

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall  
on Monday, 10 December, 2001 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Mrs U Robinson (Vice Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr S Brodie, Mr I Gill, Mr N Humphry,  
Mr A Macmillan, Mr F Seed, Mr B Weir  
Councillor W L Forrest  
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary).  
5 members of the public.

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs B Darling, Mr D Paterson and Mrs F Renton.

**POLICE INSPECTOR SANDY McLAREN, TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT,** Hawick was welcomed by Mrs Robinson. Sgt Paget, Eyemouth Police Station, joined him too.

Inspector McLaren explained that he is in charge of patrol cars and 9 crews in the Borders which operate from Eyemouth, Hawick and Galashiels to cover 4 areas of the County. As the public want best value for money and the Government have set targets for a reduction of road casualties the emphasis is on identifying roads where most injury crashes occur and keeping a high profile there. As there was only one slight injury road accident in Gavinton last year, it is not a high priority. He said that the police would give Gavinton attention when they could. If 2 members of the public can identify someone speeding, have the registration number of the vehicle and are prepared to stand up in court a prosecution could be made. In answer to a question, he said speed bumps were provided by the Council but it had been found that after installation often many complaints were received from residents who lived near them. With regard to a complaint about Jim Clark Rally cars speeding, he said a letter should be sent to the organisers. The Police were thanked and left the meeting.

### 2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29 OCTOBER 2001

The Minutes, which had previously been circulated, were signed as a true copy by Mrs Robinson who chaired the meeting.

### 3 MATTERS ARISING

3,14(c) Basketball net on Gavinton village green – has been taken down and is stored in Mrs Darling's garage. Two members of the public attended to say they thought the community, especially those with teenage children, should have been consulted. They were asked to put this in writing and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

4 Lothian and Borders Police – see above.

6 Richard Hillary Memorial, 6 November – Letters of appreciation from Maj A Trotter and Mr Sainsbury. A photograph of the memorial to go to Mr Brodie for website.

14 The Glebe project – in hand. Mrs Renton to be asked about digger. The residents do not want a seat placed in that area.

Greenrig – Mr & Mrs Cook had not yet received a reply from SBC regarding their comments on right of easement.

### 4 WAR GRAVES AT FOGO

Mrs Darling had cleaned the stones before the Richard Hillary Memorial day. Mr Macmillan said that the War Graves Commission sent someone at least once a year to inspect them and when they were blown over they were righted immediately.

## **5 CALOR GAS COMPETITION**

Our community had won the Best Website section which had been announced at a luncheon party in Edinburgh attended by Mrs Darling and Mr Brodie. They were presented with a framed certificate and cheque for £1000. Mr Brodie was warmly congratulated for all his work. The cheque was handed to the Treasurer to put in a high interest account together with the remaining money from the fighting fund re the waste transfer station. Mr Brodie suggested that the money should be spent to purchase a printer, scanner and camera. He was asked to bring details to the next meeting.

## **6 BEAUTIFUL SCOTLAND IN BLOOM**

Gavinton has been awarded a Certificate of Excellence.

## **7 TREE WARDEN SCHEME IN BERWICKSHIRE**

The Borders Forest Trust, Scottish Borders Council, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Forest Authority are seeking support to set up a Tree Warden Scheme in the area but no interest was shown.

## **8 SBC ENVIRONMENTAL SEMINAR**

There had been 66 delegates and Mrs Darling had represented our area. The seminar had centred on future planning for the environment.

## **9 SBC WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

SBC had decided that Option B – collecting different types of rubbish in separate bags – be adopted.

## **10 SCOTTISH BORDERS LOCAL PLAN REVIEW, ISSUES REPORT**

To be discussed at next meeting. Councillor Forrest said that due to drainage problems in this locality there was unlikely to be much development, but this would be a passing problem.

## **11 IT REPORT**

Mr Brodie said there had been 365 hits since the last meeting including 172 in one day after winning the Calor Gas competition. Information regarding Gavinton graveyard would be included soon so that anyone could check who was buried there.

IT for small communities project – Scottish Borders Rural Partnership are offering a small number of rural communities a computer, scanner, printer software and basic training, free of charge through the Modernising Government fund. There must be evidence of wide support and participation within the community so to this end Mr Brodie had letterboxed all households with a questionnaire, and depending on the response a decision will be made whether or not to apply.

## **12 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The current balance is £1487. As stated above the balance of the fighting fund will be taken out of this money.

## **13 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) Scottish Borders Rural Partnership, letter from Lena Hutton. Annual Review 2000-2001
- (b) SBC Winter Management and Maintenance of Trunk Roads.
- (c) SEPA View, Autumn 2001.
- (d) Community Care Plan 2001-2004, Summary.
- (e) SBC Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy.
- (f) SMP Playgrounds.

- (g) Learning for Life (Continuing Education).
- (h) Lothian & Borders Police, Berwickshire Community Safety Panel, Youth Forum, 6 December, Eyemouth
- (j) Borders Survey Team, Long term unemployment – Mrs Darling and Mrs Robinson to complete.

**14 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- (a) A request received from a member of the community for a bus shelter. It was felt SBC would have no funds to provide this.
- (b) The "Weight Limit" sign has disappeared from the bridge at Fogo.

**15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 14 January 2002

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman .....

B. T. Joching

Date .....

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