

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting 10 January 2011

Note: The meeting scheduled for 29 November 2010 being cancelled due to the poor weather, this meeting was based on the agenda for the November meeting.

1. Present were: Margaret Bishop (Chair), Kerry Renton, Ellen Curran, Jane Jeffrey, John Marjoribanks, Janet O'Kane (Secretary), Cllr. D Moffat. Apologies had been received from Cllr F Renton and Pete Gibbens
2. Police input: none
3. Minutes of the meeting of 18 October 2010 were approved and signed
4. Matters arising
 - Gavinton playing fields: Mr Marjoribanks reported that Scottish Borders Council has deemed itself the owner of the land. Mr Marjoribanks proposed writing to accept this situation, but asking SBC to keep in mind the needs of the community and not take any action concerning the land without consulting us. There could, in future, be consideration of setting up a trust to 'own' the land. See also 'Planning' below.
 - Bus stop: To await Cllr Renton's report
 - Gavinton village green parking: Cllr Moffat still awaiting costings
 - Red Brae maintenance: has now been carried out
5. Planning applications: Mr Marjoribanks circulated the planning summary, which included the proposed redevelopment of the steading at Polwarth Rhodes that CC members considered. He also presented a set of plans for Duns FC's new pavilion and improvements to the second pitch. A wind turbine at the bottom right-hand corner of the site is also being considered for the future.
6. Treasurer's report: balance of the account stands at £859.64. Mr Gibbens by proxy asked for the bill to be raised charging the CC for use of Gavinton Village Hall, and for all expenses claims to be submitted asap. There followed a discussion about spending funds. Items considered included:
 - Floral requirements for Gavinton
 - Fogo Church restoration
 - Maintenance of Polwarth phone box – as there will be an ongoing commitment to keep the area around it tidy, a local contractor could be paid to do this.
 - Signage using the coat of arms. Although it may not be soon enough to replace all street signs, it was agreed to look into signs at village entrances and at Gavinton Green.
7. Correspondence received:
 - Safer Community Partnership: White Ribbon Campaign (25 Nov - 10 Dec)
 - SBC: Finalised Local Plan Amendment – intention to adopt
 - Eastern Borders Development Association: EBDA Award 2010
 - SBC: Consultation on shop fronts and shop signs (respond by 7 January 2011)
 - SBC: Our budget, Your services presentation, Duns, 24 November (circulated by email)
 - SBC: Scrutiny Panel work programme for 2011 (circulated by email). Cllr Moffat, as Chair of Scrutiny, outlined its work.
 - Safer Borders Newsletter (circulated by email)
 - SB Elder Voice, Dec. 2010
 - Sepa View (it was agreed to receive this by email from now)
 - SBC: Update on Warden Service. This CC area will be unaffected
8. AOCB
 - Mr Marjoribanks has been asked to pass on thanks to those who cleared the snow and helped out when people couldn't leave their homes. Mrs Bishop asked Cllr Moffat what, if any, bad weather provision is going to be made by SBC for future winters.
 - Kerry Renton reported the problem with the road into Fogo from Bogend.
 - Janet O'Kane asked Cllr Moffat to confirm that SBC will not be targeting its library services to save money, as is happening in England.

9. Dates of future meetings in 201 (all at 7pm in Gavinton village hall unless otherwise stated):
- 21 February
 - 4 April
 - 16 May (AGM)

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary