

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Fogo Community Hall on Monday 7 April 2008

Present were Mr B Weir, Mr T O'Gorman (Chair), Mrs C Allman, Mrs K Renton, Mr G MacLeod, Mrs J O'Kane (secretary), Cllr T Jones, Cllr F Renton, Mr D Seed, Mr B Coleman
Apologies had been received from Mrs M Bishop, Mr P Gibbens, Cllr D Moffat.

1. Welcome and introductions: Mr O'Gorman welcomed Mr Seed and Mr Coleman to their first meeting as members of the CC
2. Police input: none
3. Minutes of the meeting of 25 February 2008 were approved and signed. Mrs O'Kane explained that an extract about the agreement to proceed with the coat of arms project has been taken from the minutes to enable Mr Marjoribanks to apply formally, and this was agreed also and signed by Mr O'Gorman.
4. Matters arising
 - Bus shelter in Gavinton: Cllr Renton to progress
 - Ditches on Marchmont Station road: the potholes have been filled in but no progress on the ditches – Cllr Renton to chase
 - Gavinton road junction: More signs have been put up, tree-planting has been delayed, the trees on the corner are to be removed by the homeowner
 - South Street/Maitland Row resurfacing: On SBC work list but Cllr Jones to ascertain its priority
 - Windfarm benefit: Mr O'Gorman reported that a meeting with the other CCs is now being set up
 - Flashing speed sign for Gavinton: Cllr Jones reported that we cannot have a permanent one but can have temporary use of the 'smiley face' signs, which should be in place before the May CC meeting
 - Vandal-proof bin at Langton Ford: Cllr Jones to progress
 - Parking in Gavinton: The horsebox has been moved as requested
5. Planning applications: Mr MacLeod has circulated the summary. Queries being looked into include Fogo Coachhouse (is there permission for the alterations being made?); Cothill steading (work has already started before permission issued); Langton House (previously Coonanglebah) (new gate)
6. Revised Local Plan: Update on recent SBC decision already issued by Mrs Bishop
7. Update on Gavinton.net website: Mr Macleod reported that there had been 82 visits in March.
8. Copies of the Treasurer's report were circulated and approved
9. Correspondence received:
 - Scottish Borders Awards 2008: call for nominations by 6 June and booking now for awards dinner on 3 October
 - Weight restriction to be introduced on Chatterdeanford Bridge, Ladyflat
 - Communities Against Post Office Closures (CAPOC) new website: email forwarded to CC members
 - SBLocal posters for distribution
 - SBC Social Work Services annual report 2007
 - Scottish Government: Planning Modernisation – Consultations and Electronic Publication Strategy. Requirement to register contact email for future distribution of consultations
 - Forestry Commission: Consultation draft climate change action plan 2008-2010. Need to download and respond by 6 June
 - NHS Borders: Discussion paper on the Future of Day Services and Day Hospitals for Older People in the Borders (already circulated), comments to be submitted by 19 May
 - Scottish Borders Community Councils' Network: AGM 30 April, 7pm, Melrose
 - Postwatch Scotland, Issue 18

- 'The Community Councillor' newsletter

10. AOCB

- Mrs O'Kane spoke about the implications of the Data Protection Act for CCs. Training is being organised by SBC. It is hoped that CCs will not have to register, but this is currently unclear.
- Members discussed the publication of CC minutes in the local press, which can sometimes be selective in what is included/excluded. It was agreed that Mrs O'Kane should continue to submit them.
- Mrs O'Kane cannot attend the 23 June meeting; Mr Seed volunteered to take the minutes.
- Mr Weir asked how CCs can find out what works SBC are planning to carry out – should it really be up to councillors to have to keep chasing. To be raised at the BCCF meeting in May.

11. Dates of future meetings (all at 7pm):

Monday 19 May 2008 (AGM)
Monday 23 June 2008
No meeting in August
Monday 1 September 2008
Monday 13 October 2008 - Fogo
Monday 24 November 2008

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary

J. Bishop

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