

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting held at Fogo Village Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011

1. Present were: Margaret Bishop (Chair), Janet O'Kane (Secretary), Ellen Curran, John Marjoribanks, David Seed, Kerry Renton, Pete Gibbens. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Renton and Moffat
2. Minutes of the meeting of 3 October 2011 were agreed and signed
3. Matters arising:
  - Election of Vice-Chair/recruitment of new Gavinton member: It was discussed whether the CC even needed someone to be designated as Vice Chair, as long as someone would be willing to chair a meeting in the absence of the Chair. It was agreed that additional members were required to represent Gavinton and that this would be publicised on notice boards and in the Berwickshire News (Mrs O'Kane to action).
  - Mr Seed referred to the discussion which had been held during the previous meeting he had not attended, on the subject of farm vehicles on local roads. He presented the point of view of farmers and drivers of those vehicles.
  - Purchase of football net was agreed, and the quotation for the repainting of the posts was accepted.
  - Repair of seat on Gavinton has now taken place, and Mrs Bishop's suggestion of having the area around it paved was agreed.
  - Restricting dogs on Green: It was confirmed that a 'No dogs' sign is not permitted, as part of an EU directive.
  - Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund projects: it was agreed that Mr Richie, the CC's representative on the group, should be included in all CC correspondence.
  - SBCCN AGM: brief report from Mr Marjoribanks
  - Treatment of Red Brae has been undertaken, but fallen leaves are now a hazard. Also the street lamp is out and needs to be reported.
  - Bin at pavilion: should it be the responsibility of the Football Club to replace this?
4. The police attended and the following were discussed:
  - Motorists should be prepared for winter conditions, and always ensure that windows are properly defrosted and all snow removed from the vehicle roof before being driven.
  - The Jim Clark Rally will take place the same weekend as the Queen's Diamond Jubilee: 2-5 June 2012
  - The area has a very low crime rate but recently quad bikes and diesel have been stole. A JCB had its diesel drained off.
5. Planning applications: report circulated but nothing new to discuss.
6. Treasurer's report: the account now stands at £1197, and the previous meeting's record of this should be adjusted to £1187.
7. Correspondence received:
  - Letter from The Lord Lieutenant re Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Gavinton will be holding a lunch/picnic to commemorate. It was agreed that the CC might fund some tree planting in the area also. Locations and trees to be nominated. It was also agreed to install a bench on the road between Gavinton and Ladyflat (SBC would do the actual installation and maintenance).
  - Crash Map website (circulated electronically)
  - C Malster re national pilot CCs
  - C Malster re Wind Farms & Renewable Energy training, 1 December, St Boswells
  - C Malster re Community Resilience Initiative: it was agreed that a meeting to which everyone living in the CC area should be held to take this further.
  - Scottish Borders Elder Voice, October 2011
  - SBC Bus Users' Questionnaire
8. AOCB
  - The new sign for The Green carries the coat-of-arms and it was agreed that the new Polwarth Thorn sign should have this too. Mrs Bishop will email Cllr Renton.

- Kerry Renton spoke about Fogo Hall's new flooring and shelving, which the CC agreed looked excellent.
  - Mr Marjoribanks reported that the flag has been taken down for repair because it had ripped in the wind. It was agreed to buy a second flag to rotate.
9. Dates of future meetings in 2011 (all at 7pm in Gavinton village hall unless otherwise stated):
- 19 December – postponed
  - 9 January 2012
  - 13 February
  - 26 March
  - 14 May (AGM)

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary