

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting held at Fogo Old School on Monday 26 March 2007 at 7pm

Present: Mrs C Allman, Mrs M Bishop, Mrs B Darling (Chair), Mr P Gibbens, Mr I Gill, Mrs J O'Kane (minutes secretary), Mr D Patterson, Mrs F Renton, Mr M Rooke, Mr N Whyte. Also in attendance were Cllr. M McCrave and 1 member of the public.

The meeting started with congratulations to Mrs Darling, who celebrates her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday at the end of the month.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Seed and Mrs C Taylor
2. Police input: PC Aitchison had nothing specific to report. The speeding situation in Gavinton will continue to be monitored. The cycle route signs are down at Langton Ford. There was a discussion about diesel spillages rendering some local roads dangerously slippery.
3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 19 February 2007 were approved with the following corrections:
  - Point 2 – it was Mr Patterson who will represent GP & P CC at any windfarm meeting (although as Mr Whyte has expressed an interest, he will be included also).
  - Point 5 – it was a joint master who visited the site
  - Point 19: the date of the AGM is 23<sup>rd</sup> April, not the 30th
4. Matters arising:
  - Neighbourhood Watch, Gavinton – no interest expressed
  - Arrangements for CC nominations, April/May: Mrs Darling outlined what needs to be done. It was agreed (i) to wait until after 3<sup>rd</sup> May SBC elections; (ii) to display a map as well as the notification of an election; (iii) nomination forms to be returned to Cllr. McCrave by noon on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May; (iv) publicity following the AGM. Nomination forms were passed out to those who are planning to stand again.
  - RES Black Hill windfarm: Mrs O'Kane to supply copies of relevant papers to other members of the sub-group. There has been no further action, as no joint meeting of CCs has been called; this will be raised at the BCCF meeting later in the week.
5. BCCF, 28 March, 7pm in Duns: a second delegate is required to replace Christine Taylor. It was agreed that Mrs Renton will attend the meeting this week, and someone will be appointed formally at the first meeting of the new CC.
6. Planning applications:
  - Land NE of Langton Edge, Duns: erection of dwellinghouse with integral garage – still being circulated
  - Application for dwellinghouse beside Caldra North Lodge is an agenda item at the Berwickshire Area Committee on 27th March
7. Application for inclusion in the Pharmaceutical List: Chirside Pharmacy, Chirside Medical Practice. This was discussed and was felt to be a good idea.
8. ASCC membership renewal 2007 from 1 April: £15.00: it was agreed to renew this year, review next year.
9. Treasurer's report: there have been problems because the bank has been sending statements to the previous treasurer, but this has now been put right. The balance for the current account is £417.86, the computer fund as previously. The next tranche of funding from SBC comes in May/June. It was agreed to give Gavinton Village Hall and Fogo Nursery £150 each. CC members had the chance to see the room that the Nursery is seeking to refurbish. It was also agreed that rather than setting up a brand new bank account, the 'Nursery' fundraising group will use the old Fogo bridge account.
10. AGM arrangements, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Mrs Darling suggested that past members of the CC be invited along for coffee, and a list was agreed on.
11. National Planning Framework seminar, 22 February: Report by Mrs Darling
12. Correspondence received:
  - Lothian & Borders Berwickshire Section Newsletter March 07
  - Exercise notification from MOD

- Vibrant Communities handbook, detailing New Ways Awards
- SBCCN business meeting details
- MacMillan Cancer Support publicity
- Update on work of Scottish Parliament
- Berwickshire Civic Society: notification of Keep Berwickshire Tidy starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April

13. AOCB

- Mrs Darling reported on the Borders Digital Forum: Heather Batsch is now part-time Borders coordinator. The Selkirk transmitter has been updated to receive digital radio. Next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> June.
- Website: Graham Macleod is the new webmaster. He reported on progress. It is intended that members of the community can update it themselves.
- A get-well card was circulated for Joan Wheadon, past minutes secretary
- Mrs Bishop reported on a non-working streetlight in Gavinton that has been like this for 2 weeks
- Mrs Bishop gave an update on the village hall project: they are having problems getting builders to tender, but are keeping the Lottery informed and have had a time extension granted
- Mrs O'Kane reported that the pathway down to the Fogo footbridge is much improved, and SBLocal were thanked for this

14. Dates of future meetings:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 (AGM), Gavinton church hall  
Date for first meeting of newly elected CC to be agreed

*S.R. Darling*