

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting held at Gavinton Village Hall on Monday 27 June 2011

Present were: Margaret Bishop (Chairman), Janet O'Kane (Secretary), Peter Gibbens (Treasurer), Jane Jeffrey, John Marjoribanks, Ellen Curran, Kerry Renton, Cllr Donald Moffat, and Donald Ritchie, who is now the CC's representative on the Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund committee

Apologies had been received from Terry O'Gorman, David Seed and Cllr Frances Renton

1. Police input: none
2. Minutes of the meeting of 4 April 2011 were approved and signed.
3. Co-option of Terry O'Gorman, Old Bakery, Gavinton TD11 3QR, voting ref. 6F/217: Jane Jeffrey proposed this and it was seconded by Ellen Curran. The Secretary will inform SBC of recent changes to the CC.
4. Matters arising
  - Playing field: response from SBC re ownership. John Marjoribanks informed the CC that planning approval has been granted under delegated authority, because none of the comments submitted to SBC had been objections. He has queried why the CC was not a statutory consultee on this matter and was told that 'Ownership is not a matter for the Planning Department'. He asked Cllr Moffat to raise this with SBC's Legal Dept.
  - Polwarth old village hall building: to be raised again when David Seed is present.
5. Margaret Bishop introduced Donald Ritchie, who spoke about his first meeting of the windfarm committee. There was a query re the committee's eligibility to approve the accounts that has to be settled, and three grant applications were considered.
6. Purchase of football nets: Cllr Moffat suggested taking this up with Sports Development to find the best prices. Terry O'Gorman will be asked to progress this.
7. Planning applications: John Marjoribanks circulated the most recent summary and talked CC members through it.
8. Treasurer's report: Peter Gibbens reported that there is a balance of £918 in the account. The Berwickshire Community Councils Forum annual subscription has gone up to £10 and he has signed the bank mandate.
9. CC members agreed that the travel allowance should rise from 40p/mile to 45p/mile (in line with SBC guidelines). Photocopying will be reimbursed at 12p/sheet.
10. Correspondence received:
  - SB Local: Small Scheme Budget
  - Notification of military exercise flying activity, 10-21 July 2011
11. AOCB
  - SBC has confirmed that all new signs put up within the CC area will now incorporate the coat of arms.
  - Margaret Bishop is chasing the resiting of the basketball net back to the Green
  - John Marjoribanks said that the recent open garden event had raised £1846 for Help for Heroes. The CC agreed to add £25 to this worthy cause.
  - Janet O'Kane suggested that the CC could fund the mowing of the grass verge between Gavinton and Ladyflat. This would enable walkers to go up on the verge when vehicles pass and make it easier for dog-walkers to pick up after their pets. Margaret Bishop will progress this.
  - Jane Jeffrey asked if there could be a bus stop or lay-by put into the westbound bus route. There was nearly an accident recently when a lorry overtook the stationary bus. It was agreed that while the cost may be prohibitive currently, this could be incorporated into recommendations for future work on the road junction.
12. Dates of future meetings in 2011 (all at 7pm in Gavinton village hall unless otherwise stated):
  - 8 August
  - 26 September
  - 7 November
  - 19 December

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary