

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, 25 September, 2000 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr S Brodie, Mr N Humphry,
Mr A Macmillan, Mrs U Robinson,
Councillor W L Forrest
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary),
4 members of the public.

Mrs Darling welcomed Mr J Marjoribanks and the members of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr I Gill, Mr D Paterson, Mrs F Renton, Mr F Seed and Mr B Weir.

2 JIM CLARK MEMORIAL RALLY

Mr Pagan had attended the meeting on 18 September as he was unable to attend on the 25th. At the meeting he was made aware of the concerns over parking in Gavinton during the Rally and said he would attend the Community Council meeting on 6 November when he should have more information. He was aware of the proposed Waste Transfer Station at Middlefield.

3 MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2000

These were distributed and read then signed by the Chairman as a correct copy.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2000

Item 5 estimate for plaque changed to £220 from £281, then the Minutes, which had previously been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct copy.

4 MATTERS ARISING

3,3,9 Millennium project, Gavinton Plaque – not yet to hand.

3,8(d) Gavinton play area update – the equipment now in place but there have been many complaints about the basketball net regarding its large size and positioning of it near to the tree and so branches may be damaged. Mrs Darling proposed it be removed and possibly re-sited in the playing field, seconded Mrs Robinson. Mr Humphry made a counter-motion that it be left in position for a year and reviewed after next year's summer holidays, seconded Mrs Allman. Counter-motion carried by 4 votes.

However the tiles under the net are not suitable and will have to be replaced. The hopscotch tiles are badly laid and require relaying. Concern was expressed that the balancing bars could be a hazard in the dark but there is a light to illuminate the area.

A breakdown of the costs of the equipment has been requested from SBC

3,9 Community Trust Fund – Mr Winchester is back at work after sick leave but cannot fit in a visit to us. He stated in a letter that there were legal difficulties with regard to amalgamating the Trusts but pointed out how the monies could be used. To be discussed at a later date.

8(a) School bus – No problems have been reported. Parents of secondary school children who do not have a seat to be contacted to see if they would like to have one. Mrs Darling to progress this matter.

8(c) The Glebe shrub area – The laurel has been removed and Mr D Gibb to be asked to prune the other 2 shrubs.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Former Langton Manse, change of name to Coonanglebah - no objections. It was noted that a sign was posted on the house seeking planning permission for chimney and gable end repairs but no plans had been received.

- (b) Erection of farmhouse east of Gavinton, Mr D Seed – to be heard at Area Committee on 26 September. It is down for refusal as the Director of Technical Services thinks it would be difficult to achieve access which would meet visibility criteria.
- (c) Grain Store, Middlefield, Scottish Borders Council. Change of use to Waste Transfer Station – Eighty-nine letters of objection had been sent to SBC and a petition against the proposal with 226 signatures. Mr Robinson of Robinson Associates, Edinburgh, had been retained as our consultant. The consultant's fee was estimated at £2000 - £2500. Another £1000 had to be raised. The next event planned is a Race Night on Saturday, 21 October.

Mrs Darling read out a letter from Mr Robinson and said a synopsis would be included in Bulletin 4.

The application will be presented to the Area Committee on 26 September for information only.

Councillor Forrest said he supported our case and that the real problem was the roads. Mrs Darling thanked him for his support and also Scott Brodie and Gavin Thomson.

It was decided to ask for the wording "not on our door step" to be deleted from the "Dump the Dump" sign at Nisbet Rhodes.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance £500 plus Fighting Fund.

7 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) Annual Seminar for Community Councils, Selkirk High School, Saturday, 21 October, 10.30 am, up to 4 delegates.
- (b) SBC Possible Management rules in Public Parks.
- (c) Report on The Operation of Area Committees.
- (d) Scottish Borders Tourist Board, Volume 5, Issue 3.
- (e) Continuing Education, Community Learning Strategy 2000-03

8 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Gavinton Web Site – John Marjoribanks was thanked for offering the use of his web site but it was decided to use the .net site which Scott had reserved. His costs to be reimbursed.
- (b) Update on the frail elderly in Duns – this will be Item 4 at the Area Committee Meeting on 26 September in the Duns Council Chambers. Anyone interested in the Knoll Hospital is urged to attend to hear the presentation by the Social Work Department. There has been no public meeting, as promised a year ago, regarding The Knoll.
- (c) Noticeboards – Village Hall Committee have Gavinton noticeboard in hand. Angus Macmillan had removed the Fogo one and it is not to be replaced.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 6 November 2000

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman B. J. Darling Date 6/11/00