

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 24 November 2008

Present were: Margaret Bishop (Chair), Kerry Renton, Graeme Macleod, Pete Gibbens, David Seed, John Marjoribanks, Ellen Curran, Cathy Allman, Cllr F Renton, Janet O'Kane (Secretary)
Apologies had been received from: Terry O'Gorman, Cllr D Moffat, ~~Cllr F Renton~~, Cllr T Jones

1. Police input not available
2. Minutes of the meeting of 13 October 2008 were approved and signed
3. Matters arising
 - Gavinton traffic: temporary speed indicating device – this will return. It was agreed that a better location would be at the other end of the village, but this is deemed impossible as it cannot sit on a pavement. Now that the traffic lights have been removed from outside the new High School, traffic through Gavinton has reduced.
 - Update on windfarm benefit: Mrs O'Kane passed on information about the Scottish Community Foundation, which could help with running the grant scheme. She suggested that this could be beneficial for the communities affected. Mrs Bishop confirmed that a meeting had been set up with the SCF for later that week, and it was agreed to invite Mrs Darlina to attend the next CC meeting to give an update.
 - Damaged bench in churchyard: has been repaired by SB Local
 - Cllr Renton's report on the Scottish Water meeting will be carried over to the January meeting
 - The Education consultation has been returned
 - South Street repairs: some patching has taken place but not the full extent of the road. It was agreed that the vennels should be included also. Mr Macleod has discussed the matter with John Lamont MSP, who has been told by SBC that there are no funds for a full job to be done.
4. Planning applications: Mr Macleod circulated the latest list.
5. Closure of Langton Ford footbridge: although it was appreciated this should not be used if it really represented a danger to users, it was agreed to be unsatisfactory that a replacement will have to wait until the 2009/10 financial year. This is a safety issue: walking on the main road – especially for children – could be more dangerous. Cllr Renton will pursue the matter. Mr Seed suggested that it could be fixed to render it safe, so that it can be used until it is replaced. The alternative route via Duns Mill and Grueldvkes is impassable due to mud and horses.
6. Treasurer's report: there is £1082.89 in the bank account.
7. Update on Gavinton.net website: Mr Macleod reported that a change of ISP has made the site unavailable for a few weeks. Once it's up and running again the new constitution will be posted there.
8. Correspondence received:
 - SBC consultation on planning guidance on provision for play areas now available online
 - Neighbourhood Links Project: introduction and request to make presentation to CC: Mrs O'Kane to offer choice of dates
 - Notification of road closure: C95 Marchmont Station Rd (details already circulated)
 - Notification of military flying activity 17-27 November (already circulated)
 - Eastern Borders Development Association (EBDA) Award: nominations sought by 30 November: none.
 - SBC: Consultative Draft Amendment – Local Plan 2008: Mr Macleod to study and circulate
 - SBCCN newsletter, October 2008
 - SEPView Autumn 2008
 - External Meeting of Public Petitions Committee of the Scottish Parliament: 12.30 pm. Berwickshire High School, Duns
 - SBC Customer Survey: review of uses of redundant high school buildings. There was extensive discussion on this, with CC members feeling strongly about these issues. Mrs

O'Kane will contact SBC and find out if there is to be a formal consultation, or where comments should be sent to.

9. AOCB

- Mrs Allman reported that the other bus shelter at Gavinton needs some attention.
- There was a discussion about the Border Care & Repair service. People have heard good reports of it, and it was agreed to link to its site from Gavinton.net when it's back up and running.

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

Monday 23 February 2009

Monday 23 March 2009

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary

J. Bishop
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