

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 15 April, 2002 immediately after the AGM

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

#### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

#### 2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2002

The Minutes had previously been circulated. In the second paragraph of Councillor Forrest's explanation of SBC's overspend, the word "capital" was deleted to read "Education has half the budget ...". They were then signed by the Chairman as a true copy.

The Chairman thanked Fi Macleod for producing the agendas.

#### 3 MATTERS ARISING

3,14(c) Basketball net on Gavinton village green – the result of the questionnaire showed that the majority of those returning the form (31 out of 87) were in favour of siting the net on the Playing Field. Mrs Darling had spoken to Mr Hogg, SBC Leisure and Recreation, who had agreed to erect it free of charge. For the moment the grass surface would be left but if it was found to be unsatisfactory he would look at the situation again. Mr Humphry proposed that the net be erected in the Playing Field, seconded by Mrs Robinson and carried.

3,14 The Glebe project – the volunteer input had been very good, finials for the posts had been made, shrubs from the Jim Smail Tree Fund planted, more pebbles were required to complete the job.

3,10(e) Bus shelter – still under discussion. It would cost £700-£800 and no funds available at present.

14(f) Fogo Church – gravestones have been attended to and moles dealt with. Mrs Darling to pursue repair of lych gate.

14(h) Electricity in Gavinton – there was a fault in the system which caused the surging of current which has now been traced. There is a £4 million upgrade in the area currently taking place.

14(i) Potholes in roads – the worst have been filled in, but the general state of the roads is poor.

Mrs Darling said there would be a presentation on safe driving in Gavinton on Thursday, 16 May and a chance to have one's driving assessed.

#### 4 THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

There had been a meeting on 8 April. The Village Hall Committee and the Common Good Fund each promised £200 to help finance activities which will take place on the village green and in the hall and probably include children's sports, walking treasure hunt, BBQ, young people's disco and 50's disco. Mrs Darling will register the event with the Lord Lieutenant.

#### 5 SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY COUNCILS NETWORK

Two nominations are required to represent Berwickshire. Mrs Robinson proposed Mrs B Darling and Mr I Jarvie (Whitsome). If there are more than 2 nominations an election will have to be held.

## **6 COMMUNITY PLANNING CONFERENCE, HAWICK, 23 APRIL**

Mrs Darling had attended this conference chaired by Mr Riddell Graham, Chief Executive Scottish Borders Tourist Board. There had been an interesting presentation by the Chief Executive of Lanarkshire Health Board.

## **7 100 HERITAGE TREES OF SCOTLAND**

Mrs Darling had nominated the Polwarth Thorn, and the Wellingtonia Gigantea at Langton which had been planted by Prime Minister Gladstone.

## **8 WITHDRAWAL OF VILLAGE SKIP SERVICE IN BERWICKSHIRE**

This commenced on 1 April. Special arrangements can be made if bulky items require removing. The normal collection service is having difficulties as it takes 2 hours to transfer waste to Dunbar rather than the 20 minutes it took to the Cleugh. The consultation process is currently taking place for the proposed waste transfer station in Duns.

(Mr Macmillan left the meeting at 7.45pm)

It was reported that there was a lot of litter by the ford including concrete and plastic. Mrs Darling said she would ask Mr Walter Aitken to tidy up. It was suggested that perhaps the Community Council could acquire this land and erect picnic tables.

## **9 IT REPORT**

Scott Brodie said the information on the website was more or less up-to-date including a page of winter photographs. There had been 1593 hits this year including ones from Australia and South Africa.

Our submission to Scottish Borders Rural Partnership for free computer equipment had been successful, and a desktop computer with a large monitor and installation of a telephone line would be taking place shortly in the Village Hall. Mrs Mowat said she could donate a table and was thanked. The following points were made:

- We will have to pay for the 'phone line but will be reimbursed.
- The equipment, including the phone line, must be kept secure.
- A charge will be made for using the computer.
- When the Hall is being used for some other activity, such as WRI, the computer could not be used.
- A computer sub-committee to be formed by co-opting suitable personnel.

Scott was asked to buy what he thought suitable as far as a scanner, about £200, and a digital camera (£300-£600). Anyone using the camera would supply their own floppy disc.

## **10 BERWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM MEETING, 20 MARCH**

Mrs Darling reported on this meeting. She said that Tony Fowler from BAVS had been appointed as the new Secretary. There was a large shredder available for use by communities which had been purchased with money available to communities from the land fill tax. There had been a presentation from the electricity board on the upgrading of lines in Berwickshire.

### **10(a) Keep Berwickshire Tidy**

Tidying up should take place in week beginning 22 April and judging will be during the next week starting on 29 April. Mrs Cathy Allman had collected a large amount of litter in the Fogo area and Mrs Darling had been collecting around Gavinton. New anti-litter notices to be displayed in Post Office and on Village Hall noticeboard.

**10(b) Planning application for playing field at Clockmill**

This will include rugby pitches and changing rooms. Access will be from the Langton Road past existing chicken houses. Concern was expressed about rugby balls going on to the main road. There had been no objections to this application.

Mrs Darling said that SBC had sent details of the outline planning permission granted for 3 houses at Cothill. This was the first time details had been provided and was most helpful.

Councillor Forrest commented that planning applications were at a record level.

**11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) SBC Licensing Board applications
- (b) Scottish Executive Consultation on Planning.
- (c) SBRP Rural Community Transport Seminar, 20 April.
- (d) Berwickshire Housing Association Bulletin, Spring 2002.
- (e) Scottish Parliament Briefing Newsletter No 1.
- (f) Association of Scottish Community Councils Newsletter Feb 2002, AGM 15 June, Aberdeen.
- (g) ASCC Seminar on Common Good Funds, 25 May in Selkirk – Mrs Darling to attend.
- (h) Tweed Matters, Issue No 4.
- (i) SBC, Scottish Path Record.
- (j) Scottish Borders Floral Gateway, judging 1 July.
- (k) Scottish Borders Community Safety Forum – supply of dog "poo bags".
- (l) Community Based Best Practice Handbook – draft of Gavinton entries.

**12 ARRANGEMENTS FOR NOMINATIONS TO THIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

As the term of office of present members is completed a new Community Council term is due to begin. Mrs Una Robinson, who is standing down, was thanked by Mrs Darling for her past membership and undertaking the office of Vice Chairman. All other members indicated that they are willing to stand again. Nomination forms were distributed and spare forms are available in the Post Office. Forms must be returned by Monday, 6 May to the Returning Officer, Mrs Una Robinson. If there are more nominations than places then an election will take place on Monday, 20 May. A Statutory Meeting to be held within 3 weeks of the election, proposed date 27 May 2002, when a change to the Constitution for office bearers' term of office will be notified.

**13 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- (a) Marking of bicycles – Mr John Marjoribanks, Berwickshire Community Safety Panel, said the police would be invisibly marking bikes throughout Berwickshire, free of charge, and were due in Gavinton by the hall on Sunday, 28 April at 2.30pm.
- (b) Trees at Middlefield in reply to a question from the public, Mrs Darling said old trees were being felled and new ones would be planted with grant aid.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 27 May at 7.00pm in Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman .....

*S. Darling*

Date .....

*27/5/02*