

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 11 November 2002 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mrs M Bishop, Mr S Brodie, Mr I Gill,
Mr N Humphry, Mr D Paterson, Mrs J Seed, Mr B Weir,
Councillor W L Forrest

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr A Macmillan, Mrs F Renton and Mrs J Wheadon.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2002

With the addition of Mr D Paterson to attendance it was agreed the Minute, which had previously been circulated, could be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.8 Scottish Borders Floral Gateway Award – The Award Ceremony in Hawick on 22 October was postponed due to bad weather. No one had been able to attend on 29 October. Mr Hogg is bringing the trophy to Mrs Darling on 13 November. Whether it can be retained, having won it 3 consecutive years is to be queried.

3.9 Scottish Borders Community Councils' Network Seminar, 5 October. Mrs Darling gave a summary of the presentations. Mrs Renton also attended and Mr Brodie came to demonstrate our website

3.11(b) Right of Way, Fogo – Mrs Allman had seen Mrs Chernoff who is continuing to make contacts. Mrs Sawers has written a paragraph of memories to add to the evidence being collected. Mr Hunter the son of the then Fogo Minister had visited recently and expressed interest.

7 Vacancy for a Gavinton member – No interest has been received in the vacancy.

10(a) Grass cutting in Fogo – A helpful letter from Stuart Young, SBC, had been received. Work has commenced today on Fogo Churchyard boundary walls and fence adjacent to the war graves. The road between Fogo and Bogend is to be assessed by the Duns Area Network Officer.

10(b) Repair of lych gate, Fogo – Mr Tom Chisholm has been asked to assess the repairs needed to the lych gate.

4 BUS SERVICE 60 INTO GAVINTON

We await a reply from First Bus

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Dwelling house and garage, Plot 3, Hardens Road – no objection.

(b) Duns Rugby Football Club, land at Clockmill – there was a majority decision to query the suitability of the site. It was pointed out that the field is outside our Community Council boundary.

(c) Erection of single dwelling house, amendment to 01/01337, land adjacent to Cothill Farm – no objection.

(d) Erection of dwelling house, site adjacent to Cothill Bungalow – no objection.

(e) Notification was given of the proposed house extension and erection of stables at Langton Edge

6 THEFTS AND ATTEMPTED BREAK-INS IN GAVINTON AND POLWARTH

Theft of a bicycle and petrol from a car both in The Glebe on Wednesday, 23 October and attempted break-ins at 2 properties in Polwarth had been reported to the police. Gavinton Neighbourhood Watch has since held a meeting.

7 IT REPORT

Scott Brodie reported the BT line to the village hall for the computer is to be put in this week. The £99 charge will be paid by SBRP. Scott will check the questionnaire for names of those who expressed interest and require training.

8 TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr Macmillan had sent details of the bank accounts, £378.94 and £1,996.34. Mrs Alliman was paid for the winter planting at Fogo and thanked for her effort.

9 SBC AGENDAS

It was agreed to continue to receive these by post and reassess once the Gavinton computer is active.

10 SCOTTISH BORDERS RURAL PARTNERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Dates and topics were noted.

11 BERWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY COUNCILS FORUM, INFORMATION AND TRAINING DAY, 16 NOVEMBER

No nominations apart from Mrs Darling were received.

12 SBC BUDGET 2003/04

The letter of 26 September 2002 from the Chief Executive was noted. Scott Brodie asked if there was information on the capital funding identified for Berwickshire High School. Logan Forrest explained this is yet to be clarified in detail.

13 SBC PLANNING INFORMATION, REQUEST FOR FLOODS MEMORIES

Leaflets have been distributed to those thought to have flood memories.

14 SCOTTISH BORDERS LICENSING BOARD (EAST DIVISION)

It was noted that Moira Prentice, Golden Square, Duns has received permission for off-licence sales but must attend a training course before opening.

15 SBC REPORT ON SCRUTINY

Ideas for scrutiny topics were invited by the end of November.

16 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled.-

- (a) Letter from Shona Robison, MSP, re proposed restriction for sale and use of fireworks. - It was agreed to support the proposed members bill in principle.
- (b) SBRP finance and business support seminars – leaflets available.
- (c) Berwickshire Housing Association, Autumn 2002
- (d) Scottish Borders Community Safety Forum, report on Domestic Abuse Conference, September 02

- (e) Borders Local Health Council, change of telephone numbers
- (f) Letter from Councillor John Elliot, re removal of field hedges. – No one knew of any local hedge having been removed.
- (g) Scotways Lammermuir Hills Signage Project – questionnaire. It was agreed Mrs Darling would complete the questionnaire.
- (h) Scottish Association for Mental Health, Pilot Development Service
- (i) Scottish Executive, October 2002, Getting Involved in Planning – Mrs Seed borrowed the copy
- (j) MOD - information circulated on low flying 25 November – 5 December.
- (k) Scottish Natural Heritage, Eastern Lowlands – questionnaire to be completed by Mrs Darling.
- (l) BCCF reply from SBC on Wind Farms – there was discussion on Crystal Rig and Black Hill projects.
- (m) SBC Annual Public Performance Report.
- (n) Lothian and Borders Police G Division results 2001/02.

17 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Logan Forrest intimated that Scottish Power numbers have been omitted from the new Borders Telephone Directory
- (b) A question was asked on the Area Committee presentation about the Jim Clark Rally, 4 – 6 July 2003. Apart from the dates for next year being notified, it was apparent that the rally is being driven by the needs of sponsorship and the media.

18 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, 16 December 2002
 Monday, 27 January 2003

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman S. F. Darling Date 16/12/02