F Renton, Mrs U Robinson, Mr F Seed.
Councillor W L Forrest
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary).
2 members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr I Gill, Mr D Paterson, and Mr B Weir.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2001

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

3 MATTERS ARISING

3,3,9 Gas pumping station – A letter had been received from Transco saying that the pumping station was quite safe.

3,3,10 Dog fouling in Gavinton – still some instances of dog fouling therefore it was decided to letter box a notice to all 27 dog owning houses reminding dog walkers to clean up any fouling.

9(b) SBC Borders 2010 circulated to members – an unspecific document.

10(a) Drain at Rashie – an improvement, but kerb at west end to be lowered slightly.

3,4 Ann Smith Memorial – has been cleaned and pink gravel placed around it. The signpost to be upgraded.

4 FOOT AND MOUTH OUTBREAK UPDATE

Information had been received from The Scottish Community Foundation regarding Scottish Executive's scheme for the matched funding of public donation to voluntary organisations for the relief of distress caused by the foot and mouth outbreak.

If there are no further outbreaks then a relaxation of restrictions is expected in a week's time.

The Chairman to write to Archie Kirkwood, MP, supporting his request for a public enquiry.

The Community Council expressed sympathy to all who had been affected by the outbreak.

5 GREENRIG

With regard to the legal easement over The Green for access, the SBC solicitor is seeking legal opinion as to the name of the owner of the property.

6 PLANNING APPLICATION, 5 THE GLEBE, GAVINTON

This is for an extension to the south side of the bungalow. It is recommended for refusal by the Planning Committee, Policy 18 of Local Plan, as being inappropriate to this residential area. However the Community Council decided to support the application.

7 THE GLEBE – COMMUNITY COUNCILS SPECIAL PROJECT FUND

An award of £150 has been made and this must be matched by the community. All neighbours are in favour of improving the area and volunteers will do the work. Mr Seed said he would get the daffodil bulbs for planting at the north end of the Fogo road.

8 GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH WEBSITE

- (a) Scott Brodie said the ongoing cost was estimated at about £50 per annum now that the site was set up and running. He was grateful for the help he had received from John Marjoribanks.
- (b) Information regarding the Fogo graves and Langton House had been scanned in and the Heritage Trail designed by Laurie Cleat and Isobel Paterson was being done which would include the Ann Smith Memorial.
- (c) Calor Gas, community enhancement through IT – it was decided to enter this and Scott Brodie and Bridget Darling would liaise on this.

9 ACCESS ON TO THE DUNS-GREENLAW ROAD AT THE OLD CHURCH

Visibility towards the east is very poor. A mirror is not allowed as it may dazzle motorists. The owners of the house have been asked to cut the grass back as far as possible. Mr Brownlee was asked to prune the trees but in reply suggested that SBC might like to buy that plot of land.

10 BORDERS FLORAL GATEWAY

Judging will take place on Wednesday, 4 July, at noon.

11 PLANS BY MR CLEAT AND MRS PATERSON TO ENHANCE GAVINTON

No final plans yet to hand.

12 SBC WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Scott Brodie and John Marjoribanks had attended the presentation of this strategy. The relevant document had been circulated to members before the meeting and was fully discussed. It was felt that it was not seen as a strategy document but an options document and woefully inadequate for 4 years' work by SBC. The 3 options for dealing with household waste were considered and Option A, collecting everything in one bag, was the preferred option.

A site for a waste transfer station in Berwickshire has not yet been chosen but Chirnside is logistically the best place and it should be on an industrial site.

13 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) SBC Structure Plan 2001-2011, shared copies already circulated. A draft copy of Councillor John Elliot's reply to this was tabled to all members.
- (b) Community Trust Funds, summary 31 March 2001 – showing £1982.13 for our area.
- (c) Gavinton Post Office – reduction in hours of opening – replied stating appreciation of Mr & Mrs Mowat's work and hoping PO would be kept open after their eventual retirement.
- (d) Scottish Executive – Review of woodland grant scheme and farm woodland premium scheme.
- (e) Association of Scottish Community Councils, AGM 9 June.
- (f) SBC Licensing Board, statutory quarterly meeting.
- (g) Community Safety Strategy, questionnaire, reply by 9 July – Bridget Darling and Una Robinson to complete
- (h) Orange, mobile phone masts, meeting 11 June in Galashiels.
- (i) Land Reform Bill, The Ramblers, Scotland, publicity.
- (j) SBC Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy, draft
- (k) Scottish Borders Tourist Board Newsletter, June 2001.

14 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Education Budget – Councillor Forrest said the rumours presently circulating regarding this overspend were speculative.
- (b) Planning Application for Sports Complex at Cheeklaw – it would be outwith the local plan.

- (c) Basketball net on Gavinton Village Green not used, to be discussed at next meeting.
- (d) Bridge at ford – handrail has been vandalised and the Chairman has reported this.
- (e) Speeding through Main Street, Gavinton, especially early in the morning. HGV's also going through. The Chairman to talk to police. Perhaps instal a cable to check speed. Speed bumps could also be considered.
- (g) A resident reported that there were still holes in the roads especially in Main Street.
- (h) Long grass on the verges between Bogend and Fogo is a hazard to visibility.
- (i) Lych gate, Fogo when the "No Dogs" notice was removed it was seen that wooden dowels had been sawn level with the gate to enable the notice to be put up. The Chairman to write to SBC about this vandalism.
- (j) Councillor Forrest said the structure of the Council is being reorganised from 1 August. It will have an executive of 9 with a scrutineer committee of 11. A lot of work which would previously have been done by committees will be done by working groups of councillors and outside consultants. Councillor Forrest will be on the Planning and Development Committee.
- (k) It was said that children were getting access to play in Gavinton Village Hall unsupervised. It was felt that this was a matter for the Hall Committee.

15 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, 6 August 2001 and Monday, 17 September 2001

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman B. C. Darling Date 6 / 8 / 01