

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Church Hall on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2003 at 7.00pm

**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 C Taylor, Mr B Weir.  
Mrs L Chernoff (part attendance)  
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary)

#### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs J Seed and Councillor Mrs M McCrave.

#### 2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> September 2003

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

#### 3 MATTERS ARISING

3,10 Scotland's Floral Gateway – no results given yet. This is not satisfactory.

10 Community Councils Special Project Funds – £500 has been awarded to Gavinton Village Hall committee to purchase a digital piano. The committee will match the award and when the piano is purchased the receipt will be presented in order to claim the £500.

9 Village computer. This has gone to Gordon Village who paid £50 for the cabinet. The money will go into the computer account.

16(a) Interruption of electricity supply - Mrs Darling reported interruptions but has asked individuals to contact Scottish Hydro-Electric if any more occur and to keep a record of dates and times.

#### 4 FOGO FOOTBRIDGE AND PATH

Mrs Chernoff reported that the application which consisted of 2 application forms and another on floppy disc together with a great many supportive documents was taken to the Heritage Lottery office in Edinburgh on 16<sup>th</sup> October by Mrs Renton and herself. They were congratulated on the application and told it was the best presentation ever received.

It will be about 3 months before a decision on the award is made. If it is successful then tenders for the erection of the footbridge and laying of the footpath will have to be requested and the Heritage Lottery officer will advise on which to accept.

Mrs Renton has a copy of the complete application. In future any correspondence will be through her.

Mrs Chernoff thanked Mrs Darling for all her help who in turn congratulated Mrs Chernoff and Mrs Renton for all they had done.

#### 8 SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE – RIVER TWEED CANDIDATE SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION, BLACKADDER WATER

This item was brought forward as it is relevant to previous item. The letter stating that Blackadder Water is to be included as a candidate special area of conservation was handed to Mrs Renton to keep with documents on footbridge and footpath application.

Mrs Chernoff left the meeting.

#### 5 NAME PLATES ON GAVINTON STONE FLOWER WELLS

These are rusted right through in some places. Members felt that this was probably due to the salting of the roads in winter as the name plates were at a height which would receive the spray. They have

been in position 10 years or more, therefore no claim for poor quality workmanship could justifiably be made.

## **6 REQUEST FOR STREET NAME IDENTIFICATION IN GAVINTON**

A previous request was turned down by SBC due to lack of funds. However lack of signs causes difficulties for delivery firms. It was decided to request the following;  
Crimson Hill; South Street; The Green; Main Street; - 2 signs each  
The Glebe – 1 sign.  
The signs should be of an appropriate size and well sited.

## **7 PLANNING APPLICATION**

Polwarth Crofts Farm – alterations to steading buildings to form a dwellinghouse and workshop/studio. Also change of use and alterations to other steading buildings to form a dwellinghouse. Members examined the plans and had no objections.

## **9 WEBSITE UPDATE**

Mrs Bishop and Scott Brodie are to meet on 15<sup>th</sup> November to see if they can work together to get the website up to date. Scott will retain ownership and Mrs Bishop will help him.

David Ward at the Post Office has a digital camera and has offered photographs for scanning into the website.

His window displays including church picnic, halloween, bonfire night and "Keep Berwickshire Tidy" are much appreciated.

## **10 SBC WORKING WITH SCRUTINY PANEL**

All Community Councils have been asked to put forward any matters which they would like the scrutiny panel to discuss. No suggestions made.

## **11 SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – RADIO BORDERS DRINK DRIVING CAMPAIGN**

Mrs Darling completed the questionnaire.

## **12 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance of working account is £588. Second account balance is £1777, including £50 from Gordon Village for computer cabinet.

## **13 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) Edinburgh City Council, consultation in advance of public inquiry on proposed Congestion Charging Scheme.
- (b) Neil Mackay, new Assistant Access Officer (Rights of Way) re maintenance grants, footpath warden, control of giant hogweed and Japanese knotweed. – passed to Mrs Renton re Fogo footpath.
- (c) Scottish Borders Elder Voice, Issue 8.
- (d) Berwickshire Housing Association Autumn 2003 and Annual Report
- (e) BAVS Newsletter September 2003.
- (f) Licensing Board (East Division)
- (g) In Fine Fettle, September 2003
- (h) Neil MacCormick MEP Newsletter, November 2003

**14 Catalogue:**

Glasdon Autumn 2003.

**15 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- (a) Village dog bin – Mrs Darling to telephone SBC Environmental Office to request it is emptied regularly as on some occasions it has not been.
- (b) Village Pantomime – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December.
- (c) Salt bin – between St Fillans and Coonanglebah not replaced. Mrs Darling to request SBC Roads Department to do so.
- (d) Overgrown allotment – request that the owner of this is asked to at least control the weeds which are causing a nuisance to adjacent allotments.

**16 FUTURE MEETINGS**

Monday, 15 December 2003 in Church Hall, Gavinton at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Chairman ..... E.S. Darling ..... Date 15/12/03 .....