## **GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## Minutes of a meeting held at Gavinton Village Hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm (postponed from 26 September)

- 1. Margaret Bishop (Chair), Ellen Curran, Kerry Renton, Pete Gibbens, Janet O'Kane (Secretary) Cllr Frances Renton. Apologies received from David Seed, John Marjoribanks,
- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 8 August 2011 were approved and signed
- 3. Matters arising:
  - Purchase of football net: the posts will be refurbished and Mr Gibbens will cost new net
  - Resiting of basketball net: Cllr Renton will chase
  - Repair of seat on Gavinton Green awaiting confirmation that this will be done under Small Items budget
  - Polwarth Thorn sign now ordered
  - Trimming of trees encroaching on public spaces: letters to residents have gone out
  - Restricting dogs on Green: apparently a 'No dogs' sign not permitted but Cllr Renton will try to find out what legislation actually states this
  - Grit on pavements: Cllr Renton awaiting response from SBC
  - Gavinton grit bin: Cllr Renton will find out cost as CC could purchase one and SBC would fill it
  - Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund projects (list circulated electronically): see item 6 below
  - UV panels for village hall: information has been passed on to Chair of Hall committee
- 4. Count Us In: an appeal for charity dancers
- 5. Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund: the list of projects which have applied thus far has been circulated amongst GF&P CC members. This was discussed at length, as members felt that some of the decisions made were questionable, e.g. most award-giving bodies do not support the writing off of debt. It was also disappointing that Fogo Nursery had had its application turned down. It was agreed that an email will be drafted by Mrs O'Kane to be discussed at the next meeting asking Donald Ritchie to obtain the following information:
  - What criteria do applications have to meet in order to be awarded a grant?
  - Are minutes taken of all meetings and records kept of how decisions to award or not award grants are arrived at?
  - Why, specifically, was Fogo Nursery's application turned down? Mrs O'Kane will also discuss this matter on behalf of the CC with Andrew Mitchell, Chairman of Duns Town Council.
- 6. Planning applications: a report and additional applications were circulated
- 7. Treasurer's report: balance remains at £893
- 8. Correspondence received:
- SBC CC insurance schedule and Employers' Liability certificate
- Planning Aid training: Planning and Scotland's Zero Waste Plan, 26 Nov, Hawick (circulated electronically) Mrs O'Kane to attend
- Energy Saving Scotland email 7 Sept (circulated electronically)
- 9. AOCB
- Concerns were shared by all members present at the number of farm vehicles and potato lorries travelling at high speeds on narrow roads and damaging verges.
- Mrs Renton informed the meeting that Fogo Nursery had been successful in its application
  to Awards for All for a grant towards flooring and storage. The work will take place this
  month. It was agreed to have the November meeting at Fogo in order to see what has been
  done.
- Jane Jeffrey has resigned from the CC due to other commitments. The CC is sorry to hear
  this and thanks her for her efforts in the past. As a result, the CC new needs another
  member for Gavinton and a Vice-Chair.
- Mrs Darling has written to the CC concerning a request for work on the Red Brae's surface and pointing out that the rubbish bin has disappeared from outside the pavilion. Cllr Renton will investigate both matters.

- 10. Dates of future meetings in 2011 (all in Gavinton village hall unless otherwise stated):
  7 November 7pm at Fogo
  19 December 7pm

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary