

**GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall  
on Monday, 7 July 2003 at 7.00pm**

**PRESENT:** Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mrs M Bishop, Mr I Gill, Mr A Macmillan,  
Mrs F Renton, Mr B Weir.  
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary)  
Members of the public: 0

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr N Humphry, Mr D Paterson, Mrs J Seed, Mrs C Taylor and Councillor M McCrave

**2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26 MAY 2003**

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

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

14(b) Closure of Fogo bridge, grass cutting Fogo to Bogend – grass is being cut in and around Fogo while bridge work is in progress. Major Trotter has said that the hedge between Fogo and Bogend will be cut in mid-July. He is concerned that work is only being carried out to the parapets and not major repairs and pointing to the stone work underneath the arches. Mrs Darling to check whether a weight restriction on the bridge will remain.

14(c) Gas boxes on South Street, Gavinton – SBC Planning Dept state that the utilities can place boxes anywhere to suit their needs.

14(d) Weeds behind Rashie – Major Trotter has had these cut down.

14(e) Fogo church, painting of seat – SBC have been requested to carry this out.

**4 FOGO FOOTBRIDGE AND PATH**

Mrs Chernoff said she and Mrs Renton had had a meeting with Jean Robinson the Lottery Officer and second part of the application for a Lottery Grant was being completed. Information is being collected about the history of the path, Mrs Renton is carrying out a survey. Costings and quotations are being obtained, maps and photographs are also required. Support is being given from Tweed Forum and Tweed Foundation. SEPA do not need to be involved.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs Chernoff who then left the meeting.

**5 IT UPDATE**

Mrs Bishop said there had been a very poor response to the questionnaire regarding the village computer, just 12 replies out of 85. One positive reply, one not sure and the others negative. It was decided that when the BT contract ended on 15 November it would not be renewed and the computer used for purposes other than e-mail and internet access. SBRP were not interested in taking back the computer.

**6 WEBSITE UPDATE**

The website has had out-of-date information removed.

**7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

(a) Victoria Lodge, Gavinton – alterations and extension, no objections.

- (b) Garage strip, Gavinton – resubmission for full planning permission for house and double garage. The building line is still outside building line of South Street. No answer regarding traffic movements if organic farming is carried out. Robin Kent, Conservation Officer has objected to plan. The question was raised, would planning permission be needed for an enterprise after the house was built?

**8 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The grant had been received from SBC and balance stood at £741. Second account balance £1785.

**9 JIM SMAIL TREE FUND**

The shrub planting project in Glebe to be inspected this month

**10 SCOTLAND'S FLORAL GATEWAY COMPETITION**

The judging took place on 3 July and judges thought the village looked better than on their visit 3 years ago. The community had done its very best. SBC did an extra grass cut and swept the streets on the morning of the judging.

Thanks to Mrs Allman for keeping the raised bed at Fogo looking so good.

**11 JIM CLARK MEMORIAL RALLY, 4 – 6 JULY**

No problems – thanks to police.

**12 SBCCN ANNUAL SEMINAR, 4 OCTOBER**

Mrs Darling said arrangements were in hand. Mrs Renton to attend.

**13 CONFERENCE – THE SCOTTISH BORDERS LOCAL COMPACT, 29 MAY, GALASHIELS**

Mrs Darling had attended. Presentation by Steven Rogers, University of Birmingham and the workshop had been useful. The Compact is between Government and the voluntary sector.

**14 SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE – CONSULTATION ON POSSIBLE EXTENTION TO RIVER TWEED**

Mrs Darling said this did not affect us. Papers offered to members.

**15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) Scottish Borders Structure Plan 2001-2011
- (b) Scottish Executive, Planning, Your place, your plan (white paper)
- (c) SNH Issue 22
- (d) SEPA View Issue 15
- (e) Borders Local Health Council Update, April 2003
- (f) Tweed Forum, Riverworks leaflet – to Mrs Renton re path and footbridge
- (g) Neil MacCormick MEP, Newsletter April and June.
- (h) Scotland's Water, Customer consultation panels.
- (i) Berwickshire Community Safety Panel, cycle postcoding – at least 3 done.
- (j) BAVS AGM 17 July. Annual Report
- (k) Commission for Racial Equality, guidance for Community Councils
- (l) Berwickshire Housing Association, Newsletter
- (m) Health Promotion – In fine fettle
- (n) Planning Aid, Scotland – training for Community Councils
- (o) SBC Licensing Board (East Division)
- (p) Notification Helicopter Flying Activity 14-18 July – passed to Mrs Renton and Mrs Allman.
- (q) SEPA – new odour control at Ahlstrom Chirnside.

**16 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- (a) A complaint has been received about untidiness of grass at triangle by 'phone box at Polwarth
- (b) Mrs Wilkie, Polwarth requested that events taking place in Village Hall, Gavinton be e-mailed to her. Request passed to Village Hall Committee.

**17 FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was decided that as the Men's Club have bowling competitions in the Village Hall on Monday evenings from September then Community Council meetings would be held in Church Hall. Therefore meetings for remainder of the year, starting at 7.00pm, are as follows:

Monday, 18 August 2003	Village Hall, Gavinton
Monday, 29 September 2003	)
Monday, 10 November 2003	) Church Hall, Gavinton
Monday, 15 December 2003	)

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Chairman ..... *S.F. Jackson* ..... Date ..... *18/8/03* .....