

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Church Hall on Monday, 8th March 2004 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr A Macmillan, Mrs J Seed, Mrs C Taylor,
Councillor Mrs M McCrave
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs M Bishop, Mr I Gill, Mr N Humphry, Mr D Paterson and Mr B Weir.

2 POLICE INPUT IF REQUIRED

PC Cavanagh called in and in answer to a query about nuisance noise from bird scarers at night she said that SBC Environmental Dept should be contacted. She warned that elderly people in particular should beware of letting strangers into the house and of the scam of using a child to distract the person while someone else entered. All calls to Lothian and Borders Police go to the call centre at Bilston so when calling give your post code. PC Cavanagh then left.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26th January 2004

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

4 MATTERS ARISING

4,3,5 Name plates on Gavinton stone flower wells – have been dipped matt-black and the name is currently being highlighted then the plates will be replaced on the flower wells.

4,5 Trust and Bequest Funds held by SBC – Councillor McCrave said she had spoken to David Quinn, SBC, who was not aware that there was a bequest for Gavinton Village Hall, however Mrs Darling was able to show her the document on which it was included. She also said that Mr Quinn said that if a proposal was made which would benefit the community then money would be released. It was explained to Coun McCrave that this had been tried but the criteria was almost impossible to meet. Coun McCrave to look further into this and to be discussed again at the next meeting.

9 SBC Budget and Financial Planning Process Meeting – to be put on next agenda

8 Langton Ford footpath – work could not be carried out due to snow. SBC has changed its mind regarding the use of the grant money.

5 BERWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY COUNCILS FORUM AGM 17TH MARCH

Mrs Taylor said she would attend.

6 PLANNING APPLICATION

St Leonard's Polwarth – the application was refused by SBC Development and Building Control Committee on 8th March 2004 as it was contrary to Policy 63 of the Berwickshire Local Plan in that the form and appearance of the existing building group at Polwarth would be adversely affected by form of additional development proposed.

7 FOGO HERITAGE PROJECT – COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

The fund has allocated £5,000 to the project provided that the application for a Heritage Lottery Grant is successful. It is hoped news of this will be received in the next 2 weeks. If the application is

successful then Mrs Chernoff and Mrs Renton will be due expenses. Also Community Council should be reimbursed £130 for planning application.

8 WEBSITE

- (a) Update on Gavinton website - to be transferred to BCCF website.
- (b) Berwickshire Communities Online – Our existing website will be included and Mrs Bishop will receive training to be able to operate and update it.

9 SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY COUNCILS NETWORK MEETING HELD ON 4TH FEBRUARY

- Mrs Darling reported that there would be a Community Council Seminar at Earlston High School on 27th March which will include a workshop on Economic Development and Environmental Planning.
- The Annual Seminar at SBC will be on 2nd October and ideas for the programme are requested.
- Douglas Scott will be our contact at SBC when Jason McDonald leaves.
- SBC cannot provide labour to man a chewing gum machine for cleaning pavements.
- A handbook for Community Councils should be available by the end of March.
- Planning Aid training for Berwickshire Community Councils is proposed for the autumn.
- Association of Scottish Community Councils – funding agreed by the Scottish Executive. Wind farms and affordable housing in rural areas are high on the agenda.
- SBCCN AGM 18th May, 7pm at Melrose.

Mrs Darling said that the Network was being recognised as a worthwhile organisation within the Borders.

10 SOCIAL WORK IN SCOTTISH BORDERS, SEMINAR HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY

Mrs Darling attended. There were 3 other Community Councils from Berwickshire represented.

Topics included looking at how Social Work Department and Health Board could work together more closely. New Disability Act and what is happening throughout the Borders, both physical and mental disabilities covering employment, housing, churches, transport. When looking at ramps for the disabled the design should be kept simple. More pain clinics are needed. There will be a follow up to this meeting.

11 BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION SCOTLAND

Volunteers are required and free talks and workshops are to be arranged. The information was passed to Mrs J Seed.

12 TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance of working account is £551. Second account balance is £1768. Two payments totalling £15 due to Langton Church for use of hall for Community Council meetings. The Treasurer will prepare the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2004.

14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) SBRP Rural Community Transport Grant
- (b) Campaign against Tweed Salmon Farm – Letter of support to be sent.
- (c) The Reiver Project, Mobile Information Service
- (d) Press release from Scottish Borders Council on Borders Town Condition Survey
- (e) YO! Borders Newsletter – passed to Mrs J Seed.
- (f) Natural Way Burial – Shawfield Cemetery, Selkirk to introduce woodland burials.
- (g) Elspeth Attwooll MEP Newsletter
- (h) Neil MacCormick MEP Newsletter
- (i) Water Customer Consultation Panels, Meetings and Summary Bulletin

- (j) Southern Upland Partnership – support requested Letter of support to be sent.
- (k) BAVS Newsletter

Catalogues:

Glasdon, Litter and Dog Waste Bins.

14 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

None.

15 FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, 26th April 2004) Church Hall, Gavinton, 7pm
Monday, 24th May 2004 or 7th June for AGM)

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Chairman S.S. Darling Date 26/4/04