

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 20 April 2009 at 7pm

1. Present were: Margaret Bishop (Chair), David Seed, Kerry Renton, Cathy Allman, ~~Graeme Macleod~~, John Marjoribanks, Ellen Curran, Pete Gibbons, Terry O'Gorman, Janet O'Kane (secretary), Councillor Donald Moffat and 30 member of the public. Apologies were received from Graeme Macleod and Councillors Frances Renton and Trevor Jones.
2. A presentation was given by Charles Johnston, Scottish Borders Council, re planning brief for West Gavinton. Members of the public then asked questions. A separate record was taken of this and will form the CC's response to the consultation.
3. Minutes of the meeting of 23 March 2009 were approved and signed
4. Matters arising
 - Gavinton's 250th anniversary: Mr Marjoribanks gave a report on progress
 - Langton Gate bus shelter: in hand
 - Report on windfarm: Mrs Darling reported that the company's bank account is now open; the RES accrued funding is yet to be received; advice is being sought on the design of the grant application forms; there will be publicity inviting applications once everything is in place; and further trustees are sought.
 - SBLocal response to request to reseed area on Gavinton village green: as the damage was done by the building contractor SBC will not repair the damage. The village hall committee will contact the architect who in turn will refer to the builder. Mrs Bishop has asked for a price from SBC to have the repair done. Cllr Moffat suggested contacting David Melrose of SBC's Parks Department or have the 'offenders' scheme do it.
5. Planning application: there were no planning applications to discuss. It was agreed that CC members would inform Mrs Bishop if they were going to be away for any length of time, so as not to hold up the circulation of applications.
6. Treasurer's report: there is £904.21 in the account, with the hall rental cheque still to go through. The SBC grant for 2009/10 will be £615.
7. Correspondence received:
 - John Lamont, MSP: update on Town Centre Regeneration Fund
 - Scottish Borders Elder Voice: publication and invitation to AGM, 20 May
 - Association of Scottish Community Councils: membership renewal – it was agreed not to renew this
 - Scottish Borders Community Councils Network: invitation to AGM on 13 May
8. AOCB
 - Mrs Bishop expressed her disappointment at the poor quality of work and utter mess left behind by the pothole 'jet blaster' that had been used in Gavinton, and will be taking this up with SBC.
 - Mr Marjoribanks mentioned the encroachment of vegetation on Red Brae
 - Mrs Allman raised the subject of Fogo churchyard, where the water tap was no longer working and boards had been left behind after the last funeral.
9. Dates of future meetings (all at 7pm):
 - 18 May (AGM)
 - 29 June
 - 7 September at Fogo
 - 19 October
 - 30 November
 - 11 January 2010
 - 22 February
 - 5 April

M. Bishop
19/5/09.

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary