

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting held at Gavinton Church Hall on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2005, at 7pm

Present: Mrs B Darling (Chair), Mrs M Bishop, Mr I Gill, Mr D Patterson, Mrs J Seed, Mr A MacMillan, Mrs C Allman, Mrs F Renton, Mrs J O'Kane (Secretary), PC J Wilson (part)

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mr N Humphrey, Mrs C Taylor, Mr B Weir, Cllr M McCrave
2. PC Wilson reported there had been just one incident of note in the area: someone had been trying doors in the Glebe after dark. Mrs Darling raised the issue of the stolen roadsigns still not being replaced, despite this having been mentioned to SBC and the police. Vandalism at Langton Ford had been reported and repaired.
3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2005 were approved.
4. Matters arising:
  - Power cuts – every household will need to apply separately for compensation when the work has been done.
  - Hanging baskets - £60 received in lieu at last.
  - Sewage overflow at The Glebe – Mrs Darling has received a letter from Euan Robson MSP about compensation for this. It was agreed that each affected household should at least claim compensation for cleaning their cars.
  - Telephone problem at Bogend – these were off from 8 August to 1 September. There has still been no answer as to why the repair could not be done earlier when the road was closed.
  - Phone boxes – Mrs Darling has written to BT thanking them for listening. BT have written, saying they were happy to work with CCs to ensure availability of phonecards. Mrs Chernoff has requested that Fogo phone box be repainted, as it is very faded; this will be done in 2006/07.
  - Gavinton resurfacing work to Main Street – it was confirmed that £6,000 was a misprint which should have read £60,000, a much more realistic figure.
  - Work opposite The Auld Kirk to alleviate flooding has now been done.
5. Scotland's Floral Gateway results: Gavinton was 2<sup>nd</sup>, Foulden won.
6. Polwarth Kirk meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> September – there was a good attendance, and a volunteer group has been set up to investigate future uses of the Kirk.
7. Planning applications previously circulated were discussed:
  - Langton Estate: Houses 7 and 8 (Mrs Seed declared an interest) – it was felt that the oil tank and garages sited on plot 8 may intrude on plot 7.
  - Polwarth Plot 31 approved with 8 conditions.
  - Plot 1, SW of Langton Edge – plans were available at the meeting.
  - Plot 2, SW of Langton Edge - plans were available at the meeting.
8. SBRP seminar, 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Transport Forum was reported on by Mrs Darling. There has been a request to First Bus for every 60 bus to come into Gavinton.
9. BCCF meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> September - Mrs Darling reported on this and recommended the Planning Aid day at Allanton in 2006.
10. SBCCN seminar, 8<sup>th</sup> October at SBC – Mrs Renton and Mrs Taylor are attending.
11. SBC training evenings for CCs: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 7-9pm – Accounting procedures and preparing funding applications. Mrs Darling is to attend, and suggested that if anyone from the Village Hall Committee wished to do so, they could. Mrs Bishop will find out.
12. Website update – this is still under maintenance.
13. Treasurer's report – there is £1552 in the ordinary account and £1696 in the other account. The use of the 'dump the dump' monies will be discussed at the next CC meeting.
14. Correspondence received:
  - Scottish Borders Elder Voice open day, Galashiels, 3<sup>rd</sup> October – there is now an extensive programme of activities which was circulated.

- Eastern Borders Development Association: nominations for Award 2005 by 7<sup>th</sup> November
- SBC Abandoned Vehicle scheme – for a limited period there will be free removal of unwanted vehicles and farm machinery.
- Borders Care & Repair
- Lothian & Borders Fire and Rescue Service
- Southern Upland Way, Issue No. 19 – copy of “Writing the Way”, £5 to MacMillan Cancer Relief
- BAVS AGM: 21<sup>st</sup> September at Foulden Village Hall – it was agreed not to renew the CC’s subscription
- National Lottery Day, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2005
- Berwickshire CAB Annual Review 2004/05
- SEPA View Issue 25
- Renewable Energy Fair, Dumfries, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30-4pm (£1.21 to pay for postage!)
- Tweed Matters Issue 8
- Letter from C Malster of SBC confirming that the CC accounts will need to go to the Business Improvement Unit.
- NHS Borders re making parts of patients’ records available to the out of hours service
- SBC letter about Scrutiny, which monitors SBC’s activities
- Postwatch Scotland

15. AOCB

- There are still instances of NHS24 providing an unsatisfactory level of service.
- Mrs O’Kane reported that the composting bins will now be issued in spring 2006.
- The Grueldykes right of way is still difficult to access, despite letters to the landowner and SBC.

16. Dates of future meetings:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005, Gavinton Church Hall, 7pm  
 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2005, Gavinton Church Hall, 7pm

Bridget Darling  
 Chairman

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