

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting held at Fogo Hall on Monday 7 September 2009 at 7pm

Present were: Margaret Bishop (Chair), David Seed, Kerry Renton Cathy Allman, Ellen Curran, Terry O’Gorman, Jane Jeffrey, Janet O’Kane (secretary), Councillor Trevor Jones and 1 member of the public.

Apologies were received from: John Marjoribanks, Pete Gibbons, Cllrs Frances Renton and Trevor Jones.

Best wishes were sent to John Marjoribanks, who has had to suspend his sponsored cycle ride due to an accident. Members wished him a speedy recovery from his injuries.

1. Police input: no police presence
2. Minutes of the meeting of 29 June 2009 were agreed and signed
3. Matters arising
  - Report on windfarm – Mrs Darling gave an update on the situation (report attached at end of these minutes).
  - Attendee required for Jim Clark Rally meeting in November – David Seed agreed to represent the CC at this meeting on 30 November. Janet O’Kane will notify Cllr Renton of this.
4. Planning applications – a summary has been issued; there is nothing outstanding. SBC will be consulting on amendments to the Local Plan.
5. Treasurer’s report – the balance of the account stands at £1429
6. Data Protection Act registration – Terry O’Gorman has dealt with a recent query concerning this
7. Transfer of Gavinton village website from G Macleod to J Robertson, Swinton – Graeme Macleod has nearly finished the update and will then hand over to John Robertson. The domain name costs about £80 per year. Until now Graeme has paid this as a contribution to the village, but will reclaim it in future due to his relocation. Once Janet O’Kane has John Robertson’s contact details she will send him meeting minutes, and will also circulate his details so that CC members can contact him with anything they wish to feature on the website.
8. Coat of arms update: there was a discussion about catering for the event. Andrea Marjoribanks and Margaret Bishop will take care of the main part, Cathy Allman agreed to make shortbread biscuits, Ellen Curran agreed to supply fruit loaf. Cathy has a contact who could provide a cake decorated with the coat of arms. Ellen knows someone who may be able to do the flowers. The CC will support these costs.
9. ‘A Year in the Life of Gavinton’ project: Jane Jeffrey outlined the group’s ideas and these were discussed. CC members were generally supportive. John Marjoribanks has suggested that some preservation work of the old churchyard be undertaken now that it has been cleared for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. David Seed offered to get involved with the group and has some experience of sources of funding. Margaret Bishop summed up: the CC supports this work but cannot undertake any of the work involved.
10. Margaret Bishop attended the SBC – Transforming Older People’s Services consultation public event in Duns. She described the plans as long term (15-25 years) and very ambitious, requiring a lot of funding.
11. Margaret Bishop has spoken with John Lamont MSP concerning the need for improved broadband service in rural areas. The onus is on BT to upgrade the infrastructure before speeds can improve.
12. Correspondence received:
  - The Bridge – Online Borders directory community database
  - ASCC publication – The Community Councillor, plus membership notification
  - Scottish Borders Community Councils’ Network – annual seminar, 3 October 2009
  - Scottish Health Council – Connect, Issue 4
  - SBC – Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance, Placemaking & Design DC Rom
  - Scottish Borders Elder Voice – Newsletter August 2009, plus ‘Ageing Well in the Scottish Borders’

- SBC – Invitation to Scottish Borders Access Forum, 8 September, Jedburgh
  - SBC – Confirmation that SB Local phone no. is now general SBC customer services no. 0300 100 1800. Suggestions for SB Local small schemes can go direct to Darren Silcock or via the new number. The idea of improving the area around the garages in Gavinton was discussed as a potential candidate for this funding.
13. AOCB
- Jane Jeffrey raised the subject of sandbags in South Street. SBC have said a new gully is needed to deal with storm water. Margaret Bishop suggested contacting Darren Silcock.
  - Cathy Allman reported that once again a vehicle has gone through the wall at Charterhall. It was felt that such occurrences are not down to inadequate road signage but poor driving.
14. Dates of future meetings (all at 7pm in Gavinton village hall unless otherwise stated):
- 19 October (to include presentation by SBC's Senior Dog Warden)
  - 30 November
  - 11 January 2010
  - 22 February
  - 5 April

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary