

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Church Hall
on Monday, 26th January 2004 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 J Seed, Mrs C Taylor, Mr B Weir,
Councillor Mrs M McCrave
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2 POLICE INPUT IF REQUIRED

PC Darren Howlett called in but as no one wished to raise any concerns he left.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15th December 2003

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

4 MATTERS ARISING

3,5 Name plates on Gavinton stone flower wells – A firm in Greenlaw could dip the plates in matt-black and then another person could outline the name, it was agreed this should be done.

5 Trust and Bequest Funds held by SBC – Councillor McCrave will look into how these can be accessed and report to the next meeting.

5 WEBSITE UPDATE

Mrs Bishop said her computer did not have enough hard disc memory to take the website. As Mrs Darling's computer was the same spec it also would not be suitable. Mrs Darling said that the BCCF had funds to develop a website for Community Councils and to pay for an operator. Also free training would be offered to Community Council members. She also said that the Association of Community Councils has information on some free PCs and she will pursue these matters.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Langton Parish Church and Hall formation of steps and ramp for disabled persons – no objections.

(b) St Leonard's Polwarth – this is a resubmission. The plans for the dwelling house have not been changed but access has been improved. The residents of Polwarth feel strongly that the house is not in keeping with buildings in the area. Sewage disposal remains a problem and the owner of Packman's Brae objects to sewerage pipes from St Leonard's crossing his land. Councillor McCrave to investigate route of sewerage pipes. It was decided that the Community Council would object to the plans.

7 REQUEST FOR MINUTES TO BE SENT TO BERWICKSHIRE NEWS FOR PUBLICATION

It was decided that the Minute Secretary would send the approved minutes.

8 SBC GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE FOR CYCLE AND FOOTPATHS

This money is only available until the end of March. It was suggested that the path on both sides of the Langton footbridge to the road could be improved from the present muddy state by laying gravel. Mrs Renton said she would have a quotation for this work by Thursday, 29th January. Councillor McCrave

said she would speak to Jenny Bagnall at SBC about this. Some children going to school in Duns use this route.

9 SBC BUDGET & FINANCIAL PLANNING PROCESS MEETING

This is on Thursday, 29th January at 7.30pm at SBC HQ. Mrs Darling will attend.

10 SBC SEMINAR WITH COMMUNITY COUNCILS

This is on Saturday, 27th March, 10am-4pm at Earliston High School to discuss some of the Council's policy priorities and important service issues. Mrs Darling said that Councillor Parker was trying hard to communicate with the Community Councils. Mrs Darling and Mrs Taylor will attend.

11 TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance of working account is £551. Second account balance is £1767. Our hall rent will be re-paid by SBC this year after which the situation will be reviewed

12 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) Letter from Ancrum CC seeking support for affordable housing in rural communities – Mrs Darling to write stating our support. Also to consider it as a topic for inclusion at the SBCCN seminar in October.
- (b) Royal Mail – single daily delivery from 12 January
- (c) Reply to our submission to Edinburgh City Council on proposed congestion charging scheme
- (d) SBC Licensing Board quarterly meeting.
- (e) SBC annual public performance report 2002-2003
- (f) Postwatch Scotland Winter 2003-2004
- (g) Borders Local Health Council Newsletter, November 2003
- (h) Berwickshire Housing Association Bulletin
- (i) SBC Connect, Issue 1
- (j) Water Customer Consultation Panels.
- (k) Notification of Military Exercise, 26-30 January. Copies sent to Fogo Playschool and Marchmont.

13 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) NHS Borders – not one GP in the Borders will be doing night duty after their new contracts are signed. Further information will be made available.
- (b) The footbridge at the ford has been vandalised – reported to SBC.
- (c) The seat at Fogo will be painted later in the year.
- (d) Gavinton village notice boards require varnishing and will be erected very soon.
- (e) Volunteers are required to man the hospital trolley at The Knoll, please contact Mrs Nancy Seed.
- (f) The bridge at Ladyflat had new wooden railings.

14 FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, 8th March 2004)
Monday, 26th April 2004) Church Hall, Gavinton, 7pm
Monday, 24th May 2004 or 7th June for AGM)

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Chairman

S. J. Darling

Date

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