

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Church Hall on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2004 at 7.30pm immediately following AGM

**PRESENT:** Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr I Gill, Mr N Humphry, Mr A Macmillan,  
Mr D Paterson, Mrs F Renton, Mrs J Seed, Mrs C Taylor, Mr B Weir.  
Cllr Mrs M McCrave  
Mrs L Chernoff  
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary)

#### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs M Bishop.

#### 2 POLICE INPUT IF REQUIRED

No police attendance but a telephone call next morning asking if any items of police concern were raised and were informed of speeding through Gavinton (see Item 12).

#### 3 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> April 2004

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

#### 4 MATTERS ARISING

4,5 Trust and Bequest Funds held by SBC – It was suggested that the 3 funds for Fogo, of £79.64, £44.50 and £412.38 should be added to the Footpath Project to provide a seat. Hopefully the capital as well as the revenue will be released.

4,8 Langton Ford footpath – Neil Mackay, SBC Footpaths Officer had made a site visit with Mrs Darling, however he could not grant sufficient funds to cover the estimated cost of £1100 to repair the path. Therefore it was decided to apply to Leader+ to see if any funding would be available from that organisation.

18 Keep Berwickshire Tidy – Gavinton was placed third.

22(a) Potholes in Gavinton – those in Maitland Row and South Street are particularly bad, Mrs Darling to write to Darren Silcock, SBC Roads Department. There have also been 2 complaints about the large potholes at the Ford.

#### 5 FOGO FOOTBRIDGE UPDATE

The Plan for the footbridge was displayed. The letter of acceptance went out from our consultant on 24<sup>th</sup> May. The contract for the building of the footbridge has been awarded to Roger of Earlston and work is due to start on 31<sup>st</sup> May and be completed by 26<sup>th</sup> June. The path either side of the bridge will be one meter wide with a rail on the Fogo side. Mrs Darling, Mrs Renton and Mrs Chernoff have been clearing the path of debris. Mrs Renton and Mrs Chernoff were commended for their efforts. The Opening Day is Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> July. Mrs Renton has organised catering for 60 people which will be served in Fogo Nursery School.

#### 6 WEBSITE

(a) Update on Community Council website – Mrs Bishop has been on holiday but is having difficulty in obtaining Windows 2000 software.

(b) Berwickshire Communities Online – was launched at Leitholm on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**7 COMMUNITY SAFETY PANEL**

A training exercise for a chemical spill is to be held at Woodheads on 26<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Taylor had planned to go but now cannot. She will send her apologies.

**8 SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY COUNCILS NETWORK AGM, 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY, MELROSE**

Mrs Darling said the meeting was well attended and useful.

**9 BERWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PANEL – CYCLE MARKING PROJECT**

Cycles etc were marked on Gavinton Village Green on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**10 ENERGY AWARENESS DAY SEMINAR**

At The Victoria Hall, Selkirk, Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2-4pm. No one wished to attend.

**11 PROPOSAL FROM REGISTRAR GENERAL FOR SCOTLAND TO AMALGAMATE ALL DISTRICTS IN SCOTTISH BORDERS FOR BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES**

A paper had been previously circulated to all members and much discussion took place. It was felt that our whole history and heritage is involved and traceability of families in their own areas is important and should not be lost. Duns and Coldstream should be kept as names of Registries and not changed to numbers. It was strongly stated that local offices and their names should be retained as they are kept very busy. However the advantage of having a Registrar at the Borders General Hospital was appreciated Mrs Darling to reply.

**12 COMPLAINT ABOUT VOLUME OF TRAFFIC USING GAVINTON AS A DUNS BYPASS**

It was said that there are between seven to ten lorries going through Main Street after 8pm. Mrs Taylor will continue checking. In the morning when children are going to school the road is dangerous with cars speeding through. It was suggested that traffic calming devices could be installed. The police to be asked to come to the next meeting.

**13 TREASURER'S REPORT**

No report.

**14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) YOI Borders, Issue 6
- (b) Berwickshire Housing Association Bulletin – Spring 2004
- (c) Scottish Borders Social Inclusion Partnership (Young people) – copy to Mrs Seed.
- (d) Neil MacCormick's Diary, April 2004
- (e) Elspeth Attwooll, MEP
- (f) SNH Scottish Outdoor Access Code leaflet - distributed to members

Catalogues received:

- (a) Turnock Outdoor and Indoor Lighting
- (b) Teen Recreation Ltd.

**15 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- (a) Scotland's Floral Gateway – it was agreed to enter.
- (b) Scottish Water Seminar, 16<sup>th</sup> June – Mrs Taylor to attend.

- (c) Association of Community Councils AGM, 14<sup>th</sup> June at Stirling when wind farms will be discussed.
- (d) The roadside verges between Fogo and Bogend are overgrown.
- (e) Ragwort reported in Mr Trotter's field at Fogo.
- (f) It was thought that foundations were being laid for housing at Bogend but perhaps these were for garages.
- (g) Local Plan – the draft is now available in the Library at Duns. The reason stated for no candidate building sites in Gavinton is that none are necessary. The Plan will be discussed by the Community Council at a future date. The sewage situation will be reviewed in 2006/7.
- (h) Fogo to Fogo Rigg road – this was resurfaced last year when it was closed for 3 days. However between the cross roads at Fogo to Fogo Rigg Farm it is being patched. Why? Mrs Darling to ask Darren Silcock, SBC.

**16 FUTURE MEETINGS**

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2004                    ) Church Hall, Gavinton, 7pm  
 Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2004            )

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman ..... *E. Darling* ..... Date *5/7/04* .....

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### SCOTTISH BORDERS LOCAL PLAN REPLY TO CONSULTATIVE DRAFT, MAY 2004

- 1 In January 2003 Alastair Ross, SBC, gave a presentation to a full village hall on the Berwickshire Local Plan and the Gavinton appraisal.
- 2 In March 2003 The Community Council considered the 3 Candidate Sites for Housing Allocation.  
**Field OS 6800**, Mrs Seed declared a pecuniary interest. Mrs Darling declared a non pecuniary interest. Neither took part in the discussion. Other members were unanimous in not wanting this site included in the forthcoming Local Plan for development.  
**Butterwell Park**, one member abstained, the other 10 did not support the application.  
**Crimson Hill**, the Minutes state "Members did not want the village to grow at a faster rate than at present." "The majority of members felt a small development behind the latest houses built at Crimson Hill might be appropriate in time to come. Access into the field had been left. The possibility of relocation of the village hall was mentioned "
- 3 In May 2004 Following publication of the Consultative Draft, at the Community Council meeting on 24 May it was noted this was available in Duns library and would be discussed at a future date.
- 4 5 July 2004 Agenda item on the Draft Local Plan was deferred to the next meeting.
- 5 16 August 2004 The 7 members of the public present were invited to make comment, and it was agreed to hold a public meeting on 2 September. A précis of comments from this is submitted herewith.
- 6 27 September 2004 Following consideration of the comments made at the public meeting on 2 September, Mrs Seed declared a pecuniary interest, Mrs Darling a non-pecuniary interest, so did not vote. A motion was proposed and seconded to agree with the Consultative Draft Plan recommendation that there should be no building in Gavinton. A counter motion, proposed and seconded, that there should be some building was carried by the members entitled to vote on this issue by 5 votes to 2 with 2 abstentions.

Bridget R Darling  
Chairperson  
October 2004