

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Meeting, 6th June 2016
@ 7pm, Garvald Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Penny Short (Chair), Rufus Bellamy (Secretary), Hazel Clark (Garvald VH), Phillip White (Vice-chair), Ian Middlemass (Treasurer), Ian Smith (Member), Kirstie Shearer

Apologies

David Murray (Morham VH)

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

These had been approved and subsequently distributed by e-mail/web.

IM highlighted one correction: Item 9 - £950 not £970 received from the Local Priorities scheme (LPS) fund.

3. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

Traffic signs to deter HGV's from entering Garvald to the east - these have been installed. PW said that the second sign is, perhaps, a little small. Sylvia Murray and Michael Leather have reported that they are pleased that the signs have been put up, although Sylvia has said that a few large vehicles have still tried to pass around the corner at her house.

Gavald riverbank repairs – PS reported that this work will start on the 4th of July (weather permitting) – it should take about a week and will involve putting in gabions to strengthen the bank and re-tarring the path down to the park.

Christmas lights – research into options is being done, but no conclusions as yet.

Yester play project – IM has let the project know that they will be receiving funding from Crystal Rig.

Church roof – no up-date from Mairi received as yet – it was agreed that PW would explain the situation to Mairi again and see if she could give the

CC something in writing to let us know what other fund-raising avenues they are investigating.

Garvald Village Hall Secondary glazing – IM reported that the necessary money has been chased up and has been paid to the Village Hall Fund.

Potholes – KS reported that pothole repairs had been carried out.

Crystal Rig funding issues – IM reported that all applications had been sent off to Fred Olsen and that FO has said that they are being processed.

Works traffic in Garvald – PS reported that [PC Lynn Black](#) has spoken to relevant parties about traffic coming through village.

New Crystal Rig agreement – the new agreement was signed and will be sent back to Fred Olsen.

Quarry rubbish – KS reported that Stuart Pryde has got the quarry cleared – but that more rubbish has subsequently appeared.

4. **Queen's Birthday donation**

Queens 90th birthday – each Local Area Partnership (LAP) has been given £1,000 for distribution to all Community Councils within Haddington & Lammermuir ward (£250 to each CC). PS asked for ideas on what this should be used for.

A couple of suggestions were made for what should be done with this donation. It was decided to give £100 to Knox Academy, £100 to MacMillan Cancer Research and £50 to Leuchie House (a respite home in North Berwick).

Action: PS and IM to implement suggestions.

5. **Garvald Woodland Project**

PS reported on progress with Karl Ingram's initiative to apply for an ELC Community Improvement Fund grant for the proposed Garvald Woodland project to remove remaining conifers from the bank on the far side of the Papana water.

She explained that Karl had previously indicated that this application could not be accepted under an individual's name and that it needed to be submitted under an organisation's name. He had therefore asked the Community Council if they would agree to give their name to it. To move

this process forward, she had asked Karl to submit a summary of the consultation process he had carried out and had explained that the CC would like to ask him a number of questions concerning the proposed project at today's meeting – unfortunately this was not possible since Karl could not attend the meeting due to work commitments.

It was agreed that the matter would be carried forward to the next meeting in August.

Action: PS to e-mail Karl.

6. Councilors' report

No councillors in attendance.

7. Update from Kirstie Shearer - Council Liaison Rep.

KS reported that nothing significant had come up in the past two months.

8. Update from Ian Smith - Broadband Rep.

IS reported on a public meeting that had been held in Haddington on the 10th of May. The meeting discussed plans for the roll out of broadband in rural areas that are poorly served. It will be a minimum of six months before work under this initiative can be awarded to any contractor.

One request at the meeting was for Community Councils to put forward volunteers to be part of a Community Interest Company that would oversee the roll out of the project/funds. PW said he would be happy to take up this role (IS suggested that he look at ELC website for more info).

Action: PW to e-mail Susan Smith to say that he would like to put his name forward.

IS reported that Lothian Broadband is one of the sponsors of the Haddington Show.

PW asked whether Wi-Fi could be extended to the park in Garvald. IS said he would look into this proposal.

Action: IS as above.

9. Update from Philip White - Funding Rep.

PW reported that one new application for Crystal Rig funding had been received from Lorraine Hay: for Haddington & District Amateur Swimming

Club – the club is looking for approx. £3,000 – six people from the G&MCC area use the club.

It was agreed that the full amount would be allocated.

Action: IM to process and let Lorraine know about decision.

10. Update from Ian Middlemass – Treasurer

IM reported that audited accounts have not yet been received, but that all information has been passed onto the accountant and that everything has been accounted for.

Update on Crystal Rig account - £6,170 left after allocation for **Yester Play Project** and other allocations agreed at the last CC meeting.

Current balance in CC bank account - £13,727.28 – this balance includes Local Priority and Urban Grant money.

11. Planning Update

PW reported that nothing untoward had come up.

12. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Local Area Partnership

PS reported that an additional £100,000 has been provided for education initiatives within the Haddington and Lammermuir ward which is over and above the partnership funding budget. She explained that this funding isn't only available to schools to apply for but is to support the wider learning community to improve attainment and achievement.

PS has set up a Children and Young People Sub-Group to consider and prioritise suitable applications and projects. There are 15 people on the Sub-Group including representatives from schools, parent councils, Support from the Start, Active Schools and East Lothian Works.

Other LAP projects included bike racks for Haddington – it was suggested that we might want some in Garvald and Morham. People thought that this would be a good idea, provided that no parking places were taken up.

Action: PS to let LAP know that Garvald and Morham would like to be considered for bike racks.

13. Neighbourhood Watch

PW reported that everything has been quiet on the security front.

Report from Community Police – no major incidents.

CAP priorities – anti-social behaviour at Haddington skate park.

It was noted that there was a lot of litter around the skate park. Questions were also asked about liability and safety issues – it was reported that nobody seemed to be wearing a helmet or other safety equipment.

14. Garvald & Morham Updates

HC reported that:

- Secondary glazing has been fixed to windows in VH – the Committee is very well pleased with the results. She passed on their thanks for the money.
- Electrical repairs – the VH is currently waiting for electrician to come back with a better price for repairs.
- New sound system has been installed which will allow people to play music and for bands to use their equipment.
- Flower show due to be held on the 27th August.

HC said that she was retiring from the Hall Committee so a new appointee as the Village Hall representative on CC will be made. PS thanked her for her input, wisdom and patience.

No Morham update.

15. AOCB

None

16. Date of next meeting

Monday, 1st August at Morham Village Hall.