

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held at Fogo Community Hall on Monday 5 June 2006 at 7pm following the Annual General Meeting

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chair), Mrs C Allman, Mrs M Bishop, Mrs F Renton, Mrs C Taylor, Mr D Paterson, Mr A Macmillan, Mr N Humphry, Mrs J Seed, Mrs J O'Kane (minutes secretary), and Cllr Mrs M McCrave (part).

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mr I Gill, Mr M Rooke and Mr N Whyte
2. Police input: Colin Glass and Rachel Stevenson attended the start of the meeting on behalf of Lothian & Borders Police, but had nothing to report. Mrs Renton raised the subject of the road exit from Gavinton – she had recently had 3 near-misses – and the police agreed this was a difficult junction, but they can do nothing but report back to SBC. Mr Macmillan said that the crossroads to Leitholm from Charterhall was also dangerous, due to the hedges.
3. Minutes of meeting held on 24 April 2006 were agreed
4. Matters arising:
 - State of roads and verges in Fogo are still causing concern
 - Dog fouling in Gavinton: Mrs Taylor confirmed that this still a problem
 - Household waste arrangements: Mrs Darling has contacted SBC and received the following clarifications:
 - (i) only 15kg of wastepaper may be put in the sack, and SBC will be supplying smaller sacks in future;
 - (ii) partly-filled bags of recyclable materials should be put out every week, rather than waiting until they are filled;
 - (iii) only plastics classed 1 and 2 can be recycled at present, all others to be put into the general rubbish;
 - (iv) the lids of wheelie bins must be fully closed, it is possible to request larger bins if required.
 - Duns swimming pool: it has been confirmed that it will be unaffected by the new High School
5. Planning applications:
 - Building to house buses at Eran, Duns: granted with 4 conditions, including keeping the right of way
 - Polwarth 10 houses: appeal lodged with Scottish Executive Inquiry Reporters Unit against refusal. Further representation can be lodged by 6 June, but it was decided to take no additional action
6. SBC Community Council Special Project funds: maximum grant £500 with at least 50% match-funding. Application for Gavinton Hall refurbishment was agreed. Mrs Bishop confirmed that the Hall needs a further £45,000.
7. Keep Berwickshire Tidy: Gavinton was awarded 3rd place and will receive its prize in October
8. Scottish Borders Floral Gateway competition: Gavinton to enter
9. SBC Local Transport Strategy 2006: it was agreed that Mrs Darling, Mrs Renton and Mrs Taylor will meet to discuss the consultation and reply by the deadline of 28 July
10. Treasurer's report was as per the AGM.
11. Electricity outages: the refusal of compensation by PowerGen was discussed, and it was agreed that Mrs Darling should contact OFGEM, the regulator
12. Correspondence received:
 - Calor Scottish Community of the Year 2006: enter by 30 June
 - Lothian & Borders Police Annual Service Plan 2006/07

- Scottish Executive 'Standing up to Antisocial Behaviour Awards Scheme 2006: closing date 30 June
- Southern Uplands Partnership AGM & Newsletter spring 2006
- Derek Brownlee MSP newsletter spring 2006
- SBC Trading Standards Matters Issue 6
- Scottish Health Council News
- SEPA View Issue 29
- Scottish Natural Heritage 'Making a difference for Scotland's species': public consultation
- Shaw's catalogue for Local Councils
- Notification of closure of the Clockmill road for 3 weeks from 19 June
- 'Defend the Borders' campaign information
- Notification of applications for changes to alcohol licenses
- International Sheepdog Trials at Charterhall, in September: Mrs Darling to attend a meeting
- Response to BCCF lobbying on behalf of Post Offices
- CAB proposal for CC involvement

13. AOCB

- Mrs Darling requested that the mileage rate be adjusted to 40p: agreed
- Mr Macmillan said that one of the flat stones in Fogo churchyard has been knocked over. Mrs Darling will notify SBC's Graveyards Officer
- Mr Macmillan told the meeting that he was resigning from the CC and as Treasurer with immediate effect. He was thanked for his efforts over many years. Mrs Bishop agreed to take over as Treasurer for the year until the 2007 election. It was agreed that a new CC representative for Fogo would be sought.
- Mrs Renton mentioned the overgrown hedges at Sisterpath. Mrs Darling will contact the farmer

14. Dates of future meetings:

Monday 17 July 2006, 7pm
Monday 28 August 2006, 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary

R. Darling
17 July 2006