

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at Gavinton Church Hall On Monday, 24th January 2005, at 7pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chair), Mr B Weir, Mrs C Allman, Mr I Gill, Mrs M Bishop, Mrs J Seed, Mrs F Renton, Mrs C Taylor, Mrs J O'Kane (acting secretary), Cllr Mrs M McCrave, PC Roper

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr A Macmillan, Mr D Paterson and Mr N Humphrey

2. Police Input

PC Roper warned that there is an ongoing local problem of heavy plant theft. It is thought this is the work of a team from outwith the area, and it is hoped there will be a solution soon.

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 13th December 2004

Agreed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 School bus at Gavinton

BD reported that the children are now picked up from outside the church and the bus then does a turn. She thanked the police for sorting this out so quickly.

4.6 Noticeboard in Fogo

FR confirmed that this is in hand.

4.7 Request for 20mph limit for Fogo

No progress.

4.10 Red Brae, Gavinton

Still no progress (see AOB)

4.17 Social Work Seminar

FR reported on this event, where Euan Robson was one of the speakers. It was very interesting, and SBC confirmed that more money was going to be spent 2005-07 on staff training. Cllr. MM confirmed that SBC match 100% of the Scottish Executive funding it receives for this (compare with Dumfries & Galloway who match only 5%).

5. Planning Applications

Crunklaw Farm's application for the erection of 2 dwellinghouses has been circulated around the sub-committee. All members had the opportunity to view at the meeting. JS requested to view also.

6. Proposed Community Coat of Arms

It was discussed how best to consult the community on this. It was agreed that all would be letterboxed, with the design on display in Gavinton Post Office, where residents could also submit their responses. Action: FR and BD, for discussion April meeting.

7. Gavinton website

MB reported no progress. Peter Nisbet has yet to respond. BW has received an offer from a relative of a Gavinton resident to help out.

8. Treasurer's Report

CA reported on behalf of AM that there is £1112.48 in the ordinary account, and £1684 in the extraordinary account, of which £490 is for the village computer/website.

9. SBC Budget meeting 31/1/05

Attendees will be BD, FR, CT and JOK.

10. Planning Aid Seminar 5/3/05 and SBC Information Day 12/3/05

CT and JS (to confirm) will attend the Planning Aid seminar, FR, BD and CT will attend the Information Day.

11. Correspondence received

- Scottish Executive, Rights of Appeal in Planning. Analysis of consultation responses.
- Scottish Borders Local Plan, Consultative Draft. Response to our comments. JS requested copy.
- BAVS Newsletter, Christmas 2004
- SBC questionnaire 'The Future of Small Schools in the Borders'. The response date is 25/3/05. It was agreed that NH would respond on behalf of this CC. JS requested copy, so that she could respond as a parent.

12. Any other competent business

FR reported that there is now a drain at Caldra to prevent further flooding down the path to the new bridge. The path now needs more stones. To await future heavy rain to test the drain.

FR reported that the poor state of the sign at Fogo church had been brought to her attention. It was agreed this is a church matter.

MB reported that the salt box has now been replaced.

Cllr. MM stated a small sum of money is available to address any problems with roads. It was agreed that Red Brae should benefit from this.

CT asked if a cut-in could be provided for people waiting for the bus to Galashiels. It was agreed this was unlikely to be possible.

13. Future Meetings

Monday 7th March 2005, Gavinton Church Hall, 7pm

Monday 30th May 2005, Gavinton Church Hall, 7pm (to be confirmed)

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Chairman *Sy. Darling* Date 7/3/05