

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held at Gavinton Church Hall on Monday 24 April 2006 at 7pm

Present: Mrs C Allman, Mrs. M Bishop, Mrs B Darling (in the chair), Mr I Gill, Mr A Macmillan. Mrs J O'Kane (secretary), Mr D Paterson, Mrs F Renton, Mr M Rooke. Mr N. Whyte,

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mr N Humphrey, Mrs J Seed, Mrs C Taylor, Cllr. M McCrave
2. Police input: there was nothing to report
3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 13 March 2006 were approved with two minor amendments to Matters Arising:
4. Matters arising:
 - Carriageway repairs in Gavinton are still not completed, as there are potholes to be filled. CC members expressed their disappointment at this.
 - State of roads and verges in Fogo was discussed. Some problems are being caused by very wide farm vehicles. It was agreed that SB Local could be asked to make repairs, but not if it was going to occur again; the cause has to be solved first.
 - Dog fouling in Gavinton: there have been three further complaints. Mrs Darling reported that there are 27 dogs in the village, with 19 owners. It was agreed to put up posters to remind owners that not clearing up after their dogs is an offence.
 - Household waste arrangements: Mrs Darling is to raise the questions of why so little plastic qualifies for uplifting, and if there is a weight limit for paper collections at the next Berwickshire Area Committee meeting.
5. Planning applications:
 - Polwarth: 10 houses refused 10 April for a variety of reasons. SBC has been notified that their most recent letter still refers to '30' houses.
 - Land NE of Langton Edge: erection of dwellinghouse: there is a potential problem with water supply.
 - Polwarth Bank: erection of conservatory (notification only)
 - Woodlea, Caldra: erection of conservatory (notification only)
 - Whinkerstone Farmhouse: extensions to dwellinghouse (notification only)
6. Treasurer's report: now that various payments agreed have been made, the accounts stand at £385 in the ordinary account, and £414 in the other account (for computer).
7. Training at SBC, Weds 24 May, 7 – 9.30pm on National Standards for Community Engagement: Mrs Darling and Mrs Renton to attend.
8. Scottish Executive Consultation on Age and Experience: Developing the Strategy for a Scotland with an Ageing Population (reply required by 5 June): Mrs Darling, Mrs Renton and Mrs Taylor will complete this.
9. Correspondence received:
 - Insurance cover to 31 March 2007: the tables and chairs at Fogo have been added
 - SBC Local Housing Assessment, April/May 2006: 1,500 interviews of randomly selected households, 18,000 postal questionnaires
 - Scottish Parliament Public Petitions Committee, Jedburgh, 26 June 6 – 9pm. Admission by ticket only. Mrs Darling and Mrs Renton to attend.
 - Elder Voice AGM, 11 May, 2pm in Galashiels. Volume 2, Issue 8, April 2006.
 - Lothian & Borders Outdoor Diary 2006 and leaflets
 - Core Paths Consultation, 11 May, 7 – 9pm, Southfield, Duns: Mrs Darling to attend
 - SBCCN AGM, Melrose, 29 May, 7pm
 - BCCF, Minutes of meeting, 22 March
 - Notification of SBC selling off minibuses
 - Borders Book Festival, June 22

- Online Borders now up and running
- Petition from Coldstream Churches Together about Coldstream Cottage Hospital
- Notification of Digital UK meeting in Carlisle: will also be coming to the Borders in October
- Letter from SBC re future of rural post offices: Mrs Darling will respond. Mrs Bishop raised the issue of pensions not being paid from POs in 4 years.

10. AOCB

- Mrs Darling thanked the 10 children and 5 adults who helped collect rubbish for Keep Berwickshire Tidy
- Mr Rooke raised the subject of future use of the old Co-operative building in Duns
- Mr Whyte reported problems with his telephone and asked if anyone else had experienced this. It was agreed that his neighbour's new wireless broadband could be causing it.
- Mr MacMillan asked what the fate of Duns swimming pool would be, as it is not planned as part of the new High School complex

11. Dates of future meetings:

AGM and regular meeting, Monday 5 June at Fogo
Monday 17 July, 7pm at Gavinton

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary