

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Gavinton Church Hall on Monday 2 July 2007 at 7pm

Present were Mrs M Bishop (Chair), Mr G MacLeod, Mr T O'Gorman, Mr N Whyte, Mrs C Allman, Mr P Gibbens, Mrs J Seed, Mrs J O'Kane (secretary). Also in attendance were PCs Peyton and Aitchison of Lothian & Borders Police, Cllr T Jones, and 1 member of the public. Apologies were received from Mr J Weir, Cllr F Renton and Cllr D Moffat

- 1. Police input:
- Mr J Marjoribanks made a presentation on the Gavinton Neighbourhood Watch scheme, which needs new people. There is no great call for activity for the 3 wardens, with 4 incidents in the last 6 years, only 1 being criminal. Some insurance companies offer reduced rates for being in an NW area. Mr Marjoribanks will stay on as warden, Mr I Gill has agreed to be another, Mrs B Darling has agreed to be the village coordinator and knows someone who may agree to be the 3rd warden. The police advised that NW schemes can discourage criminals though not stop them. PC Peyton offered to set up a meeting between the new wardens and the Crime Prevention team.
- Another incident at the exit onto A6105: a vehicle travelling towards Duns slid on a diesel spillage, crossed the road and knocked over the road sign. The police stressed that they cannot take action, it has to be dealt with by SBC, though they will look into options. They advised the CC to get in touch with the local MSP. Mrs Bishop asked Cllr. Jones to investigate at SBC what can be done; he will speak with Cllr Fullarton, another Berwickshire councillor who holds the Technical Services portfolio.
- 2. Jim Clark Rally: arrangements for 2008. Mr J Marjoribanks told CC members how the Rotary Club raises funds by organising parking and advised that by charging people to view from the Gavinton side, the CC may raise about £1000. The dates for 2008 are 23-25 May, and the CC would need to negotiate with the rally organisers. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting. Cllr Jones said a post-mortem on this year's event is currently taking place, and he will report back on its findings.
- 3. Vacancy for a Fogo member: nomination of Kerry Renton, proposed by Mrs Allman, seconded by Mr Gibbens, was agreed. The Gavinton candidate has withdrawn, so there are still 3 vacancies.
- 4. Minutes of the meeting of 21 May 2007 were approved
- 5. Matters arising
- CC insurance: Mrs O'Kane confirmed the coverage, but there was confusion about what the 'interpretative panel' is (could it be the notice board at Fogo?) and £200 is inadequate cover for the benches in Gavinton.
- Confirmation of mileage rate for attending meetings: 40p per mile
- Mrs Bishop gave an update on refurbishment of Gavinton village hall: Good news the
 contractor, McLeish of Melrose, brings equipment onsite w/c 16 July, with work due to start w/c
 23 July and a completion date of 18 April 2008. A container may be required on the green for
 storage; SBC approval will be required for this and portaloos for the workmen.
- 6. Discussion about bus shelter for Gavinton: It was agreed that the number of children using the school bus would justify this, and that if it went ahead it would most appropriately be located at the top end of the village. Cllr Jones will make enquiries about what the procedure is to apply for a shelter.
- 7. Mrs O'Kane reported on meeting held on 7 June she and Mrs Bishop attended with 3 other CCs about community benefit from Black Hill Wind Farm. After some initial opposition to working together, this was agreed, although the 2 CCs which consider themselves most affected require a higher level of access to funds. Members of GFP CC were not happy that Mrs Bishop should sign the minutes of the meeting without the weighting of the benefit being defined. It was suggested that a possible weighting could be 30% to each of the most affected CCs and the remaining 40% shared between GFP CC and Duns.
- 8. Report on SBC CC training evening, 30 May, on Equalities & Diversity by Mr Macleod
- 9. Planning applications plans were viewed and comments made on the following:

- Erection of 2 dwellinghouses at land east of Cothill. Mrs J Seed declared an interest, and left the room during discussions about this application.
- Erection of new dwellinghouse on land NE of Choicelee Farm
- 10. Treasurer's report: Current account stands at £901.64 including a grant of £615 from SBC and hall rental reclaim; computer fund is £419.91.
- 11. Update on Gavinton.net website from Mr Macleod
- 12. Consultation on new replacement windows policy: has gone round Gavinton and a response will be made by Mrs Bishop
- 13. Correspondence received:
 - Scottish Health Council News
 - Postwatch Scotland, Issue 16
 - Scottish Borders Community Safety Forum: Draft Community Safety Strategy consultation respond by 31 August 2007. Will be circulated round CC members.
 - Scottish Borders Elder Voice
 - Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
 - SBC CC Scheme Review respond by 1 October 2007. Will be circulated round CC members

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- Mrs Renton had sent in an update on the proposed dental facility in Coldstream: This will
 open autumn 2008. Cllr Jones said public concerns about lack of suitable public transport
 are being investigated.
- Mrs Bishop reported on a meeting she attended on Structural Plan alterations
- Mrs Seed raised the state of the road to Marchmont Station. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- 15. Dates of future meetings:

Monday 13 August 2007 at Fogo Hall Monday 24 September 2007 at Gavinton Church Hall

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary

13/8/04.