

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting held at Gavinton Church Hall on Monday 17 July 2006 at 7pm

Present: Mrs C Allman, Mrs M Bishop, Mrs B Darling (Chair), Mr I Gill, Mrs J O'Kane (minutes secretary), Mr D Paterson, Mrs F Renton, Mr M Rooke, Mrs C Taylor and Cllr Mrs M McCrave. Also in attendance were Mr P Gibbens (see item 2) and Mr J Lamont.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mr N Whyte and Mr B Weir
2. The nomination of Mr Peter M Gibbens to represent Fogo was proposed by Mrs Renton, seconded by Mrs Darling and carried
3. Police input: the police were not represented at this meeting
4. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 5 June 2006 were agreed
5. Matters arising:
  - Requests for hedge cutting: there was a discussion on what rules apply to landowners about hedge cutting; Mr Rooke volunteered to supply information to Mrs Darling to enable her to go back to the relevant landowners
  - Dog fouling in Gavinton: the situation has improved
  - SBC Community Council Special Project funds: application lodged for Gavinton Village Hall funds
  - Electricity outages: it was agreed that Mrs Darling will contact Ofgem
  - Fogo churchyard gravestone: this has been reported to SBC but not yet put right
6. John Hunter footbridge and Rights of Way paths: SBC are now refusing to maintain these, despite having confirmed in writing that they would. Mrs Darling has queried this and grasscutting has been reinstated for this year only, and SBC will carry out structural checks on the bridge regularly. Mr Lamont suggested that the CC get a copy of SBC's pathway plan
7. Request for speed limit at Fogo was refused, as the village is 'not built up enough to have its own limit, and existing speeds are well below a possible limit'. To be discussed at August meeting of Berwickshire Area Committee.
8. Planning applications:
  - Gavinton Village Hall – being circulated
  - Fogo: 6 houses – Mrs Renton informed the meeting that the 6 houses applied for were much bigger than had been consulted on, and the application is now withdrawn
  - Crunklaw: erection of general purpose shed (notification only)The meeting discussed the implications of a letter received from B Frater of SBC about changes to the Development Control Service. It was agreed that the effects will be far-reaching and the meeting was not happy with all the proposed changes
9. Charter 88: Campaign for a modern and fair democracy – it was agreed to support this
10. Public Petitions Committee, Jedburgh 26 June: this was attended by Mrs Darling and Mrs Renton who were disappointed at a poor turnout. Sadly, all evidence was stolen that night in Edinburgh.
11. CC response to Rural Programme Development: Mrs Darling has written in support of this
12. Borders Digital Forum, 14 July at Tweed Horizons: Mrs Renton reported on this
13. Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland: Review of Electoral Arrangements – this CC area will be in 'mid-Berwickshire', represented by three elected members from May 2007
14. Treasurer's report: Mrs Bishop reported that no new statements had been received yet, so the balance stands as it was. The rent rebate has not yet been received. Forms were signed by the Chairman and the Secretary for the bank to recognise Mrs Bishop as the new Treasurer
15. Correspondence received:
  - NHS Borders: *Getting Fit for the Future*: Summary report on Public Consultation

- Scottish Water: Enabling development in Scotland
- Sepa View, Issue 30
- Scottish Borders Elder Voice, June 2006
- BAVS Charity Shop/Berwickshire Wheels newsletter
- Lothian and Borders Police information sheet
- Fogo Nursery: Mrs Renton is now a keyholder
- Scottish Executive/Communities Scotland: 'Improving Community Engagement in Scotland' cards
- SBC: Regional Transport Strategy Consultation
- SBC: Corporate Plan 2006-09 and Community Plan 2006-16
- Judging for the Floral Gateway will be 1 August at 1.45pm

16. AOCB

- Mr Paterson reported that the road markings in Gavinton are causing problems with drivers not realising who has priority. Mrs Darling to discuss with SBC
- Mrs Renton said that markings on the road in Fogo suggests that work is going to take place there soon
- Most members agreed with Mr Gibbens that although the Jim Clark Rally was generally well organised, there was a problem with some followers who drove as though they were taking part in the rally, and the racing cars travelling very fast between stages
- Cllr McCrave confirmed that the same arrangements as last year will apply to hanging baskets, and that applications should be made to Jason Hedley of SBC

17. Dates of future meetings:

Monday 28 August, 7pm at Gavinton

Monday 9 October, 7pm at Fogo Old School

*B. Darling 29 August 2006*

Bridget Darling  
Chairman