

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Meeting, 1st August 2016
@ 7pm, Morham Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

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

Tom Trotter, John McMillian

2. Garvald Woodland Project

Karl Ingram gave a report on the on-going trees project. He explained that the Council had been approached for financial support (under Community Improvement Fund) but that this had not been successful.

He explained that this meant that the obvious sources of funding had been exhausted and that windfarm support would be needed for the project to have a chance of continuing. He said that he had talked to the forester who had provided him with the best quote for the work and that he would be happy to spread the cost of the work over two financial years. He reminded the CC that the work could only be done between June and October, so as not to affect badgers.

John McM said he would talk to the officer in charge of the Leader fund to see if this would be a possible funding source. He took away the project proposal as reference. He said that this fund might be able to provide up to 70% of the required money. Viridor was also suggested as a possible source of funds.

PW asked if the Monastery would be able to contribute – Karl said that the answer to this question had been a polite “no”. PW said that he would speak to Father Mark.

It was generally agreed that, whether funding could be found or not, the project would probably not happen in 2017.

PS suggested that further discussion should be postponed till after the CC elections. This was agreed.

Action: PW and John McM to act as described above.

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting

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

4. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

Gabions on bank of Papan Water – PS reported this work had not been done because of other work taking precedence, but that would start soon (probably on the 8th of August).

Garvald Church Roof – PW reported that had written to Mairi and that she had replied to say that the Church was getting new estimates for the roof work, but gave no further information about funding. PS said that we should have some evidence from the Church fundraising team that they are moving forward and that we should also assure them of our continued support.

Action: PW to get back in touch with Mairi as above.

The Queen's Birthday Donation – IM reported that this money had been received on the 22nd July and that the cheques were ready to be sent off.

Wifi in park in Garvald – IS reported that this hadn't been done yet, but that he is slowly replacing hot spots in Garvald Village Hall and the Garvald Inn. He noted that the pub now has wi-fi and that he is working to provide wi-fi in park.

Swimming Club funding – IM reported that the money had been received and that it will be sent out to the club shortly.

PW reported that he had put his name forward for the **Community Broadband Community Interest Company**, however he had been told that he would have to be a Director and was unsure about taking on this role.

Action: JohnMcM will e-mail a report from next week's meeting of the company.

Bike racks – PS reported that a note of interest had been put in on behalf of Garvald and Morham. The decision on whether to provide the racks will be made on Thursday.

5. Councilors' report

Cllrs felt that everything of interest had been covered in preceding conversations.

6. Update from Kirstie Shearer - Council Liaison Rep.

KS reported that there was nothing of any significance to report.

7. Update from Ian Smith - Broadband Rep.

IS reported that Lothian Broadband had had a stall at the East Lothian airshow and at the Haddington show. East Coast FM had used its services to broadcast live.

8. Update from Phillip White - Funding Rep.

PW reported that one funding application had come in from Heidi Ingram for the annual local poetry competition – amount: £265. This was OK'd. It was decided to use the Local Priorities fund for this payment so that it could be expedited quickly.

Action: IM to process.

DM explained that Morham Village Hall Committee has been planning to repair the decking area outside the hall and that large stones on the wall also needed repairing – DM was advised to put in application for windfarm money for both these pieces of work. Based on DM's estimates it was agreed that £1,450 should be OK'd for this work.

Action: DM as above

KS asked who has ownership / responsibility for the playpark behind the village hall – John McM said he would look into this.

Action: John McM as above

9. Update from Ian Middlemass – Treasurer

IM reported that the CC's audited accounts had not yet been delivered. He also said that all the cheques for the previous Crystal Rig funding round had been approved and processed. Receipt and thanks had been received from Yester Primary School.

Current Balance: £16,977.28.

10. Planning Update

PW reported that nothing untoward had come up.

11. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Local Area Partnership

PS reported that there was a meeting of the LAP on Thursday but that neither she nor PW will be able to go along.

At the last meeting key topics were: bicycle racks and money that the group is spending on roads.

PS reported on the success of the 'What's On' project. This is being organised/led by Dunbar LAP and run by East Lothian List. It produces a list of what's happening in the region that everyone can access. Information on any upcoming events is welcomed.

PS said that she is still pushing for sustainable transport for rural villages and had looked at the possibility of members of the public using school buses, however this had not proved to be possible because of problems relating to payments.

PS highlighted a project from Humbie. This is a one-year trial community transport service using a 16-seat minibus. There is a possibility that this might be extended to Garvald and Morham during the year.

TT said that it was vital to use such services to ensure that they are sustainable.

12. Neighbourhood Watch

PW said that there was nothing of any significance to report.

13. Garvald & Morham Updates

DM reported that in April changes had been made to the Morham Village Hall management structure – Morham Village Hall is now a Charitable Trust. This Trust is now looking to have a first AGM. A maintenance programme for the Hall is being drawn up Chalmers in Haddington (survey taking place soon). Hall has been busy with parties and election.

14. AOCB

Traffic survey in Garvald – PS reported that Colin Beard had carried out a survey of the road into Garvald where new signs have been put up. He found a daily flow of 100 vehicles a day. No drivers exceeded 30 mph limit.

Most recent police report – this highlighted the following priorities: litter, antisocial behaviour and road safety. The police have looked at construction traffic in Garvald and have given out several warnings.

Flooding in Garvald – recent flooding saw fire brigade and police called out. PS said that an enquiry had been received about the drainage in the village.

Cycle race – The VCE summer road race will run on Sunday the 7th (11am to 1pm). The route includes Garvald, Papple and Morham.

15. Date of next meeting

Monday, 10th October at Garvald Village Hall.