

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting held at Gavinton Church Hall on Monday 23 June 2008 at 7pm

Present were: Mr B Weir, , Mrs M Bishop (Chair), Mrs C Allman, Mrs K Renton, Mr G MacLeod, Mr P Gibbens, Mr D Seed,

Apologies had been received from Mr T O'Gorman, Cllr T Jones, Cllr D Moffat, Mr B Coleman

1. Minutes of the meeting of 19 May 2008 were approved and signed, although Mrs Renton pointed out that the reference to 'difference in height between the tarmac and the verge' did not specify where this was.
2. Police input: no police representative was present
3. Mrs Bishop gave an update on the coat of arms: Gavinton's application has been submitted but there is a big backlog so approval is unlikely until the second half of 2009. Sufficient money has been raised. Cllr. Renton will be the official contact for the application to Awards for All to cover the cost of producing coasters, table mats etc. John Marjoribanks would like to fly a flag bearing the coat of arms: will this need planning permission? He is also getting prices for village signs, etc, although CC support would be required for this, and it is not certain that this would be agreed.
4. Matters arising
  - Flashing speed sign not yet in place: this should be put up next week for a short time if a suitable pole can be found to erect it on. It was agreed to have the sign facing west up the road. The general opinion is that speeding through Gavinton is getting worse, including by SBC vehicles and residents. Can we have speed sensors to measure speeds? Cllr. Renton will investigate.
  - Acquisition of vandal proof bin at ford: this requires the agreement of the landowner, who is reluctant as in the past they have had to remove it from the burn.
5. Planning applications: no new applications
6. Treasurer's report: £562 in the bank, rent rebate and grant still due.
7. Village hall update: it will be ready for Reivers Night, but won't be used because there will be no time to clean the hall or equipment. There will be an opening night later in the year. Reivers Night will be outdoor activities and entertainments such as highland dancing. Portable loos, mini marquee, chairs and tables have been ordered.
8. Windfarm benefit update: it was agreed that Mrs Darling should be the official community representative (proposed by Mrs Bishop, seconded by Mr Macleod). A formal company structure is being drawn up to distribute the funds, but this had not arrived as promised. John Lamont, MSP, was going to review this (20 pages long). Another meeting will be held once the directors of the new company have had a chance to understand the documentation, and a lot more work will be needed once the company has been set up. The issue of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest was discussed. The feeling was that the directors of the windfarm benefits company should not have to remove themselves from meeting while their own community's applications are being discussed. The ground rules will be agreed by the CC before they are signed off.
9. Jim Clark Rally: Feedback for meeting on 30 June. There were some comments:
  - A sign down at Gavinton (Mr Macleod to check)
  - Road closures happening earlier than stated (to enable more money to be taken?)
  - Concern about marshals not marshalling properly
10. Update on Gavinton.net website: nothing to report
11. Fogo planning application: appeal submitted. Details circulated to CC members for comment.
12. Core paths consultation: Response submitted
13. Data Protection Act: Update on SBC information evening from Mr O'Gorman, who feels that the CC may be at risk due to the publishing of minutes and recommended that the CC registers (maximum fine is £800). However, this was not agreed as the Berwickshire Community Council Forum (BCCF) is challenging the need for any CC to register and is taking the matter up with Michael Moore, MP. It was agreed unanimously to wait for the

outcome of the BCCF's actions. Mr O'Gorman offered to be the CC's data protection officer if this becomes necessary.

**14. Correspondence received:**

- War Memorials Trust: grants available: it was agreed that no grant is required in the CC area
- Scottish Borders Elder Voice newsletter
- Local Licensing Forums
- Celebrating 60 years of care by the NHS in the Borders: Invitation to submit stories
- Bus service 51/52 Kelso – Edinburgh is not about to be stopped
- Scottish Borders Festival of Walking: 30 August to 6 September
- Berwickshire Citizens Advice Service: Get Credit for Working project
- Southern Uplands Partnership: AGM
- Association of Scottish Community Councils (ASCC): Proposed constitutional changes. Mr Gibbens was asked to renew membership.
- Phonebox at Polwarth (described as 'Greenlaw' in consultation document): Mr Seed has asked local people and there were no objections.

**15. AOCB**

- CC constitution: Mr Macleod reported that a new one will be needed by 31 March 2009 and offered to undertake this
- The Gavinton benches will be sanded down on Sunday, ready for repainting in a dark brown
- The seeding of the area along the Red Brae needs to be done properly: Cllr. Renton to request this
- Road verge and trees along Red Brae also need trimming: Cllr. Renton to investigate
- The CC will pay for the woodstain, etc for the Gavinton benches.

**16. Dates of future meetings (all at 7pm):**

No meeting in August

Monday 1 September 2008

Monday 13 October 2008 - Fogo

Monday 24 November 2008

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary

*J. Bishop*  
*1/9/08.*