

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Meeting, 10th October 2016
@ 7pm, Garvald Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Penny Short (Chair), Rufus Bellamy (Secretary), Phillip White (Vice-chair),
Ian Middlemass (Treasurer), Ian Smith (Member)

Cllr John McMillan

Apologies – David Murray (Morham VH)

The results of the recent CC elections were announced – all present members had been elected un-opposed on 6th October for 4 years.

Cllr JMcM asked for nomination for the post of Chair and other office bearers. The following appointments were made:

Chair: Penny Short.	IM proposed; IS seconded.
Vice Chair: Phillip White	IS proposed; RB seconded
Secretary: Rufus Bellamy.	PS proposed; IS seconded
Treasurer: Ian Middlemass	RB proposed; IS seconded

There is a vacancy for another CC member. It was suggested that this vacancy should be advertised on the Garvald Village website. Age range for applicants starts at 16. It was decided that this should be highlighted in an attempt to attract a younger person to the CC.

Action: RB to put up notice.

PS said that she would ask Jim Pattinson (GVH Chair) to nominate a representative from the Hall Committee to attend meetings.

Action: PS as above.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

These had been approved and subsequently distributed by e-mail/web. No amendments were tabled.

3. **Matters arising from Previous Minutes**

Garvald Woodland Project: Phillip reported that he had talked to Father Mark and that there was the potential for some small-scale support for the project from the monks. Cllr JMCM reported that Leader funding is up in the air until Nov because of BREXIT. He explained that the Leader team is hosted by Mid-Lothian council. Cllr JMCM also highlighted the Community Intervention Fund and said that available funds should be announced before the end of the year.

Action: Cllr JMCM will keep a watching brief on the two funds and review at the next meeting.

Gabions: These have been installed and the banking re-instated.

Garvald church roof: PW reported that he had asked for an update from Mairi but that he had not received an answer. RB highlighted a Haddington Church (off Church St) that is having its roof fixed and which is displaying the logos of a number of funding bodies

Action: PW will take a look to see if any of the funding bodies might be relevant to Garvald.

Bike racks: PS reported that she had spoken to Nick Morgan to explain that the CC's favoured site was across from the park and that it was vital that the village didn't lose any parking.

Poetry competition: IM reported that support for this had been passed along.

Decking area outside MVH: PW reported that an application for funding for this work had been received.

Local Development Plan: RB presented the LDP statement, maps and supporting documents that ELC had sent through for the CC to review. This plan sets out the development strategy for East Lothian to 2020 and beyond.

4. **Councillors' report**

Cllr JMCM reported that he is still getting complaints about parking in Garvald. He also said that Keith Scott (from the Council Transport Dept.) has contacted Google maps and satnav providers to highlight the east entry road into Garvald as 'unsuitable for HGV traffic'.

IM highlighted that a heavy vehicle had recently driven over the verge of the Morham Bank road.

5. Update from Ian Smith - Broadband Rep.

IS reported that there is “quite a lot going on at the moment”:

The Scottish Govt. has come up with R100 (Reaching for 100%) project. This has caused Community Broadband Scotland (CBS) and the East Lothian Broadband project (supported by CBS) to pause.

Action: IS will be going to a conference in London to learn more.

IS has persuaded the Scottish Govt. to introduce the UK-wide voucher-based Basic Broadband scheme which provides a free install for certain households within reach of a registered wireless-broadband provider (Lothian Broadband is a registered provider).

Lothian Broadband is proposing to install a mast to provide superfast broadband to Garvald. LB is currently getting approval from appropriate groups. It will then put in for planning permission. IS said that villagers would gain from extra-speed that would allow multiple streaming of TV. He said that this service would benefit the eight people in the village who are linked with East Lothian.

This proposal was discussed and the visual impact of the group’s proposed mast was debated. It was felt that the current plans, which feature a large concrete tube base, would be very visually intrusive (as it would sit on the top of this hill above the Papan water). Various suggestions were made as to how the visual impact could be mitigated. It was agreed that villagers should be alerted to the potential visual impact of the scheme.

Action: PW will let RB know when the Planning Application for the scheme is registered and this will then be flagged up on the Garvald Website.

6. Update from Phillip White - Funding Rep.

PW gave details of the four applications for Crystal Rig funding that he had received since the last CC meeting:

- 1) Heidi Ingram: the Ingrams’ son Isaac and sister Daisy had been asked to speak at the Principia schools space conference scheme at York – the request was for a donation £450 towards total costs. It was decided to give £100 to both Isaac and Daisy to show how proud we are of

them (£200 in all).

- 2) Jo Robertson on behalf of children's Halloween and Christmas party group: the request was for a donation to pay for magician and catering. It was decided that we should give £400 out of existing funds.
- 3) Jo Robertson: the request was to provide funding for child's music tuition at Lamp House Music in Haddington and a second-hand drum kit. It was decided to give £150 for the instrument (it was noted that the CC can't afford to pay for music lessons for all children in G&M out of Crystal Rig fund!).
- 4) Morham Village Hall: The request was for £1,450 for masonry work – a detailed estimate was included. It was agreed that the whole amount should be provided.

IS put forward a proposal that the Crystal Rig fund should be used to help Knox Academy to advance the education of science, engineering and technology. He noted that the new tranche of funding would make this possible as it does not have to be used for projects within Garvald and Morham. PS noted that this would be the kind of thing that could be applied for under the Area Partnership. It was also suggested that some funds should be used for projects at Yester Primary School.

Action: IS to contact Knox to see if they would be interested in developing this idea. PS to make a similar overture to Yester.

7. Update from Ian Middlemass – Treasurer

IM presented the year's profit and loss account. The surplus for the year stood at £9,244 and the September balance at £13,416.28

8. Planning Update

PW reported that there had been no significant planning issues since the last meeting.

9. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Local Area Partnership

PS reported on the LAP meeting that took place on the 22nd of September:

- There had been an interesting presentation on the Community Hospital. PS said she was still concerned about the traffic impact that this new development will have.

- Various funding proposals were approved, including funding for Haddington table tennis club.
- There is going to be an annual public meeting on the 22nd November at which a 'three wishes' exercise will be undertaken.
- Launch of new database of events in East Lothian – PS asked all to post on What's On East Lothian.

10. Neighbourhood Watch

PW reported that he had been approached by a member of the Neighbourhood Watch for the number of the local community police officer. This person wanted to report a number of near misses with a contractor working at Nunraw. Subsequently a statement was given to the police and an ASBO was handed out to the driver.

11. Garvald & Morham Updates

DM sent an e-mail announcing the Morham Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday 20th November.

PW reported that the Garvald Village Hall AGM had acknowledged the money that the CC had helped them obtain from the Crystal Rig fund.

12. AOCB

Police Report - there was a breach of the peace in Garvald on the 20th August and damage to vehicles at Papania Cottages.

The Association of East Lothian Community Councils is holding its first meeting of this session in the Council Chambers, Haddington on Wednesday November 9th. The theme for this meeting will be the provision of adult health care services in East Lothian.

Support from the Start meeting in the Corn Exchange – Friday the 14th Nov.

PW noted that the two benches in Garvald park are in a state.

Action: PW/PS will look into getting them repaired.

There is a new national telephone number for power cuts – 105.

13. Date of next meeting

Monday, 5th December at Morham Village Hall.