

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall  
on Monday, 27 May, 2002 at 7.00pm

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

Mrs Una Robinson, Returning Officer, welcomed members.

### APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Mrs Bridget Darling was elected Chairman, proposed by Mrs Frances Renton, seconded by Mr N Humphry and carried unanimously. Mrs Darling thanked Mrs Robinson for serving as Vice Chairman for the past 5 years which had been happy ones. Members were also thanked for their vote of confidence in electing her again as Chairman. Mrs J Seed was welcomed as a new member but Mrs M Bishop was on holiday.

### ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION

An alteration to the Constitution in section 8.0,8.1 was proposed by Mrs Renton and seconded by Mr Gill and carried unanimously, the last sentence to read "Thereafter such office bearers, who shall be eligible for re-election, shall be elected or re-elected for 2 years at the AGM."

### APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS

Vice chairman – Mrs F Renton, proposed by Mrs Darling, seconded Mr Paterson, carried unanimously

Treasurer – Mr A Macmillan, proposed by Mrs Darling, seconded Mr Humphry, carried unanimously

Minute Secretary – Mrs J Wheadon agreed to continue.

### APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mrs Darling, Mrs Renton, Mr Gill and Mr Macmillan.

### APPOINTMENT OF 2 DELEGATES TO BERWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY COUNCILS FORUM

Mrs Darling and Mrs Seed.

### MILEAGE RATE

It was agreed that this should be 35p per mile for attendance at meetings outwith this Community Council area.

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mrs M Bishop and Mr A Macmillan.

Mrs Darling welcomed Councillor Forrest.

**2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2002**

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

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

3,14(c) Basketball net – Mrs Darling and Mrs Weir had met Mr Hogg intending to erect the net on the playing field, however a member of the public had objected to the site chosen as it was on a quaiting pitch therefore Mr Hogg asked the Community Council to discuss it further. As no one could remember when quoits were ever played, it was decided to go ahead and ask Mr Hogg to erect the net on the quaiting pitch as originally planned.

3,14 The Glebe project –Mr Macmillan to arrange for 2 tons of gravel, costing £15, to be delivered to complete the job.

5 Scottish Borders Community Councils Network – Mrs Darling's and Mr Jarvie's nominations to go forward.

**4 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

It was agreed to pay these to Berwickshire Community Councils Forum; Association of Scottish Community Councils; and Berwickshire Association of Voluntary Services.

**5 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr Macmillan sent information stating that there was a balance of £461 in the CC account and £2256 in the Fighting Fund/£1000 Website. It was agreed that Mrs Darling and Mr Macmillan should be signatories to cheques.

**6 KEEP BERWICKSHIRE TIDY**

This year Burnmouth was placed first and Cockburnspath second. Mrs Darling thanked Mrs Allman and her daughter for collecting litter in the Fogo area and Mrs Weir at the Ford. A copy of the judge's remarks has been requested.

**7 IT REPORT**

(a) Website - Mr Brodie said he was waiting for a report on the Richard Hillary Memorial to put alongside photographs on the website. Hits had been recorded from the Scottish Executive and BBC.

(b) Village computer – No further information. Mr D Hood had said he would be willing to help with it. Mr Gill to ask if a member of the Village Hall Committee would also help.

(c) Calor Gas Community of the Year – nominations for 2002 to be made by August.

**8 SCOTTISH BORDERS FLORAL GATEWAY**

Judging will take place between 1 – 7 July; we are entered as a "Wee Village". Gavinton has not been entered in Beautiful Scotland in Bloom.

**9 SBC COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS**

In the 2002-3 budget £7500 has been set aside. The upper limit per community is £500 and this must be match funded by at least 50%

**10 GAVINTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

The AGM was held on 21 May when Mr J Marjoriebanks was elected Chairman. There had been a presentation "Protect your home from fire".

**11 QUEEN'S JUBILEE**

The final arrangements to be discussed at a meeting on 30 May.

**12 SBC DEVELOPMENT CONTROL FOCUS GROUPS**

Mrs Darling attended the meeting on 14 May. PAN 47 to be re-issued, consultation with Community Councils who will be given 28 days to reply. Mutual training was suggested for reading of plans. Mrs Darling had asked about routing electricity overland to Eccles from the proposed Duns Wind Farm. However the electricity supply is a separate application to the Wind Farm, and has not yet been made.

**13 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) SMP Playgrounds 2002 price guide.
- (b) SBC Road Safety Plan 2002.
- (c) Scottish Natural Heritage – Eastern Lowlands.
- (d) SEPA View, Spring 2002. – an article on Landfill in Scotland provoked discussion. The proposed waste transfer station at Duns is currently on hold until the sewerage system is upgraded.
- (e) Scottish Executive Draft Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill, April 2002.
- (f) Southern Upland News, Spring 2002.
- (g) Scottish Borders Rural Partnership, direct grants.
- (h) The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland, meeting in Kelso, 15 June.
- (i) E Berwickshire Natural History Festival, 14-16 June, Coldingham.
- (j) Business Skills Seminars
- (k) Scottish Executive – National Debate on Education.

**14 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- (a) Fogo – verges require cutting between Fogo and Bogend, the weeds behind Rashie need cutting down and grass is not being cut around the Richard Hillary Memorial. Councillor Forrest said Mr Trotter was hoping that the War Memorial Association would cut the grass at the Richard Hillary Memorial
- (b) Jim Clark Rally 12 – 14 July – No parking is available in Gavinton and there are crops in all fields nearby the Ford.
- (c) Common Good Trust Funds – to be discussed by a Community Councils Seminar in Selkirk next week. Mrs Darling will attend.
- (d) Lothian and Borders Draft Area Waste Plan Summary – Councillor Forrest said there were some objections to the proposal for rugby pitches at Clockmill and an issue regarding sewage. Although it does not have to go into the public supply the water table at that point is very high. The Water Board have no funds at present to upgrade the sewerage system.
- (e) The Vibrant Communities Awards Best Practice Handbook – Gavinton mentioned for Community Bulbs Planting Project, Refurbishment of Ann Smith Memorial and Website.

**15 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday, 8 July 2002, and Monday, 19 August 2002 at 7.00pm in Village Hall.  
The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman ..... Date.....