

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Meeting, 3rd June 2013
@ 7pm, Garvald Village Hall

1. Attendance, Apologies for Absence and AGM

Attendance

Rufus Bellamy (Secretary), Hazel Clark (GVH), Ian Middlemass (Treasurer), David Murray (MVH Rep), Kirstie Shearer (Member), Penny Short (Chair), Ian Smith (Member), Phillip White (Vice-chair).

Gary Galbraith, Jimmy Thomson, Deborah Grey (Lothian and Border Police), Lynn Black (Lothian and Border Police)

Cllr McMillan

Apologies

Cllr Broun Lindsay

2013 AGM

The 2013 AGM was convened. As required by the CC constitution JT assumed the chair and nominations for the chair were called for. IM nominated PS; she was seconded by KS.

JT handed the chair to PS. She called for nominations for the other CC posts. The following posts were nominated and seconded:

Vice Chair – Phillip White (KS nominated; PS seconded)
Treasurer – Ian Middlemass (KS nominated; PW seconded)
Secretary – Rufus Bellamy (PS nominated; IM seconded)

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Last minutes had been approved by e-mail. No concerns raised.

Matters arising from Minutes

Repairs to Morham Bridge – it was reported that signs had been put up – it was felt that they were in the wrong place and that they did not give enough warning. Cllr McM said he had reported the issue to ELC's Peter

Forsyth and recommended that the sign should be moved.

KS said that she had been told that work on the bridge would start by the end of May – but that nothing had happened yet. The same was true for the hole outside Broomfield in Garvald. She also reported that the broken culvert near Garvald Bridge still needs to be re-tarred. HC said that all drains needed to be cleared, following recent rain.

Action: KS will chase all the above up.

Playpark repairs – RB said that he was taking this forward; that he had obtained a new quote from the paint suppliers and written permission from the Council to go ahead.

Action: RB to convene working party when paints dispatched.

Dangerous Tree in Garvald – PS and JT reported that they had been in contact with Father Mark in May. He had said that the tree had been previously assessed as 'safe' but that, as the issue had been raised again, he had been in contact with Scottish Woodlands - they will be sending someone to look at the problem; this assessment should be done within a week. JT said that it is hoped that the dangerous tree will be one of the first felled when the tree project kicks off.

Broadband Leaflets – Cllr McM said he had talked to ELC's print unit and that they could help. IS to liaise on this to take it forward.

Action: IS and Cllr McM as above.

Gabions near Garvald Bridge – Cllr McM said that there was some confusion about whose responsibility this issue is and that he would chase it up. HC showed him exactly where the problem was using a photo on her I-pad. The safety and viability of the path was raised by a number of those present as key causes of concern.

Action: Cllr McM as above.

Police Leaflets – These had been scanned and put on the two Community websites. No more printed copies available. Deborah Grey said that the leaflets were being re-branded, and that they would let the CC know when/what is available.

Hardcore used for Road Maintenance – Cllr McM said this was not an action that the Council's road crews would normally take, but that the Council was keeping an eye on the state of the roads as part of its work prioritisation programme. Concerns were raised by IS about the sense

and safety of ditches that had been dug at 90 degree to the road.

Action: KS to investigate.

Broadband – IS said that the proposed switching-off ceremony was still in the pipeline.

Reminders on Crystal Rig fund – PW had put these up on the community websites, to great effect.

Snow Plough – RB reported that he had got a request for help from Toni Bunch via the community website. Heidi Ingram had said that the residents of her cul-de-sac were already organised to help themselves. No other information had been received.

JT said that he had snow shovels next to his shed for community use. PS said that she had been in contact with ELC's Alan Stubbs who has responsibility on gritting and that he had explained why there were some problems in cul-de-sacs. She said that she was confident that the Council was doing its best and that Alan Stubb's unit was happy to supply additional shovels and grit bins. PS also highlight the Council's 'Get ready for winter' leaflets – it was agreed that these should be put up on website nearer to winter.

Action: RB to get more feedback on snow issue and do another call for volunteers; he will also check that there is a grit bin and shovels at Toni Bunch's and in other Cul-de-sacs.

4. Police report

Deborah Grey and Lynn Black from Lothian and Border Police were welcomed to the meeting.

They reported two recent road traffic matters: 1) vehicle seized in GMCC area for not being insured; 2) drunk driver in Morham village.

Deborah said that one of the police's current priorities was car crime (eg. people using mobiles in cars). She said that people might see more car 'stop and search' events. Cllr McM said that he was concerned that a more urban style of policing was being introduced. Lynn said that there was a period of change, but that they remain at heart community police officers and that prevention and community relations were still their number one priority.

PW asked about diesel theft – officers said that this was an opportunistic crime and that people should remain vigilant and report anything

suspicious - eg. caches of empty drums.

5. Councilor's report

Cllr McM said that various issues had been highlighted to him, including:

- That road signs between Haddington and Garvald are not very clear.
- That the wall around the Garvald Village Hall orchard is crumbling.

He has mentioned both to relevant officers and has been assured that action will be taken.

He explained that the issues raised at the last meeting – blocked and damaged drains, signs at Morham Bridge etc – are all being addressed.

He reported that he has been talking to Digital Scotland and Community Broadband Scotland about super-fast broadband. He said that he felt that there seemed to be some confusion, but hoped that ELC might be able to do something to move this forward in the CC area (over the summer) without jeopardizing work/funding elsewhere.

He also said that he was involved in consultation on a SEPA fisheries project on the Tyne and that he would report back on this.

6. Council Liaison Update

KS said that there was nothing significant to report.

7. Broadband report

IS said that upgrade work had almost been finished but that there had been some delays due to recent bad weather. Snawdon and Morham upgrades remain to be done (planning regs. making work tricky in Morham). He also reported that the Community Broadband group had got some new subscribers due to the upgrades.

8. Funding Report

PW handed out a table of the nominations that had been received for the Crystal Rig funds.

PW reminded all that the decision had been made to support local young sportspeople and musicians – and that this had been publicized.

PS asked whether a limit should be set on individual sports/music

application. It was decided not to set a limit on the amount of money given to these type of applications, but to judge each application on its own merit.

A detailed discussion was conducted on each of the applications. To support each application, PW read out the submission in full, including all supporting documentation.

The following decisions were made (on vote of members if necessary).

Project	Amount awarded (amount requested)	Notes
Garvald Village Hall Children's Xmas Party	£410 (£410)	Full amount requested agreed
Mobel/Knox Adventure Leadership programme	£0 (£3,668)	No direct relevance to Garvald and Morham therefore no award
Morham Burns Supper	£0 (£400)	Event self-supporting therefore no award
Leuchie House Fundraiser	£0 (£5,000)	Outwith criteria of Crystal Rig therefore no award
Bethan McGregor running kit	£200 (£100)	Local athlete – felt didn't ask for enough given kit needs
Evie McGregor Expedition fund	£300 (£672)	Felt to be a good project that will benefit local young person and result in interesting presentation at Village Hall
Gifford Under 5s	£508.54 (£1,271.94)	% of requested amount awarded based on % of children in group from CC area
Knox Duke of Edinburgh Group	£2,000 (£5,108)	% of requested amount awarded based on % of children in group from CC area
Scott Thomson Judo gear	£1,713.80 (£1,713.80)	Very promising local athlete.
Morham Village Hall Refurbishments	£4,258.82 (£4,258.82)	Repairs fully justified in application.
Robbie Murray Judo equipment	£512 (£512)	Very promising local athlete.
Lothian Broadband	£5,000 (£5,000)	Application agreed in previous year and carried over to this.
Garvald Village Hall	£1,200	Repairs fully justified in

Refurbishments	(£1,200)	application
Finlay Hay Guitar summer school	£350 (£350)	Very promising local musician
Haddington and District Swim Club	£2,200 (£12,000)	% of requested amount awarded based on % of children in group from CC area
Woodfired oven for outside GVH	£0 (£1,500)	Turned down on fire-risk / insurance/ management grounds
Environmental survey of Papaná water	£0 (£120)	Application turned down as felt to be council business (see note below).

Action: IM will pass on these decisions to Crystal Rig (along with copy of this meetings minutes) for their approval. PW will send out e-mails and letters to all applicants to alert them to the decisions that have been made - it will be made clear that they are all contingent on the approval of Crystal Rig.

Action: With respect to the environmental survey of the Papaná water that was proposed to look into flooding and collapse of bank, it was decided that this issue should be pushed with Council to try and get action and that the applicant should be contacted to see who actually owns the area under question (with a view to pursuing the idea in August if no action taken by ELC); and send exploratory letter to Council. RB to do this.

9. Treasurer's Report

IM reported that the accounts had not been audited yet. Current balance: £3,827.85

10. Planning Update

PW reported that nothing significant had come up.

A notification regarding changes in the management of Clint Woods was read out.

11. Garvald Update

HC reported that the village hall had been busy with weddings and that it had already received wedding bookings for 2014. £400 had been received from the recent plant sale.

Future events include: a wine tasting on Sat 8th; jumble sale on the 16th June (12 noon – 2pm) and a flower show on the 30th August.

12. Morham Update

DM reported that the village hall had hosted a lot of kid's parties; that Morham Mix had been run but that response had been a little apathetic; that a number of bookings had been received for later in the year; and that the usual Christmas party might not happen due to a lack of interest from potential organisers.

A discussion took place about the Christmas party – it was suggested that it should be done as a joint event.

13. Woodlands Project

JT reported that he has been constantly In touch with Scottish Woodlands to keep moving the problem forward but that there had been a number of new delays due to landownership and fencing issues. He said that he was hopeful that the project would start in June or July. CC gave its thanks for his perseverance.

14. A.O.C.B.

PS said that she had received a request from a researcher looking for comments on windfarm development.

A consultation on the Bus Regulation (Scotland) Bill had was highlighted.

HC reported on an interesting visit to Penston House.

15. Date of Next Meeting

7.00pm Monday, August 5th @ Morham Village Hall.