

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, 19 August 2002 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr S Brodie, Mr I Gill, Mr N Humphry,
Mr A Macmillan, Mrs F Renton, Mrs J Seed.
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary).
Members of the public: 1

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs M Bishop, Mr D Paterson and Councillor W L Forrest.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 JULY 2002

The Minutes which had previously been circulated were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3,6 Keep Berwickshire Tidy – The judges' comments had been received and showed our total score of 86, however according to the Berwickshire News 3rd place was awarded to St Abbs with a score of 85. Mrs Darling to pursue this matter.

3,8 Scottish Borders Floral Gateway – results awaited. Mrs Darling said Gavinton and Fogo were looking very good. She thanked Mrs Allman for looking after the planting in Fogo and Mrs Aitchison, Mrs Cook, Mrs Marjoribanks, Mr Markby and Mr Gibb for attending to Gavinton. Unfortunately the Ford area is again having a litter problem.

5 Common Good and Trust Funds – In a written reply SBC Legal Services said there was agreement in principle that the Trust Funds identified "for the poor of Fogo" and "for the poor of Polwarth" could receive a share of the revenue in the form of electricity vouchers. Mrs Darling proposed that this should be so and Mr Humphry seconded the motion. Mr Macmillan made a counter motion that the money should go to the benefit of the community and not individuals, seconded by Mrs Renton. The counter motion was carried by 6 votes for and 2 against. This item to be discussed further at the next meeting.

4 PLANNING APPLICATION: CALDRA HOUSE

No objections; it was pleasing that a derelict building was to be renovated.

5 IT UPDATE

(a) Scott said the website was continuing to attract hits. Pictures of the Jubilee celebrations and Reiver's visit were to be put on. Information relating to the vacancy for a Church of Scotland Minister for Langton Parish was also included and times of church services. Scott asked that any associations such as WRI should email him with forthcoming programmes for inclusion. Mrs Darling to ask Mrs Marjoribanks for Guild syllabus and Mrs Allman to ask Mrs Booker for WRI one.

(b) A questionnaire from Scottish Borders Rural Partnership asking the same questions as one sent to all residents in Gavinton had been received therefore Scott to contact Suzanne Martin and give her our findings.

(c) Community computer – the corner of the kitchen between the 2 doors seems to be the preferred position, Scott to liaise with Iain Aitchison of Village Hall Committee and also to contact BT to ask how long it will take to put in a 'phone line. David Hood, Old Church, is willing to help. Scott also to ask Andy Henderson what other communities have done with regard to security of equipment. The digital camera will be purchased when the computer is installed.

It was decided not to enter the Calor Gas competition this year.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr Macmillan said the current account stood at £382 and the Special Account at £2060.

7 SBC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED FREE CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME

Mrs Darling to reply that as free travel would not start until 9.30am Gavinton residents would be disadvantaged as the only bus coming into the village going to Duns/Berwick arrived at 9.16am. Also full fare would have to be paid from the Border into Berwick, whereas at present half-fare was payable for the whole journey.

8 SBC COMMUNITY COUNCILS' INSURANCE

An insurance certificate had been issued and was handed over to Mr Gill to display on village hall wall. Items insured were listed. A 4-drawer filing cabinet is the only item belonging to the Community Council, its replacement value was estimated at £100.

Anxiety was expressed that legal expenses are not included in the current insurance policy but this is being looked into by SBC.

9 SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY COUNCILS' NETWORK

The 4th annual seminar is to be held on 5 October at SBC HQ. The programme was discussed and distributed. David Hume, new Chief Executive of SBC will be the main speaker. Each community council can be represented by up to 4 delegates. Scott to look into demonstrating our website. To be included in next agenda.

What input would community councillors like to have into trust funds, at present there is none. It was agreed representation should be requested.

10 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) Letter from Mr & Mrs Rooke, purchasers of the Garage Strip.
- (b) BCCF Minutes of AGM, 20 March 2002.
Community Bridging Fund Scheme.
Instructions for hire of the shredder.
- (c) UKVillages.co.uk
- (d) SMP Playgrounds catalogue.

11 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Request for recycling bins in Village Hall – one for bottles and one for cans, labelled, for use after functions. Ian Gill to speak to Village Hall Committee.
- (b) Right-of-way, Fogo – between Lych View and church, over the Blackadder and up the bank. Request for it to be reinstated and a bridge erected over the river (the old one was washed away in floods of 1948). Photographs were displayed showing remains of path, it was said that the land does not belong to Mr Trotter. The Scottish Conservation Group have looked at it and are going to draw up a plan. To be included in next agenda.
- (c) Maitland Row – Darren Silcock, SBC Roads Department had been to examine the road with regard to repairing and would report back.
- (d) Dog-fouling bin – has been re-sited to the east end of Gavinton after consultation with the 2 nearest residents who had no objections. However another resident has sent a letter of complaint to Mr Hogg, Parks Development Officer. The community council is noting the

complaint. Dog owners are pleased with the siting of the bin and children glad it has been removed from near the play area on the village green.

- (e) Football on Gavinton village green – complaints have been received from residents surrounding the green. Parked cars are at risk and a house window has been cracked. The SBC lawnmowers had difficulty cutting the grass. There was unanimous agreement that Mrs Darling speak to the secondary school children and ask them to return the goal net to the playing field and to play football there. There are no objections to the primary school children playing on the green.
- (f) Jim Clark Memorial Rally – Mrs Darling had written to Mr Pagan after the rally thanking him for the good organisation of the event, there had been no problems in Gavinton. It was stated that some red tape and notices pertaining the to rally had not been removed from the route.

12 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, 30 September 2002 at 7.00pm in Village Hall.
Monday, 11 November 2002.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Chairman BR Darling Date 30/9/02