

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 14 April, 2003 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mrs M Bishop, Mr I Gill, Mr N Humphry,
Mr A Macmillan, 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

An apology was received from Mr D Paterson.

Mr S Brodie sent a letter of resignation owing to work and family commitments. He thanked all Council members for their hard work and commitment to the community. Mrs Darling thanked Scott in particular for his work with "dump the dump" and the website.

There are now 2 vacancies in Gavinton. Mrs C Taylor would accept nomination if her name were put forward.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2003

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

3 MATTERS ARISING

4 Fogo footbridge and path – Mrs Chernoff requested help with the form filling for funding and Mrs F Renton agreed to assist.

8 Proposed housing allocation sites in Gavinton – the Community Council's letter of observations has been put on public file at SBC.

10 Gavinton raised flower bed on village green – final coat of cement needed. Rentons will transport top soil from Coldstream. Mrs Darling said as from 1 April a SEPA Exemption Certificate (free of charge) is needed to move topsoil to prevent any going into landfill. The bench will be put back.

13(b) Moles in Fogo churchyard – have been dealt with.

13(c) Butterwell Well – the paving stones have been removed as instructed by Roads Dept. Appreciation was expressed to Mr Cleat and Mrs Paterson for the enhancement of the Butterwell and the raised flower bed on the village green with proceeds from their book on Gavinton.

4 IT REPORT AND WEBSITE UPDATE

Mrs Bishop offered to organise the use of the village computer firstly by finding out who wanted to receive training and use the computer. Fogo and Polwarth will be included in the survey. Scott will continue to look after the website as the software is not compatible with the village computer.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr Macmillan said there was £1853 in one account and £120 in another.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Packman's Brae, Polwarth – no objections.

(b) Cothill, 2 farm cottages to be made into one dwelling – no objections.

(c) Garage Strip, Gavinton – plans to be circulated to members.

7 DOG FOULING (SCOTLAND) BILL

Mr R Markby had obtained a copy of this and passed it to Mrs Darling.

8 LITTER PICK, WEEK STARTING 14 APRIL

Various people had volunteered to help and others would be welcome. Bin bags and gloves available.

9 SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY COUNCILS NETWORK, AGM, MELROSE

This will take place on Tuesday, 20 May at 7pm. Sam Smith will speak on Leader +.

10 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:-

- (a) The East Berwickshire Natural History Festival, 6 – 8 June
- (b) Postwatch Scotland, Spring 2003
- (c) Out & About in the Scottish Borders booklet
- (d) The Scottish Parliament 1999-2003: Working for You
- (e) Towards Zero, Community Recycling Newsletter, Issue 3 – passed on to Mr Humphry
- (f) SNH Open Grants Programme – copy sent to Mrs Chernoff.
- (g) Renewable Biomass Energy, 23 April at Gretna Hall Hotel
- (h) Water Customer Consultation Panels
- (i) SBC, Seminar "Organising Events in Scottish Borders, Melrose 24 April.
- (j) Scottish Natural Heritage Draft Scottish Outdoor Access Codes – distributed
- (k) SBC, Education, Building for the Future. Consultation document – previously circulated.

11 CATALOGUES RECEIVED:

- (a) SMP Playgrounds, Climb on Board
- (b) Modular Staging

12 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Road gritting, Polwarth – Marchmont Station – Mrs Renton said she had spoken to MSP Euan Robson who had written to Darren Silcock asking for the road to be gritted. However SBC did not consider it a priority but would provide extra grit boxes. Mr Robson said he would continue his efforts to get gritting carried out.

13 FAREWELL TO COUNCILLOR LOGAN FORREST

Mrs Darling said we were very appreciative of what Councillor Forrest had done for the community and we wished him happy farming in the future. Councillor Forrest said it was not without some regret that he was not standing for re-election. He said Gavinton had a first class sense of community.

14 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, 26 May at 7.00pm - Annual General Meeting and Financial Report followed by an Ordinary Meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Chairman S.I. Darling Date 25 May 2003