

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Church Hall on Monday, ~~7~~⁵ July 2004 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mrs M Bishop, Mr I Gill,
Mr A Macmillan, Mrs F Renton, Mrs C Taylor, Mr B Weir.
Mrs L Chernoff.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr N Humphry, Mr D Paterson, Mrs J Seed,
Councillor M McCrave, Mrs. J Wheadon.

2 POLICE INPUT IF REQUIRED

No police in attendance.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26th April 2004

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

4 MATTERS ARISING

4,5 Trust and Bequest Funds held by SBC - All monies from Fogo funds have been
granted although the total amounts are not yet known. No monies have been
received yet.

4,8 Langton Ford footpath - Leader+ funding is not appropriate for the Langton
footpath. Other funding may be available which is appropriate.

22(a) Potholes in Gavinton - Although work was done on the potholes they remain a
problem. Some patching was done but there are still potholes throughout the
village.

12 Traffic through village - The offending lorries have stopped using the village as a
short cut however the problem of morning traffic continues.

15(b) Water seminar - Mrs. Taylor was unable to attend this seminar as her train was
held up for 2 hours because of an accident on the line. She has however received
a report from the seminar. Scottish Borders does have a serious water and
sewerage problem as it is running to almost full capacity. Scottish Borders Council
have their hands tied as all monies for modernisation are 'ring fenced' by the
Scottish Executive.

5 FOGO FOOTBRIDGE UPDATE

The footbridge now nears completion. Mrs Chernoff brought along a photographic record of
the work to date. Mrs Renton showed the landscaping estimate given by Mr Niall Whyte
which was agreed at the meeting. Information boards are now in the pipeline. Progress
report is now ready and can be forwarded for the remainder of the funding. The opening
ceremony will take place on ~~30~~³¹ July and there will be 70 invitations sent out.

Mrs Darling suggested that we could use the Fogo footbridge in the New Ways Award
scheme. It was felt by the committee that it would be better left until next year when the
landscaping is mature. Mrs. Darling gave thanks to all involved for their hard work.

6 WEBSITE

- (a) Update on Community Council website - New software has now been loaded onto Mrs Darlings' computer. Mr Ward will photograph the Gavinton visit of the Reivers' Lass for the website

There is still £200 available in the funds for the purchase of a new scanner which will be attached to Mrs Darlings' computer

- (b) The minutes of the Community Council will be available on the BCCF website.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) Viewfield - There were no objections to this application.
(b) Bogend - Planning application must be returned by 26th July.

8 TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Macmillan reported that there is £904 in the Community Council Account and £1772 in the special account.

9 DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

There will be a full discussion at the next Community Council meeting when Mrs Renton will take the chair. All responses must be made to Scottish Borders Council by 3rd September.

10 ASSOCIATION OF SCOTTISH COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Mrs Darling attended this meeting and reported back. It was a positive meeting. ASCC funding has been discussed by Scottish Executive.

11 SCHOOL SESSION/HOLIDAY DATES

After discussion, it was decided by committee that we would vote for Option 2 which was Easter Monday as a holiday and the October week to remain unchanged

12 FLORAL GATEWAY

Judging will take place on Tuesday 6th July at 1.30

13 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL FOCUS GROUP

This meeting was attended by Mrs Darling and Mrs Renton. Mrs Darling gave the committee a report of the meeting including housing policy in the countryside.

14 STREET NAMES

On investigation Mrs Darling was informed if street names are to be fitted in the village they can only be erected on an individuals home with the householders permission. Mrs Darling suggested that we ask the community if they are in favour of a community Coat of Arms. If a Coat of Arms is favourable the street names would be postponed until a design was ready and could be placed on the new street names. Mrs Darling is to investigate the possibility of a grant for this work.

15 JIM CLARK RALLY

There were no problems this year. Very wet conditions and inclement weather forced the

organisers to cancel some legs of the rally.

16 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) Low Flying Exercise
- (b) Walks in the Lammermuir Hills
- (c) Consultation document on Water Charging and Investment.
- (d) RESPECT
- (e) Southern Uplands Partnership Annual Report
- (f) SEPA
- (g) BAVS Newsletter
- (h) Postwatch
- (i) Local Government in Scotland Act 2003
- (j) Serving your Community

Catalogues received:

- (a) Wicksteed leisure
- (b) Shaws Stationery for Local Councils.

17 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) ASCC questionnaire on Community Council work and membership has been completed.
- (b) Melrose in Bloom – invitation to a talk on Alnwick Gardens.

18 FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, 16th August 2004) Church Hall, Gavinton, 7pm
Monday, 27th September 2004)

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman S.P. Darling Date 16/8/04