

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 26 May, 2003 following the AGM

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mrs M Bishop, Mr I Gill, Mr N Humphry,
Mr A Macmillan, Mr D Paterson, Mrs F Renton, Mrs J Seed, Mrs C Taylor, Mr B Weir,
Councillor M McCrave
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary)
Members of the public: 4

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the Police and also David Ward and Sally Broomhouse, the new owners of the Post Office, who have been given a Welcome card. The community is grateful to Duns Post Office for keeping Gavinton PO open. The new owners will require training before taking over.

2 NOMINATION FOR GAVINTON MEMBER (VOTING)

Roll No 197: Mrs Christine M Taylor, Rowardennan, Main Street proposed by Mrs Darling, seconded by Mr Gill, agreed unanimously

Co-option for Fogo footbridge project (non-voting)

Roll No 61: Mrs Elizabeth Chernoff, Gamekeepers Cottage, Fogo, proposed by Mrs Renton, seconded by Mrs Darling, agreed unanimously.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 APRIL 2003

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

4 MATTERS ARISING

3,4 Fogo footbridge and path – Mrs Chernoff said letters of support had been received from Major A Trotter, the Civic Society, Tweed Forum and Sir Archie Kirkwood MP. An application for funding was being made to the Heritage Lottery Fund which was looking for projects between £20-50,00 and hopefully this would be submitted within the next month. Thanks to Mrs Renton for helping Mrs Chernoff who, herself, was thanked for her efforts and then left the meeting

3,10 Gavinton raised flower bed on village green – After verbal permission being given from SEPA, Galashiels, the soil was delivered by Renton's to whom thanks were expressed. Appreciation also given to those who had donated plants and Mrs Cook for planting.

6(c) Garage Strip, Gavinton, response to planning application – the plans for full planning permission had been circulated to all members and these showed differences to the outline planning permission including building 9 meters outside the village boundary, other objections had been raised and these had been forwarded to SBC Planning Department. The plans have not yet gone forward for consideration.

5 KEEP BERWICKSHIRE TIDY – RESULT

Our community were joint first with St Abbs. Mrs Darling thanked everyone who had helped litter pick.

6 SBC FOCUS GROUP MEETING FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS, REPORT

Mrs Darling had attended this meeting chaired by Brian Frater, Planning Department.

SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY COUNCILS NETWORK, AGM REPORT

Mrs Darling said non-payment by SBC of rent to village halls for meetings by Community Councils was an issue as it handicapped 40 out of the 67 Community Councils. The others used SBC property rent-free. Efforts were being made to have rent rebate reinstated.

7 WEBSITE UPDATE

No report available. The website is currently offline. Mrs Darling will endeavour to have a report for the next meeting.

8 IT UPDATE

Mrs Bishop said the village had been letter-boxed to say the computer was up and running, but only 3 replies indicating interest were received. One person has had a lesson. Mrs Bishop to letter-box again to call a meeting to discuss whether or not to keep the computer or return it to SBRP.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- (a) Eden Cottage, Gavinton, demolition of kitchen – no objections
- (b) Clockmill land for rugby and football pitches – approval, with conditions, from SBC Planning
- (c) Polwarth Village, erection of 6 dwelling houses – no objections
- (d) Erection of dwelling house at Cothill – plans being circulated.

10 MAP SHOWING PRECISE BOUNDARY OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

This was circulated.

11 SCOTLAND'S FLORAL GATEWAY COMPETITION

Gavinton has entered the Wee Village category again. This now includes communities with populations up to 350. Mrs Allman said she would look after the planting at Fogo.

12 TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance of Community Council Account £120.91 and of computer/dump the dump account £1836.78. It was decided to pay £5 fee to BCCF but not to join BAVS. The £15 fee to ASCC will be paid if the organisation continues to operate.

13 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) SBC Scrutiny: keeping you informed
- (b) BAVS Newsletter, April 2003
- (c) Scottish Borders Voluntary Sector Conference, 29 May 2003. – Mrs Darling to attend
- (d) BCCF and Environmental Group, AGM minutes. – Mrs Seed resigned as delegate and Mrs Renton agreed to take her place.
- (e) Calor Scottish Community of the Year 2003 – no entry this time.
- (f) Eyemouth East Berwickshire Partnership, free IT training courses.
- (g) SAC Community Land Ownership questionnaire – Chairman to reply.
- (h) Community Council insurance schedule and Employers' Liability certificate. Certificate sent to Carol Blaikie via Mrs Bishop. Additional insurance cover available for elections.

Catalogues received:

- (a) Art Store
- (b) Glasdon
- (c) Turnock Lighting.

14 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

(a) Jim Clark Rally – Mrs Darling said the rally organisers had failed to consult the community in the Abbey St Bathans area regarding road closures. However Colin Pagan was to address the Area Committee on 27 May. On Sunday 6 July there will be road closures at Polwarth. The Police will not be providing any manpower for traffic control or to prevent parking in Gavinton but cones will be put in place. Mrs Darling to meet with the police to discuss the matter. Councillor McCrave asked if there were any benefits from the rally to local people and it was said that the national part of the rally starts in Duns which brings in visitors.

(b) Closure of Fogo bridge – from 2 June for 12 weeks. Mrs Renton said grass cutting along the Bogend road was essential as this would be the alternative route. Councillor McCrave was asked to take this on board. Mrs Darling to ask Major Trotter to trim the hedges.

(c) Gas boxes on South Street, Gavinton – Mrs Darling to consult with Mr A Maclean, SBC as to position on these, considering the conservation area.

(d) Rashie, Fogo – weeds require cutting down behind houses.

(e) Fogo church – lych gate repair in hand by Mr Prince, from Yetholm. Seat outside church wall requires painting.

15 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, 7 July 2003 at 7.00pm – Future meeting times and place to be discussed.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman RF Darling Date 7/7/03