

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 10 March, 2003 at 7.00pm

Before the business of the Community Council there was a presentation by John Gray, Project Manager and Angela Milne, Community Liaison Officer, of PowerSystems on work being carried out in and around Gavinton to make improvements to the electricity supply system. Ten members of the public attended as well as all members of the Community Council.

**PRESENT:** Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mrs M Bishop, Mr S Brodie, Mr I Gill,  
Mr N Humphry, Mr A Macmillan, Mr D Paterson, Mrs F Renton, Mrs J Seed, Mr B Weir  
Councillor W L Forrest  
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary)  
Members of the public: 2

#### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

PC Proud looked in, as no current problems he did not stay.

#### 2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2003

It was agreed the Minute, which had previously been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### 3 MATTERS ARISING

3.11(a) Bus travel from Edinburgh to Earliston – The bus from Edinburgh to Jedburgh will now leave 5 minutes earlier at 4.15pm and at Earliston the bus to Berwick will wait for 10 minutes therefore passengers should not be stranded at Earliston.

3.11(d) Closure of 6 Berwickshire rural primary schools – nothing is pre-determined and consultation will be fair and open.

6 Gavinton Post Office opening hours – at present Monday and Thursdays 9am-12noon. If the new owners wish to operate the Post Office, training will be required.

10 Waste water minimisation – Councillor John Elliot is chairing a group of councillors from Berwickshire examining this. At present no houses can be built in Duns. A survey at Whitsome is a pilot for other schemes.

13(a) Fogo Trust Fund – Mrs Darling said she had been given a verbal message that using the money for the proposed path and bridge at Fogo was inappropriate.

#### 4 FOGO BRIDGE AND FOOTPATH

Mrs Darling welcomed Mrs Chernoff who said 3 quotes had been received, ranging from £17,000 to £25,000. The proposal had been sent to Sir Archie Kirkwood to see if he could get some help with funding. Mrs Chernoff was also to have a meeting with P Waite, Access Officer, SBC, to see if he had other ideas.

Mrs Chernoff was thanked and said she would keep the Community Council informed.

#### 5 SBC CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY

Mrs Darling had attended disappointingly only 3 members of the public were there and 7 field workers.

## 6 IT REPORT

The computer is now housed in a cabinet, thanks to Mr Booker for building this who received a bottle of wine. The cabinet to be secured to the wall over the phone socket. Mr Brodie is working on access and responsible use.

The website is not up to date but it should be transferred to the village computer and Mrs Bishop offered to input data.

Congratulations were offered to Mr Brodie on being appointed to the Children's Panel

## 7 TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr Macmillan said there was £150 in the CC account and £1887 in the Computer/Dump the dump Account.

Mrs Darling is pursuing the question of getting SBC to reinstate payment of hall rent for meetings.

## 8 PROPOSED HOUSING ALLOCATION SITES FOR GAVINTON IN BERWICKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN

Maps showing the 3 candidate sites distributed then collected in at end of discussion.

Mrs Darling had been to the Council offices to check the relevant file but this was not up-to-date as only 4 letters were available and it is understood that about 15 have been sent. Most letters were against any building and some only against the West and South sites.

West Site – Mrs Darling declared a non-pecuniary interest so Mrs Renton took the chair. Mrs Seed also declared a pecuniary interest and did not take part in the discussion.

Part of the Reporters Report on the application in 1992 stating the land should not be developed was read out.

Councillor Forrest explained that the purpose of including sites in the Local Plan was that if at any time during the next 10 years someone wanted to apply for planning permission to build a house. If the land was not allocated then permission would not be given but if included a planning application could be made and it may be approved and things such as sewage would be dealt with at that time.

As nothing had changed since 1992 the meeting was unanimous in not wanting this site included in the forthcoming Local Plan for development.

Butterwell Park – Mrs Darling resumed the Chair. It was felt that the same comments applied to this area as to the West Site. No one was in favour of building, but one member abstained.

Crimson Hill – Members did not want the village to grow at a faster rate than at present. Councillor Forrest said that to maintain the same population in a village more houses were required. The majority of members felt a small development behind the latest houses built at Crimson Hill might be appropriate in time to come. Access into the field had been left. The possibility of relocation of the village hall was mentioned.

## 9 ROAD GRITTING – FOGO AND MARCHMONT STATION

During the recent icy weather a lorry from the Marchmont depot had had a bump because the road had not been gritted from Sisterpath side. The road is not top priority because it is not a school bus route. A grit box on the Marchmont House side would not be appropriate as the bank is to the other side. Councillor Forrest said Darren Silcock, SBC, should have been in touch but he would look into this further.

## 10 GAVINTON – RAISED FLOWER BED AND BENCH ON VILLAGE GREEN

Mrs Darling said that it did not look as though the raised flower bed was to be made but the bench would be put back.

Renewal of Ann Smith Memorial Notice – in hand.

**11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The following correspondence was tabled:-

- (a) Borders NHS Board – Drinkwise Gulp Launch
- (b) First Step Trust Borders – shredding of garden refuse
- (c) SEPA Service Charter
- (d) Scottish Water – Water and waste water scheme of charges
- (e) Neil MacCormick MEP, newsletter
- (f) Tweed Matters – Newsletter Issue 5
- (g) RAF presentation, 26 March, Corn Exchange, Melrose.
- (h) Scottish Borders Licensing Board quarterly applications.

**12 CATALOGUE:**

- (a) Glasdon Local Councils News-sheet, January 2003

**13 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- (a) The Police had said to beware bogus callers as 2 people had allowed someone into the house to test water and had been burgled.
- (b) Moles are in Fogo churchyard.
- (c) The paving stones at Butterwell well are too close to the road and inappropriate
- (d) The next meeting will be the last before Councillor Forrest retires.

**14 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday, 14 April 2003  
Monday, 26 May, AGM

The meeting closed at 9 15pm.

Chairman ..... *S-L Darling* ..... Date ..... *14 / 4 / 03* .....