

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Church Hall on Monday, 29 September 2003 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mrs M Bishop, Mr I Gill, Mr N Humphry,
Mr A Macmillan, Mrs J Seed, Mrs C Taylor, Mr B Weir.
Councillor Mrs M McCrave
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr D Paterson, Mrs F Renton and Mrs L Chernoff.

PC Callum Wilson telephoned before and after the meeting asking if there were any police matters.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 AUGUST 2003

It was agreed the Minute, which had previously been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3,10 Scotland's Floral Gateway -- no results given yet.

16(e) Middlefield Bridge – fencing in place. Jim Clark Rally will be invoiced for work.

10 Community Councils Special Project Funds – Gavinton Village Hall committee wish to apply for funding for an electronic keyboard for the village. They guarantee they could match-fund. Mrs Bishop proposed this application should be made, seconded by Mrs Seed, no one voted against the motion. The application form was passed to Mrs Darling to complete.

4 FOGO FOOTBRIDGE AND PATH

Mrs Chernoff sent a note thanking Mrs Darling, Mrs Renton and Councillor Mrs McCrave for their support. The application is scheduled to be submitted on 15 October but before then Mrs Darling, Mrs Renton and Mr Macmillan will check over the form with Mrs Chernoff.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

(a) St Leonard's, Polwarth – erection of dwelling house. Some Polwarth residents feel that the design is out of keeping with adjacent listed properties. Access onto the narrow road is seen as dangerous. Linking sewage to treatment works via Packman's Brae land does not seem acceptable. If planning permission is granted than as many trees as possible should be retained on the site.

(b) Langton Mains – change of use of derelict buildings to form 6 dwellinghouses
erection of dwellinghouse in walled garden
erection of dwellinghouse adjacent to derelict land
erection of mansion house
no objections to outline planning application.

6 GARAGE STRIP, GAVINTON

During the first week of construction a dispute over the ownership of a hedge to the East of the site occurred when it was being ripped out. Mr Rooke thought it belonged to him but the Church of Scotland think it is a joint boundary hedge with their land. An electricity cable was damaged causing loss of power to most of Gavinton and some surrounding areas for up to 7 hours. A sewage pipe has also been ruptured.

Electricity power will be off in some parts of Gavinton on Thursday, 2 October, while the H pole is moved.

7 IONA COTTAGE

Building work is due to start at beginning of October. Hopefully there will be co-operation with builders working on Garage Strip.

8 WEBSITE UPDATE

No report from Scott Brodie and it has not been updated. Mrs Bishop has offered to take over the running of the website and to speak to Scott to whom the Community Council is very grateful for his past efforts. Mrs Taylor said that New Ways were planning a website to cover the whole of the Borders which should be up and running in January. The BCCF is in the final stages of a website with portals to Berwickshire Community Councils and training for 30 councillors.

9 VILLAGE COMPUTER

This is to be handed over to Gordon village. Mrs Darling to ask for payment for the secure cupboard and padlocks in which it is housed.

10 TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance of working account is £622. Second account balance is £1726.

11 FOGO BRIDGE AND STATE OF ROADS IN GAVINTON

When Euan Robson MSP and Sir Archy Kirkwood MP visited Gavinton village hall to meet constituents, Euan Robson noted the poor conditions of the roads and wrote to Daren Silcock asking if a resurfacing project might be considered. The reply was that there were no funds but he would inspect the roads.

With regard to the finish of the Fogo Bridge parapet walls which a constituent had thought of poor quality, SBC said they have been rebuilt in traditional "bed and tuck" style using lime based mortars in keeping with masonry repairs throughout the Borders.

12 SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM CONFERENCE, 26 SEPTEMBER

This was held at Netherdale, Galashiels.

13 SBCCN REQUEST RE MENACE OF CHEWING GUM ON PAVEMENTS

The SBCC Network may be eligible to apply for a grant for a machine to clean up chewing gum from pavements which is a menace in some communities. There is a possibility of joining with Dumfries & Galloway and West Lothian to purchase this machine. It was decided that the Community Council should support this venture.

14 NOMINATION FOR SBC YOUNG SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

Mrs Darling had nominated Joel Roberts of Gavinton who has 2 British awards for backcrawl and hopes to swim in the next Commonwealth Games. He did not win but was delighted to have been nominated.

15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) Newsletter by Neil MacCormick, MEP
- (b) New Ways, Events Innovation Scheme

- (c) SEPA View, Issue 16
- (d) Berwickshire Area Committee, Small Grants Scheme 2003-04
- (e) Children's Panel Recruitment.
- (f) Towards Zero, Issue 4, Community Recycling for Scotland
- (g) The Pension Service, information
- (h) Berwickshire Housing Association Bulletin, Summer 2003
- (i) Borders Local Health Council, Update August 2003
- (j) Postwatch Scotland, Summer 2003
- (k) Water Customer Consultation Panels.
- (l) Scottish Executive, Scottish Rural Partnership Fund 2004/2005
- (m) SNH Magazine No 23.
- (n) Training for loan workers, Duns, 29 October – Mrs Taylor to apply.
- (o) Notice of proposed private Bill Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill – Objection Form – objection to be supported.

16 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Interruption of electricity supply – Mrs Darling to contact Scottish Power re frequent flash cuts which are occurring in the area.
- (b) The hedges along the Fogo to Bogend road have been cut but not far enough back to give good visibility.
- (c) Lych Gate, Fogo church has been repaired.

17 FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, 10 November 2003) Church Hall, Gavinton at 7pm
 Monday, 15 December 2003)

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Chairman E. J. Darling Date 15/11/03