

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Fogo Hall on Monday 13 October 2008

Present were: Margaret Bishop (Chair), Kerry Renton, Terry O'Gorman, David Seed, John Marjoribanks, Ellen Curran, Cathy Allman, Cllr. Donald Moffat, Cllr. Frances Renton, Cllr. Trevor Jones, Janet O'Kane (Secretary)

Apologies had been received from: Graeme Macleod, Pete Gibbens

1. Welcome and introductions: Ellen Curran and John Marjoribanks were welcomed to their first meeting as CC members. Kerry Renton and David Seed were congratulated on becoming full members. Mrs Bishop explained that Brian Coleman did not stand for election, due to family commitments. He was thanked for his service as a CC member.
2. Police input: the police were unable to attend due to a major incident elsewhere
3. Vandalism in Gavinton churchyard: a bench has been damaged. Mrs Bishop has asked for this to be reported to the police. Cllr. Renton will ask SBLocal to repair the bench.
4. Traffic in Gavinton: a letter has been received from John Lamont, MSP. There should be a temporary speed indicating device (SID) installed by end September. It has been suggested that 'satnav' systems now direct big vehicles through the village in order to avoid more built-up areas. Duncan MacLean of Lothian & Borders police will take action too.
5. Minutes of the meeting of 1 September 2008 were agreed and signed.
6. Matters arising
 - Flashing speed sign for Gavinton: 'smiley face' now installed: see item 3 above
 - Reseeding of Red Brae: not yet done, but time enough before the winter for SBLocal to carry out
 - Update on windfarm benefit: Mrs Bishop gave an update on the situation from Mrs Darling and read out an email from Mr A Rosher of Abbey St Bathans CC who is heading up the working group. There is concern at the lack of progress being made. Mrs Darling is going to discuss this with other group members and report back. Mr Rosher suggests that the Scottish Community Foundation take over the work of establishing the group to distribute the funds. Concern was expressed that this would be involving an outside agency which would cost money. Mrs O'Kane offered to find out more about the SCF.
7. Planning applications: Mr Macleod has circulated his summary in advance. There are no new applications. SBC has issued guidance on access planning information online.
8. Reporter's inspection of Fogo site, 29 September: several CC members attended.
9. CC constitution: Mr Macleod has issued revised copies. It was agreed to postpone discussion of this matter until the next meeting when he would be there to talk through the changes.
10. Education consultation response: Mr O'Gorman talked through his notes on that have already been circulated. There was considerable discussion on this matter. Mrs O'Kane offered to help prepare the actual response.
11. Membership of ASCC: Mrs Bishop reported on the meeting at Scottish Borders Community Councils Network. It is felt by this CC that membership is maybe not worth renewing.
12. Fogo Nursery: Mrs Bishop reported on a letter received from Louise Seed of Fogo Nursery, which mainly uses the hall. The Nursery applied for an Awards for All grant which was rejected, so can the CC help? The CC cannot get involved in the actual running of Fogo Hall but can advise. Mrs Bishop is going to suggest other options, e.g. SBC Community Fund, EU Leader.
13. Treasurer's report: the account stands at £1119.42. Monies given by the CC to Fogo Hall have not been spent yet as they are saving up for tables and chairs. There was discussion about future money having a time limit within which it must be spent.
14. Update on Gavinton.net website: no change
15. Correspondence received:
 - SBC Transforming Children's Services meeting, 7 October: cancelled (CC members informed)

M. Bishop 24.11.08.

- **Postwatch Scotland: now merged with Energywatch and National Consumer Council into National Consumer Council to be known as Consumer Focus.**
- **Police attendance at CCs**
- **Community-led Health event: 3 November, 9.15 – 12.30, SBC, St Boswells**
- **Scottish Borders Elder Voice publication**
- **Scottish Water open Board Meeting, 11 November, Melrose. Cllr. Renton is attending and will report back at the next meeting**

16. AOCB

- **Mr Marjoribanks asked if SBC will confirm what exactly they are going to do to repair South St before the work starts. Cllr. Renton is still waiting to hear what the plans are, but will pass these on to the CC as soon as she has them.**
- **Is a noticeboard now needed for Polwarth?**

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

Monday 24 November 2008

Monday 12 January 2009

Monday 23 February 2009

Monday 23 March 2009

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary