

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 8 January, 2001 at 7.00 pm

**PRESENT:** Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr S Brodie, Mr I Gill, Mr N Humphry,  
Mr A Macmillan, Mr D Paterson, Mrs U Robinson, Mr F Seed, Mr B Weir.  
Councillor L Forrest  
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary).  
4 members of the public.

#### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs F Renton.

#### 2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2000

The Minutes, which had previously been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct copy.

#### 3 MATTERS ARISING – MEETING OF 6 NOVEMBER 2000

3,3,9 Millennium project, Gavinton Plaque – not yet to hand, an error had occurred in the casting.

3,8(d) Gavinton play area update – the fund has been closed and was short of £16 which Mary Weir had paid. The Community Council agreed to reimburse her. The baseball post still to be painted and the ground tiles to be rearranged to give a better bounce to the ball. The hopscotch tiles have been relaid satisfactorily.

5 One 2 One Personal Communications – the lobbying was successful and it will be erected south of the Middlefield steading. Letter of thanks to be sent to APT.

9 Road drain at Rashie, Fogo – Brendan O'Sullivan, SBC Roads, has looked at it but nothing has been done yet.

10 Gavinton website, churches information – Rev Slorach, Langton and Polwarth churches, is happy for information to be included. No reply from Rev Cartwright, Fogo. Mr Macmillan and Mrs Allman offered to supply photographs and information regarding the war graves in Fogo churchyard.

#### 4 PROPOSED WASTE TRANSFER STATION, MIDDLEFIELD

4.1 Update – Mrs Darling said the site had been purchased on 15 December 2000 by a local farmer who planned to return it to agricultural use. However, she had received a letter from the Scottish Executive, dated 29 December 2000, granting planning permission. Ownership of the site is not relevant to a planning application.

No communication had been received from SBC as they had been on holiday until 8 January. Councillor Forrest had no information but was amazed, he said SBC did not have a waste management strategy in place. He would make enquiries as to what was happening. MSP Euan Robson was going to contact the First Minister. Our consultant, Mr Robinson, had not received a letter, but would try to find out how a decision was made, especially as the Scottish Parliament was in recess.

Nothing to be put on website until more information is received.

The Human Rights Law, Article 6, may have implications.

4.2 Financial statement – Mr John Marjoribanks circulated the Fighting Fund report, dated 8 January, which showed a balance of £1135.71. Administrative costs estimated at £200 and a further fee to Robinson Associates of about £800 are anticipated, which the fund will be able to cover.

Mrs Darling thanked Mr Marjoribanks and he left the meeting,

**5 FOGO FLOWER BED**

Mrs Darling said Mrs Allman had done a wonderful job planting up the tyre flower bed. However Mr Peter Dale had offered to build a raised stone bed at his expense. It was agreed to accept this offer but to request that it be done after the spring bulbs had flowered and after consultation with SBC on its siting with regard to its proximity to the road.

**6 BORDERS LOCAL HEALTH COUNCIL SURVEY OF GP OUT OF HOURS SERVICE IN BORDERS.**

It was unanimous that the BorDoc service was excellent and the community felt confident with it.

**7 THE GREEN, GAVINTON, ACCESS TO GREENRIG**

SBC will inspect this in the week beginning 20 March then let us know their decision.

**8 POLWARTH**

Mr Tom McDonald of Morrison Homes wishes to give more information regarding the proposed new houses. He could not attend this meeting but to be invited to the next one on 19 February when residents of Polwarth will also be invited.

**9 SBC LEISURE AND RECREATION: COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

Funding up to £500 available. It was suggested that more shrubs for the Glebe be considered and bulbs for Ladyflat road verge between the church corner and 30 mile sign. Mrs Darling and Mr Patterson to put together a proposal.

**10 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr Macmillan said that besides the Fighting Fund the balance was about £250.

**11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) Southern Upland News, Autumn 2000.
- (b) Association of Scottish Community Councils, Autumn 2000
- (c) Scottish Borders Rural Partnership, appointment of Lena Hutton as Rural Community Transport Fieldworker.
- (d) Borders Carers Centre, Autumn 2000.
- (e) SEPA View, Autumn 2000
- (f) Scottish Executive, Consultative document, November 2000, "A Power of Community Initiative"
- (g) Scottish Borders Memory Bank, application for lottery grants of £170,000.
- (h) BAVS News, Issue 5
- (i) Tweed Matters, Issue 2
- (j) SBC Public Performance Reports, 1999-2000
- (k) The Future of Aviation (the Government's consultation document)
- (l) Berwickshire Housing Association Bulletin, Christmas 2000.
- (m) Licensing Board Quarterly Report.
- (n) Update, Borders Local Health Council.
- (o) SBC Best Value Review for archaeology, conservation and countryside services.

**12 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- (a) Skip outside Coonanglebah – in a dangerous position for traffic, no lights or traffic cones. Mrs Darling to speak to contractors.

- (b) Gavinton website – a small group of people is required to act as content providers. It is necessary to keep adding new, up-to-date, information. It was suggested that excerpts from Gavinton History could be included. The SWRI and Guild to be approached.

(Councillor Forrest left at 8.00pm)

- (c) Morning bus to Berwick – in reply to a question it was confirmed that the 9.16am bus was coming into Gavinton.
- (d) It was stated that the potholes in Main Street are dangerous.

### 13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 19 February 2001

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Chairman .....

*BK Darling*

Date .....

*19/2/01*