

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Meeting, 1st June 2015
@ 7pm, Garvald Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

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

Cllr John McMillan

2. AGM

Cllr McM chaired the first part of the AGM.

- Cllr McM nominated PS for Chair – this was seconded by RB and passed unanimously by the meeting. Cllr McM thanked PS for all the work she had done over the previous year and wished her well for her next year of office.

The chair of the meeting was passed back to PS. The following appointments were made:

- Vice chair: PW (nominated by Cllr McM; seconded by IM).
- Treasurer: IM (nominated by PS; seconded by KS).
- Secretary: RB (nominated by PS; seconded by KS).

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting

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

4. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

The following matters were discussed:

- **First tranche of tree work** as proposed by Karl Ingram – IM reported that he had sent the application for funding for this work to Fred Olsen and that he was awaiting approval.
- **Community Intervention Fund** for second tranche of tree work as proposed by Karl Ingram – Cllr McM explained that he had discussed this with Tom Shearer, with the view of getting the full project funded

through the fund. He said that he was hopeful that a bid for the project to this fund would be successful.

Action: Cllr McM will get in contact with Karl Ingram to keep him in the loop on progress with the Community Intervention Fund.

- **Standing Stones water-main problem** – KS reported that repairs had been done and that water pressure had improved.
- **Church lock** – IM reported that the application for funding for a new church lock for Garvald Church had been submitted and sent on to Fred Olsen.
- **Crystal Rig website message** – PW reported that a new message had been put up online as agreed.

PS highlighted the upcoming public consultation at Garvald Village Hall about the Tyne and Esk Leader fund (on the 3rd June). She explained that successful projects in the past had included restoration work on Garvald Kirk and upgrades to Garvald Village Hall.

Action – RB to attend the meeting and report back and PW to contact Dave Neillans and let him know about the meeting (as the fund would be appropriate for the Garvald church roof restoration project David is heading).

5. Councilors' report

Cllr McM reported that there had been no recent major developments relevant to Garvald and Morham.

IM said that Gifford CC had asked him to complain about a concrete slab that had appeared on the main Gifford road because it presents a danger to cars.

Action: Cllr McM said that he would look into the concrete slab issue.

6. Update from Kirstie Shearer - Council Liaison Rep.

KS said that there was nothing significant to report.

7. Update from Ian Smith - Broadband Rep.

IS reported that mast at Barney Hill had been acquired, but that Lothian Broadband had had to re-apply for planning permission to get it installed as its specifications are slightly different to the one they had originally specified. He said that all was well and that foundation work was going ahead.

8. Update from Philip White - Funding Rep.

PW reported on one new application for Crystal Rig funds from the Gifford Under Fives group who were looking for £600 for sports equipment, toys, arts and crafts equipment etc. This request was discussed and it was decided to ask them for 1) an itemized list of the items they need and 2) how many Garvald and Morham kids would benefit.

Action: PW to get info back in time for the next meeting so that a final decision can be taken.

Christmas parties were discussed and it was decided to remind Lorraine Hay and the organizer of the Morham event (not yet finalised) that they should put in applications for funding.

Action: HC to contact Lorraine; KS to let Hannah and Katie know.

9. Update from Ian Middlemass – Treasurer

IM reported that he had sent away the three applications agreed at the last meeting; that he had paid out a cheque to the swimmers' club; and that he had received a reply from Elaine Smith saying that 'the money will make their French trip a success'.

Accounts done and handed to accountant

Bank balance: £8168.13

10. Planning Update

PW reported that there was nothing untowards on the planning front.

PS said that a new family house was being planned for Nunraw Barns.

11. Neighbourhood Watch

PW said that there was nothing to report. He suggested getting Neighbourhood Watch stickers for Wheely bins – this was thought to be a good idea.

Action: PW to act as above.

12. Garvald & Morham Updates

HC reported on the following upcoming events: jumble sale on 26th June (Sunday); two weddings in June (Sept. and Oct. now fully booked); flower show on 22nd Aug. She said that schedules are now available for the flower show (from website or from Lorraine Hay). She also reported that, as from April, the Village Hall Committee is no longer paying water charges for the hall (saving £51 a month).

DM reported that the Keystone document for Morham Village Hall is now ready for everyone to see. He said that the hall trustees would be meeting soon to decide on their input into a major programme of work (within next couple of weeks) – this meeting would be tied in with the Village Hall's belated AGM. He said that party bookings at the hall were still popular (incl. recent 50th birthday party).

13. AOCB

PS read out the latest Garvald & Morham community council police report – there were very few incidents of note. Current ward priorities are: anti-social behaviour; road safety; substance misuse; litter. A safe has been found in Whiteadder reservoir. There has been some arson/vandalism at Maysheil Estate. The next CAPP meeting is on the 26th June.

PS discussed the Local Area Partnership (LAP) meeting that had taken place on the previous Wednesday. She explained that:

- a lot of groundwork had already been done, including consultation on a Main Issues Report and on local hospital provision.
- the Haddington LAP group is currently looking for a Chairperson.
- a 10-year strategic plan has been drawn up to guide the spend of the LAP budget.
- a skate park is planned for Haddington (£100k) – fund raising is on-going.
- a sub-group is being set up for Haddington Town Centre – anyone interested in taking part from the G&M area is asked to put themselves forward.
- Next meeting 24th June.

Action: PW said that he would attend the next LAP meeting.

RB read out a letter about proposed developments at Fallago Rig 2 wind farm.

Action: RB to ask for more info about how the new windfarm development will affect the G&M region so that the CC can decide whether to ask developers to provide a community presentation.

The status of the Civic Pride fund was discussed.

Action: PS to ask Stuart Pride about the Civic Pride fund – RB to send her the Filtrex quote for the river bank restoration (to see if this can be supported under the fund).

14. Date of next meeting

Monday August the 3rd in Morham Village Hall.