

## **GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Approved Minutes of Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015  
@ 7pm, Morham 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), Ian Smith (Member), Phillip White (Vice-chair)

Cllr Tom Trotter  
Cllr John McMillan

### **2. Patrick Gammell, Vice Lord Lieutenant**

Patrick was introduced by PS. He explained that he is the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of East Lothian and that he substitutes for the Lord Lieutenant (Michael Williams MBE) at official engagements and carries out other duties as required.

He talked about the role of the Lord Lieutenant and the Lieutenancy in the county and explained how members of the public could contribute to their work.

The Lord Lieutenant is appointed by The Queen and acts as Her Majesty's representative in East Lothian. The main duties of the Lord Lieutenant include:

- arranging visits of members of the royal family and escorting royal visitors
- presenting medals/awards on behalf of the Queen if the recipient is unable to attend an Investiture
- presenting congratulatory messages from the Queen to those celebrating their 100th birthday or diamond (60th) wedding anniversary
- participating in the civic, voluntary and social activity within the Lieutenancy
- liaising with local cadet forces
- recommending people for invitation to Her Majesty's Garden Parties at the Palace of Holyroodhouse

He explained that in January 2016 the Lieutenancy will be having a meeting to discuss suggestions for people who should be invited to go to the Palace and who should be put forward for national awards (including the 'step up to service' award for young people). He asked the CC to think about potential recipients and to make suggestions.

He also asked for any information regarding people who are due to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays or diamond wedding anniversary.

He also discussed the Remembrance Services that are held in various centres around county (including Haddington) – he asked for anyone who feels there is a service that needs representation to let him know.

90<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Queen – he said that ideas were welcome for what should be done.

In closing, he said that he was hoping to make communication better between the general community and the Lieutenancy.

### **3. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

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

### **4. Matters arising from Previous Minutes**

**Community Intervention fund** – Cllr McM explained that he was still waiting for feedback from Tom Shearer. He said that he was still hopeful that some money would be available from the fund.

**Action: Cllr McM said that he would update Karl Ingram on progress.**

**Leader funding** – RB confirmed that he had attended the briefing meeting and that David Neillans had also attended and discussed the possibility of the fund being used to help finance the refurbishment of Garvald church roof.

He read out description of fund: LEADER is a bottom-up method of delivering support for rural development through implementing Local Development Strategies. Support is awarded by 21 Local Action Groups (LAGs) and is aimed at local projects with a wide community benefit that show an element of originality or experimentation, where possible, and complement other activities within the Local Development Strategy.

Cllr McM said that funding would be made available after strategy had been firmed up – he said that the Council is hoping to start putting a staffing structure in place for the fund by the beginning of October and that

calls for projects would be welcomed after this. He said that there would be between £2.5 million to £2.7 million available for projects in East Lothian. He also said that the council is looking for LAG board members (members would be asked to attend a monthly meeting and to score projects).

**Concrete slab** – it was reported that this had been dealt with on the day after the last CC meeting.

**Christmas and Halloween party funding** – PW reported that he had received an application for this year's Christmas party at Garvald (Lorraine Hay has passed on the organization of this event to other ladies in the village). No application as yet from Morham.

Action: PS to find out who will be organizing the Morham party this year and to let them know that they should apply for funding.

**Wheelie bin Neighbourhood Watch stickers** – PW said that this had been organized and done.

**Windfarm** – RB reported that he had received an e-mail back from the Fallago Rig developers (EDF ER) saying that G&M is too far away from the proposed development to be eligible for any money from a community fund. They had also sent a visual impact map, which was reviewed. It was considered that, as the proposed windfarm was less than 10km away, this issue should be looked into further.

Action: PS to investigate G&M's eligibility for community fund money from Fallago.

**Riverbank restoration in Garvald** – PS reported that a council officer (Stewart Pryde) had looked at the Filtrex quote and that he hadn't been sure about the appropriateness of the approach. He had advised that a cheaper approach using sheet netting and sandbags would be better. He had said that he would send a quote for this work. Civic Pride funding might be available.

Action: PS to follow up and report back

## 5. Councilors' report

Cllr TT noted that the Council was in recess and that there was therefore not a lot happening, apart from the Councillors' regular surgeries. He noted that boundary changes were coming up for consultation and that this might lead to a potential change to the number of councillors and an amalgamation of some of the wards. He explained that the aim of the

boundary changes was to get greater parity of representation. He said that further information could be found at: [www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/reviews/5th\\_electoral/](http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/reviews/5th_electoral/)

Cllr McM noted that in October there was to be another consultation on the East Lothian Local Development Plan – which will discuss issues such as the new development at Blindwells, school catchment areas, etc.

