

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting 7th August 2017
at 7pm, Morham Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Penny Short (Chair), Anna Derricourt (Member), Ian Middlemass (Treasurer), Ian Smith (Member), Kelly Burns (Garvald VH), David Murray (Morham VH), Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Cllr Tom Trotter.

Also attending

Nick Morgan (ELC Outdoor Access Officer), Kirstie Shearer

Apologies

Phillip White (Vice-Chair), Rufus Bellamy (Secretary), Cllr Brian Small, Cllr John McMillan

Minutes of previous meeting

These had been approved and distributed by email.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

‘Welcome’ Road signage is ongoing for Morham. **Action: AD to follow up**

Morham School Bus – we have not heard back from Council following the meeting with Prentice regarding the bus stop moving to Mainhill Steading. **ACTION: AD to follow up.**

Garvald Defibrillator – Planning application needed which Penny will action. Funding being sought from Tesco or Co-op but GMCC will support if this not forthcoming.

ACTION: PS to investigate funding and to submit planning application

Garvald Cinema – GMCC is supportive of the cinema club but have requested a plan for community use and evidence of community support.

3. Nick Morgan, ELC Outdoor Access Officer

Penny explained that the CC were interested in developing and formalising new and existing paths between Garvald and Morham, Garvald and Gifford, Gifford and Morham and Morham and Haddington. Nick outlined the approach of the Council to the Core Paths network.

Core paths are mostly maintained by land-owners and volunteer path wardens and recently a volunteer took on the Morham to Haddington path. She'd be grateful of help if anyone interested. The Council provide equipment. Nick showed us existing and planned paths in the area. These can be viewed at http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/379/countryside_and_wildlife/1264/core_paths

The path from Morham Loanhead to Furniture School (Gifford), known as ‘The Clarty’, has been improved, as has Garvald to Gifford, with further fencing/redirecting happening next month. There were possible options for improvements discussed on the Haddington – Morham path on the section between Northrig Cottages and West Bearford and Nick promised to research.

There was a lot of interest in a Morham to Garvald path but research needed as to possible route. It was agreed that Penny would contact the main landowner in the area to organise a meeting and Nick offered to attend.

ACTION: Ask the villagers if they know of a good route Garvald – Morham (Anna Morham, ?? Gifford)

ACTION: Penny to contact the landowner

4. Update re Funding

GMCC bought a community marquee in 1998 which was looked after by Myreton Marquees. The original marquee had been badly damaged a long time ago and Myreton Marquees had been very kindly supplying one of their own at a very reduced rate. The agreement had been that the marquee could be hired out by local people for £50 but Myreton Marquees advised it was only used a couple of times a year and that one local person had not even paid the £50 hire on a number of occasions. A quote was received from Myreton Marquees to replace the marquee and the CC discussed whether we actually needed to own one. Since Community events (such as the Fun Day) are able to hire marquees through ELC (Stuart Pryde) at low cost, and considering how cheap it is to actually buy a marquee it was decided that the agreement would cease and that if anyone approached Myreton Marquees to hire one at reduced rate they would explain that this was not possible. It was also agreed however that Garvald Horticultural Society hires the marquee yearly for the Flower Show and that the Community Council would pay for this.

5. Update from Ian Middlemass, Treasurer

The 2016-17 P&L Account was presented. £24,301 has been provided to community projects this year.

6. Local Planning Applications

None

7. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Local Area Partnership

The Haddington & Lammermuir Local Area Plan can be downloaded at

http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/2361/haddington_and_lammermuir_area_plan

The Haddington Town Centre Design project consultations are ongoing with public drop-in events on 14th September and 31st October at Haddington Town House. More at:

<https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/policy-partnerships/haddington-town-centre-design-project/>

The East Lothian Plan consultation is also currently out for public participation.

http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/200135/community_planning/1750/the_east_lothian_plan_soa_201323

PS highlighted Care and Repair services available to anyone over 60, or over 50 with disability. This is a great service – Small repairs service means no cost for labour, just materials. Adaptations Service helps if changes are needed to your home. They can be contacted through www.careandrepaireastlothian.co.uk or 01620 828445.

8. Garvald Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing reported

9. Garvald and Morham Hall and Community Updates

PS advised that the Garvald Fun Day will be held on Saturday 12th August and will be funded under the new arrangements. PS emphasised that the Fun Day was not a fund-raising event but rather a social event for everyone in the village and surrounding areas to enjoy – which is exactly what the windfarm funding should be used for. Inflatables, face painting, marquee, hill races & football match are all planned.

Morham Hall – contractors are being sought through tender process. Recent asbestos report showed none present.

Date for diaries: 17th September an event as part of the Lammermuir Festival will be held in Garvald Village Hall.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 2nd October, 7pm, Garvald Village Hall.