

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, 18 August 2003 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mrs M Bishop, Mr I Gill, Mr N Humphry,
Mr D Paterson.
Mrs L Chernoff (part attendance)
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary)
Members of the public: 2

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr A Macmillan, Mrs F Renton, Mrs J Seed, Mrs C Taylor, Mr B Weir and Councillor M McCrave

2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2003

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

3 MATTERS ARISING

3,14(e) Fogo church, painting of seat – SBC have this on their list to carry out. It was also noted that the Lych Gate repair was also still awaited, but in hand.

9 No contact made from Jim Smail Tree Fund.

10 Scotland's Floral Gateway – no results given yet.

4 FOGO FOOTBRIDGE AND PATH

Mrs Chernoff said planning permission had been asked for when previously it was understood this was not necessary, therefore an application had been made at a cost of £135 which would be reimbursed. Any objections must be made within 21 days, starting from 7 August. Ownership of the land must be known and a planning application is the only way to resolve this. Councillor McCrave had made a site visit and fully supports the project. Letters of support have been received from MSP Euan Robson and Berwick Ramblers Club among others.

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

5 WEBSITE UPDATE

Scott said a hit had been received from a person trying to contact a member of the community and this would be passed to that person.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

(a) 5 The Glebe, Gavinton – erection of conservatory, notification only as outside conservation area

(b) Polwarth Village – resubmission by Grovewood Builders for erection of 6 dwelling houses with integral garages – no objections.

(c) Garage strip, Gavinton – erection of dwelling house and double garage. Approval given with 7 conditions covering external finishes, windows, boundary walls and fences, tree and shrub planting, vehicular access and water supply and drainage. Work has commenced on clearing the site.

7 TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance of working account is £761. Second account balance is £1785.

8 CLOSURE OF VENNEL BETWEEN ROWARDENNAN AND ALLANBANK, GAVINTON

Work completed between 11th and 15th Aug.

9 BUILDING VIBRANT RURAL COMMUNITIES TOGETHER, CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY SCOTTISH BORDERS RURAL PARTNERSHIP

18th – 20th September at Heriot Watt University Campus, Galashiels. Mrs Darling is part of the organising committee. Delegates are expected from many parts of Europe. Bursaries available for anyone wishing to attend.

10 COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS, SBC BUDGET 2003/4

Maximum grant £500, to be match-funded. Information passed to Mrs Bishop for Village Hall Committee to consider with regard to new notice board.

11 SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE CONSULTATION ON DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE UNDER SECTION 60 OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

Common Good Funds statement 2002-3 is not yet available. Some communities do not have any representation into the use of such funds.

12 SOUTHERN UPLAND NEWS

(a) Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 – comes into force on 22nd October. Presently there is not a problem with dog fouling in the area.

(b) Workshop on Windfarms – Stewarty on 23 August. Currently there is no overall policy on windfarms. Crystal Rigg windfarm is now under construction. Planning permission has been given for the erection of an anemometer on Longformacus Moor.

13 DRAFT LOCAL GOVERNANCE (SCOTLAND) BILL CONSULTATION – SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE

The next local elections will be decided by proportional representation.

14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) Scottish Natural Heritage – Partner Bodies Relationship Study report.
- (b) Scottish Borders Access Strategy questionnaire – Mrs Darling to complete, highlighting problem of path opposite Berwickshire High School to Grueldykes which is used by Gavinton people
Notice of meeting at Chirnside to be displayed.
- (c) Berwickshire Housing Association, AGM, 11 September in Duns
- (d) Community Safety Forum Annual Conference, 25 September, Galashiels

15 CATALOGUES RECEIVED

- (a) TurfTrax Ground Management
- (b) Shaw's Ledgers
- (c) Wicksteed Leisure

16 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) The road between Fogo and Bogend was closed for 3 days when the Fogo bridge road was also closed, therefore causing a large detour via Sisterpath. Also the farmer by the closure on the Bogend road could not get out even to carry on harvesting. SBC apologised and said there had

not been any liaison with the pipe layers. Mrs Darling said the weight restriction on the Fogo bridge is likely to continue.

- (b) The hedges along the Fogo to Bogend road have not been cut thus causing poor visibility and there have been 3 near misses of collisions in the past week. Schools resume on 19 August and increased traffic on the road will be at risk. Mrs Darling to contact Major Trotter again to ask that hedges are cut as a matter of urgency.
- (c) Concern was expressed at the number of cars which park by the football pitch in Gavinton thus reducing the road to a narrow single track. This could be made worse when the Duns rugby pitch closes if matches are transferred to Gavinton.
- (d) Motorists will have to take extra care at the corner of South Street when work begins on The Strip.
- (e) Middlefield Bridge – the parapet has been repaired but there is a dangerous gap where the hedge was burned. Darren Silcock, SBC Roads, is to check this out.

17 FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, 29 September 2003)
Monday, 10 November 2003) Church Hall, Gavinton at 7pm
Monday, 15 December 2003)

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Chairman *S.P. Darling* Date ... *29/9/03*