It was noted that there would be a meeting of the Haddington Community Development Trust at the Corn Exchange on Monday to discuss the group's future. It was noted that the Trust is looking for new Directors.

**6. Update from Kirstie Shearer - Council Liaison Rep.**

No report as Kirstie not present.

**7. Update from Ian Smith - Broadband Rep.**

He said that there was nothing significant to report about the Broadband co-operative.

**8. Update from Philip White - Funding Rep.**

PW gave an update on the funding request he had received from Heather from the Gifford under 5's group (asking for £600; £500 given last year). He said that Heather had got in touch to say that there are three kids from Garvald attending the group and a possible two more starting soon.

**Action: It was decided to hold back on any decision until more information has been obtained for what the money will be used for. PW to ask for this information.**

PW said that Heidi Ingram had been in touch to ask for £253 pounds for the Garvald poetry competition (to print 50 booklets containing the winning entries) – it was agreed that this was a very worthwhile project and that full funding should be given.

**Action: PW to let Heidi know and to ask that some copies be made available to the wider community (potentially to buy).**

PW said that he had received a final request for £380 for the Garvald Halloween and Christmas party (to cover entertainer, hall hire, food etc). This was OK'd.

**Action: PW to let applicant know.**

## 9. Update from Ian Middlemass – Treasurer

IM said that he had thought that he would have had audited accounts ready, but that they hadn't come through from the accountant yet.

He said that all past approved funding applications had been paid out, apart from money for Garvald Church roof.

He noted that the Community Council's insurance was due. The Premium from Zurich (Council's preferred agent) would be £217.68 (slightly up from last year). IS said that we should use this, unless there were any problems. This was OK'd.

**Action: IM to go ahead with insurance.**

## 10. Planning Update

PW said that there was "nothing untowards".

Cllr McM highlighted that the cycling "Tour of Britain" would be coming through East Lothian and that this would result in rolling closures (especially near Gifford) on Wed the 9<sup>th</sup> September (with a Mountain stage on the Duns road, between 10.20 and 11.30).

## 11. Neighbourhood Watch

PW said that there was nothing major to report. He said that 18 people had taken a NW wheelie bin stickers.

PW said that he had been asked to check out a blue Skoda in the car park of Garvald Village Hall – this will get moved (and was not stolen).

## 12. Garvald & Morham Updates

**Garvald:** HC highlighted the upcoming flower show on 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. She said that the Hall is looking at installing secondary glazing and improved lighting (current lighting keeps blowing). She said that a lighting consultant would be coming within the week. She reported that the Hall had been busy and that every weekend in Sept. was booked.

**Morham:** DM reported that the Keystone documents for the Village Hall had been published and forwarded. He said that the Village Hall Management Committee was in the process of becoming a registered charitable organization and that this should streamline arrangements. He

said that the committee was looking for more representation from within the community.

A suggestion was made that a funding proposal should be made for an information plaque saying that John Knox was born near Morham.

### **13. AOCB**

PW said that the proposed mobile mast at Nunraw was not going ahead because of concerns from the Nunraw community about its visual impact. He said that, if the government decides to extend funding, then it may be possible to position the mast elsewhere in the village.

**Action: RB to put Father Mark's explanation for this decision on the Garvald website.**

PS reported on the most recent Haddington Area Partnership Meeting – its agenda included: Broadband access, the potential use of the Garvald school bus by the community, the Athelstaneford skate park project (partnership has given this project seed money to get a larger grant from Viridor). The partnership has also given £5,000 to East Saltoun for a speed reactive sign. It is also looking at setting up a running/cycle pass around Haddington.

**Action: PS to attend the partnership's next meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

A Morham website was discussed – it was suggested that someone put together a wind farm funding proposal to get this done.

PS said that a press release had been sent to Courier about the swimming trip that had been given wind farm money, but that this had not been published.

**Action: PS to chase up to see if the Courier will print this and other stories about Garvald and Morham.**

PS said that she was running a fund-raising coffee morning for MacMillan on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept – all invited.

### **14. Date of next meeting**

Monday October the 5th in Garvald Village Hall.