

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Church Hall on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2003 at 7.00pm

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

Mrs Darling welcomed PC Brockie

#### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr N Humphry, Mr D Paterson and Councillor Mrs M McCrave.

#### 2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> November 2003

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

No member had any concerns to raise with PC Brockie. He said that during the past month in our area one person had been reported for drunk driving, no crime had been reported or calls made to the police. He was thanked for his attendance and then left.

#### 3 MATTERS ARISING

3,10 Scotland's Floral Gateway – Gavinton were awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Wee Village Category. Results were not declared until November, which was very unsatisfactory. The award ceremony held in Melrose on 3<sup>rd</sup> December was not attended by anyone from this community. The judges comments were very favourable but also said "There are some wonderful gardens to be seen, but unfortunately the better ones seem to be behind high walls, hedges or fences." In view of this, consideration will be given as to whether to enter in future.

5 Name plates on Gavinton stone flower wells – Mr Markby removed the plates and cleaned off the rust and old paint, for which thanks were expressed. To have them re-sprayed by the original manufacturers would cost £100-£150. Mrs Darling to check with a supplier in Greenlaw the cost of using Pro-Coat. New bolts would be required to replace the plates.

6 Request for street name identification in Gavinton – SBC Transport & Environmental Standards, Darren Silcock, had replied to say that street identification signs will be ordered and erected in 2004.

The offset at the road at The Old Church will be enlarged soon, and if possible a new filter drain installed in the new financial year.

15(c) The salt bin between Coonanglebah and St Fillans has been replaced.

15(d) Overgrown allotment – The owners have started to clear this and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

#### 4 WEBSITE UPDATE

Mrs Bishop and Scott Brodie had discussed moving the website to Mrs Bishop's computer and the best price for software to be able to make this transfer was £200 which the Treasurer had agreed to. However Mrs Taylor said she knew someone who may be able to help at a lower cost. It was agreed that Mrs Bishop should proceed with help from Mrs Taylor. Thanks expressed to Mrs Bishop.

#### 5 NOTIFICATION OF TRUST AND BEQUEST FUNDS HELD BY SBC

The latest list of Berwickshire District Council Trusts & Bequests showed that there was £314.57 lying for Upkeep of Gavinton Village Hall. Mrs Bishop to speak to Mrs Blaikie, Treasurer, Village Hall

Committee. Fogo bequests totaled £536.52 and Polwarth £1352.45. Councillor McCrave to be asked to pursue how these bequests can be accessed.

## 6 TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance of working account is £570. Second account balance is £1765. Payment of £20 to be made to Langton & Polwarth Congregation for use of Church Hall - £5/hour X 4 hours.

## 7 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) SEPA View Issue 17
- (b) Scottish Natural Heritage, discussion paper "Scotland's Future Landscapes?"
- (c) Review of Land Managed by Forestry Commission Scotland – consultation paper.
- (d) Southern Upland News, Autumn 2003
- (e) Yo! Borders!!!
- (f) Scottish Borders Elder Voice, December 2003
- (g) RAF Calendar 2004

Catalogues:

- (a) Shaw's Ledgers, Registers, Books and Binders
- (b) SMP Playgrounds
- (c) Gravity (Skateboard Park)

## 8 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Community Council Special Projects Fund – successful application made for £500 towards digital piano for Gavinton Village Hall. The Treasurer to make payment of £500 to Village Hall Committee when money is paid into Community Council account.
- (b) Village Noticeboards – in hand. One to replace that on Gavinton Village Hall and the other to be fixed on Mr & Mrs Bishop's shed or fence. Size 2 ft x 3 ft approx.
- (c) Gavinton Village Hall update – the committee have had a meeting with Kevin McCall who will guide them through the procedure for grant aid to make improvements. The community will be consulted before any decisions are made.
- (d) Cothill – Mrs Darling congratulated Mr & Mrs Seed on their award from the RSPB for improvements to wildlife habitat. Recently about 30 RSPB members had visited the farm and 52 different varieties of birds had been spotted. School visits were also being introduced. The first one had been very successful.
- (e) Fogo – the church bench still needs repainting. It was suggested that a noticeboard could be erected at Fogo.

## 9 FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2004

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2004

in Church Hall, Gavinton at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Chairman .....

B.V. Darling

Date .....

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