

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Gavinton Village Hall on Monday 30 November 2009

Present were: Margaret Bishop (Chair), Kerry Renton, Cathy Allman, Ellen Curran, John Marjoribanks, Jane Jeffrey, Pete Gibbens, Janet O'Kane (secretary), Councillor Frances Renton
Apologies were received from: David Seed, Terry O'Gorman, Councillor Donald Moffat

1. Police input: apologies received from R. Richardson, but his email about current local issues was circulated
2. Minutes of the meeting of 19 October 2009 approved and signed
3. Matters arising
 - Report on windfarm benefit – no money has been received to date, efforts are being made to find out why
 - Coat of arms event report – the following were confirmed:
 - Monies subscribed covered the cost of the coat of arms and the flag
 - Mr Marjoribanks has retained the original paperwork, etc
 - Mr Marjoribanks will be writing an article about the event to be published in Tak Tent, the publication of the Heraldry Society of Scotland
 - John Robertson will add information from the booklet Mr Marjoribanks wrote to the website
 - Gavinton Futures – A Year in the Life of': Jane Jeffries will report on progress at the February meeting
 - Why some planning applications are held in closed session: Cllr. Renton reported this was done in cases where commercially sensitive information is discussed
 - SBC advice on Charterhall corner: Mr Gibbens advised that all speed limits in the Borders are being reviewed, and SBC will be repainting the lines on this road and improving its signage
4. Planning applications: Mr Marjoribanks' summary was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to comment on the application for the reroofing of Fogo church on the size of the slates, and support this work.
5. Treasurer's report: the account contains £1,015.56
6. Correspondence received:
 - Berwick Infirmary Roadshows (already circulated)
 - SBC Social Work Services: Fuel Poverty Awareness Seminar, 11 December, Tweed Horizons
 - SBC: Consolidated Scottish Borders Structure Plan 2001-2018
 - Safer Communities, Antisocial Behaviour and SB Wardens update, 6.30pm, 24 November, Duns (invitation already circulated)
 - SBC: BT's telephone kiosk adoption scheme. The idea of adopting the Fogo kiosk was supported by the CC but Cllr Renton advised caution in case there are hidden costs. SBC will be discussing this and issuing further information.
 - Elder Voice publication
 - SBC: Rape Crisis Centre volunteer recruitment
7. AOCB
 - It was agreed SBLocal should be asked to look at the hole which has been gouged in the pathway down to the Fogo footbridge
 - It was reported that the verges at Fogo and Fogo Mains have been chewed up by vehicle wheels that they need to be tidied and cleared of water
 - Red Brae, Gavinton, has not been adopted by SBC, although SBC has improved it. This is due to be looked at and Mrs Bishop will chase those concerned.
 - There are still sandbags outside Jane Jeffreys' home, as SBC have not done the remedial work required.
 - Cllr Renton agreed to investigate why recycling bags are not available at the Duns recycling centre.

- John Robertson is going to transfer the website to a different management system and take on ownership of the domain on behalf of the CC. The CC recorded its thanks to Mr Robertson and agreed an annual remuneration.
 - Cllr Renton had attended a meeting with the Jim Clark Rally organisers. The dates for 2010 are 28-30 May, and the format will be similar to that of 2009, concentrating on Duns but not closing off all the town at once. The ceremonial start will be in Duns on Friday night. Car parking is being looked into.
8. Dates of future meetings (all at 7pm in Gavinton village hall unless otherwise stated):
11 January 2010
22 February
5 April

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary