



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Gavinton Church Hall on Monday 19 February 2007 at 7pm

Present: Mrs C Allman, Mrs M Bishop, Mrs B Darling (Chair), Mr P Gibbens, Mr I Gill, Mrs J O'Kane (minutes secretary), Mr D Patterson, Mrs F Renton, Mrs J Seed, Mr N Whyte. Also in attendance were Cllr. M McCrave, 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs C Taylor and Mr M Rooke
2. Presentation by Mr Ray Hunter, RES, on community benefits arising from Black Hill Wind Farm, followed by questions. Mr Hunter outlined the different options of models for dealing with community benefit. He is currently visiting and/or holding discussions with community councils which consider themselves to be affected by the windfarm; it will be RES who decide which communities actually receive financial benefit
After Mr Hunter left, the following was agreed:
 - To add this matter to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting
 - To encourage the other CCs affected to hold a joint meeting to discuss the way forward. Mrs Bishop, Mrs O'Kane and Mr Whyte will represent GP & P CC at any such meeting.
3. There was no police attendance
4. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 8 January 2007 were agreed and signed
5. Matters arising:
 - SBC budget presentation 29 January: attended by Mrs Renton, Mrs Bishop
 - Fogo footbridge: reply from the Hunt received after the Master visited the site
 - Speeding through Gavinton: 1 person has been caught and booked. A 'smiley face' sign has been requested.
6. Planning applications:
 - Plot 1, Hardens Road, Duns: erection of dwellinghouse renewal (outline) – no objections
 - Land east of steading, Caldra Farm: erection of 2 dwellinghouses (outline) – no objections
 - Woodlea, Caldra: erection of 2 storage sheds (notification only) – no objections
 - Proposed development at St Leonards, Polwarth – no comments/objections
7. Neighbourhood Watch, Gavinton: nominated office bearers wish to retire. To be discussed at next meeting.
8. Scottish Borders speed limit review 2007: consultation Fogo village to have a 30mph restriction. The area around Clockmill, Hardens Road and Pouterlanie was discussed and the recommendations approved.
9. Treasurer's report: there has been no movement in the accounts since the last meeting. Mr A Macmillan has agreed to audit the accounts. Mrs Darling proposed £80 towards church hall hire, seconded by Mr Patterson. There was discussion about Fogo nursery school's plans to install more storage so that the rest of the community can use the hall. Further discussions will take place at the next meeting. Mrs Bishop then left the meeting.
10. The Post Office network: concern was expressed that plans to reduce the rural network could even mean losing Duns Post Office
11. CC training: (a) seminar 21 February, 7-9pm on local community action planning: Mrs Darling and Mrs Renton to attend; (b) Planning Aid for Scotland training day, Saturday 21 April, 10-4, Selkirk High School: Mrs Seed and Mr Whyte to attend.
12. Website update: no progress to report.
13. National Planning Framework seminar, 22 February, 10-3.15, Tweed Horizons: Mrs Renton to attend.
14. Gavinton village hall for is now cleared out and closed for refurbishment.
15. Community Councils Scheme Review: update given by Mrs Darling.
16. Arrangements for CC nominations April/May: Mrs Darling circulated information on nominations and elections. Cllr. McCrave appointed as returning officer. It was agreed to

inform the community using public notices not letterboxing. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

17. Correspondence received:

- Letters from Major Trotter and Euan Robson MSP re proposed development in Fogo
- Reply from Sarah Glendinning re cost of New Ways dinner
- Coldstream NHS Dental Centre public meeting: 8 March, 3.30pm and 6.30pm, Southfield, Duns
- Gender Equality Duty leaflets
- SEPA View, issue 34
- Shaw's Registers catalogue
- Public Engagement Paper on dental services for the Borders
- Recycling leaflet: not everyone has received this yet
- Digital switchover: meeting at Tweed Horizons, 19 March 10.30, to organise support group
- Age Concern meeting about elderly abuse, 12 March, Galashiels
- Water Watch

18. AOCB

- It was suggested that the 30mph zone at the west end of Gavinton be moved to the Auld Kirk, unless that meant having street lighting
- There has been flytipping of electrical equipment at Langton Burn: SB Local to be contacted
- Cllr. McCrave will speak to Tech. Services about dustmen's working hours
- Supply of electricity to the Green for this year's Christmas tree: Mrs Bishop to be contacted
- New Berwickshire High School: what is the delay and how long is it?

19. Dates of future meetings:

Monday 26 March 2007, Fogo Old School

Monday ~~30~~ April 2007 (AGM), Gavinton church hall

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