

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 6 August, 2001 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr I Gill, Mr A Macmillan, Mr D Paterson,
Mrs F Renton, Mrs U Robinson, Mr F Seed, Mr B Weir.
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary).
3 members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr S Brodie, Mr N Humphry and Councillor L Forrest.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25 JUNE 2001

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

3 MATTERS ARISING

4 Foot and Mouth – Archie Kirkwood, MP, had replied to the Chairman's letter to say that the Ministers had agreed to an enquiry when the outbreak is over but not necessarily a public one.

5 Greenrig – In a letter, A Isles, SBC solicitor, states that the owner is obtaining estimates for the work.

6 Planning application, 5 The Glebe – refused on grounds that it would take away the straight line of the buildings. The applicant is unhappy and thinking about how he will proceed.

10 Scottish Borders Floral Gateway – nothing heard since visit of judges.

13(c) Gavinton Post Office – new hours of business – now in force.

14(c) Basketball net on Gavinton village green – this is not used partly because the base is not correct. It was suggested that it might be better in the playing field or else given to a school. Mrs Darling to ask Mary Weir and the original sub-committee to let us have their views.

14(d) Bridge at the Ford – the handrail has been repaired.

14(e) Speeding through Gavinton – red strips have been laid at the east and west entrances to the village. The police have no man-power to monitor speeding. Mr Brownlee, owner of the hedge and woodland which blinds the site to the bridge, pointed out in a letter that these trees are subject to the restrictions of a Woodland Grant scheme, therefore the grant would be repayable if the trees were removed. He suggested that perhaps SBC could buy the piece of land in question then negotiate with the Forestry Commission. The verge around The Old Church belongs to the owner of that property.

14(f) Lych gate, Fogo Church – Gordon Wilson of Earlston to repair it and SBC to meet the cost.

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Benachie, extension to dwelling house – no objections

(b) Plot 2 Hardens Road, Duns – erection of dwelling house and double garage – no objections

5 REQUEST FOR STREET NAMES IN GAVINTON

To be followed up with SBC.

6 VILLAGE APPRAISAL FOR GAVINTON

Not felt necessary at present.

7 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) Credit Union, request to speak at a meeting. - No speaker required
- (b) Pay and Display parking in Eyemouth. – Noted, the Chairman to reply
- (c) SEPA View, Summer 2001
- (d) Forestry Commission – Treefest Scotland 2002.
- (e) SBC Interim Housing Policy Guidance.
- (f) SBC Scottish Borders Local Plan Review, Briefing Note 1, July 2001. At present there is a plan for each of the 4 areas but in future there will be only one for the Borders.
- (g) Berwickshire Housing Association Bulletin, Summer 2001.
- (h) Borders Local Health Council – Update.
- (i) VISION, Newsletter 1 for Scottish Borders Community Plan.
- (j) The Borders Forest Trust 2000 Annual Review.
- (k) Tweed Matters, Issue No 3.
- (l) Scottish Enterprise Borders, Annual Report 2000/2001.
- (m) SEPA questionnaire on waste management – Chairman and Scott Brodie to complete.
- (n) Berwickshire Guide Dogs for the Blind, Songs of Praise, Eyemouth Parish Church, 26 August.

8 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Richard Hillary Memorial to be unveiled on 6 November 2001. The chairman has requested Ray Allan, SBC, to repair wall at Fogo church. The Old Comrades would like to go to Fogo school for refreshments which would mean the play school could not meet that day. The SBC to be contacted to say Lord Lieutenant requires the school room. Catering required for about 60 persons. The restrictions due to foot and mouth disease may not have been lifted from the site of the crash at Crunklaw
- (b) Request from Pat Scott to hold a car boot sale on village green in order to raise funds for her son who is going to Peru to work with underprivileged children. It was suggested that a site with hard-standing, such as swimming pool car park, would be more appropriate.
- (c) Copy of letter to SBC regarding damage to Gavinton resident's car by grass strimming.
- (d) Proposed houses at Polwarth – no proposals received by SBC Planning Dept from Morrison Homes Ltd.
- (e) Jim Clark Rally – first weekend in November, there will be a change of stages.
- (f) Rosebay Willow Herb weeds by Rashie about to seed – request SBC to treat them.
- (g) Grass cutting of verges – in places one machine width is not enough. At Fogo cars are virtually in the middle of the road before it can be seen if there is approaching traffic.
- (h) Dog fouling – there has been a decrease in fouling since the notice was letter-boxed.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 17 September 2001

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Chairman *B. P. Darling* Date *17/9/01*