

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
@7pm, Garvald Village Hall

**1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence**

Penny Short (Chair), Anna Derricourt (Member), Ian Middlemass (Treasurer), Philip White (Vice-Chair), Ian Smith (Member)

Cllr Brian Small, Cllr John McMillan (in part)

**Apologies**

Rufus Bellamy (Secretary), Kelly Burns (Garvald VH), David Murray (Morham VH), Cllr Shamin Akhtar

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

These had been approved and distributed by email.

**3. Matters arising from previous minutes**

‘Welcome’ Road signage is ongoing – Garvald’s signs are in process of being altered. No reply has been received from Council re Morham. **Action: AD to follow up** (Cllr Small would like to stay informed)

Morham Castle – PS contacted Stephanie Leith after last meeting to thank her for her presentation and to ask for some firm figures to be looked at in the future. No update has been received as yet.

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

**4. Update from Ian Smith, Broadband Rep**

A new position is being sought for the proposed mast above Garvald Park after Landscape Officer requested that it be moved from the suggested spot on the horizon. It is believed there were also villagers who raised concerns.

Revised application is yet to be resubmitted.

Cllrs outlined expected Scottish Government tender which has been delayed. BT and Lothian Broadband continuing to roll-out in meantime. Cllr McMillan promised to keep us updated.

**5. Update from Phillip White, Funding Rep**

PS reported that Crystal Rig III amount has been confirmed and is less than expected for this year at £10,350. £10k has been allocated - £2,500 to Knox High School, £2,500 to Yester Primary School and £5,000 to the Garvald and Morham Social Fund. There is still approx. £6,500 remaining in Crystal Rig II.

The following applications were discussed:

1 – Defibrillator for Garvald. A quote was given for £1,878 including cabinet and training for one person. Positioning was discussed, with Cllr Mcmillan sharing experiences from installs in Haddington. As Garvald is a conservation village, prominent positioning with planning consent may be an issue. Application was approved in principle, subject to consultation with Planning. **ACTION: PS to follow up**

2 – Educational Trip to Mont Blanc

Caroline McGregor submitted an application on behalf of 3 children involved in a Knox Academy educational trip to Mont Blanc. £300 was approved.

Cllr Macmillan felt that Rotary and Educational Trust funding may be also available to them. **ACTION: JM to send forms and information to Caroline McGregor**

### 3 – Garvald Cinema

Jim Pattison, Chair of the Garvald Hall Committee, submitted an application for a contribution towards predicted £8,000 costs for cinema equipment, screening rights and marketing for community cinema and equipment for events at Garvald VH. There was support for this application but many questions were raised and so it was decided to invite a member of the Hall Committee to attend the next Community Council meeting to give further information.

**ACTION: PW to invite Jim to present at next meeting. AD to send PW information regarding National Organisations that support community cinema.**

### Other funding

There has been a request for information on funding that may be available to extend the tree felling to the other end of the village. **ACTION: BS to research and report**

### 6. Update from Ian Middlemass, Treasurer

Applications were submitted from March but no news has been received.

Accounts etc are currently with Morag Horsey. Balance is £20,364.28 (£16,000 is committed and held on behalf of local projects).

### 7. Local Planning Applications

None

### 8. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Local Area Partnership

PS & PW reported that the Area Plan is to be revised and simplified. An appeal was made at the Area Partnership meeting to all local organisations and so applications for funding are being sought from local residents. It was suggested that the proposed Morham School Bus Shelter may be a possibility in the future. It was decided that Core Paths are a priority and PS suggested that we move forward on this matter. AD reported that there has been interest from Morham residents for the Morham – Garvald path to be upgraded and it was agreed to push for this path to be properly designated. PS also suggested a path between Garvald and Gifford could be looked at.

**ACTION: PS to invite Access Officer to next meeting to look at all the options and will invite Garvald residents who have expressed an interest in paths previously. AD to ask Morham residents interested in the path.**

### 9. Garvald Neighbourhood Watch

PW reported no significant issues.

PS read out Police Report for the area - 5 calls were received during April but apparently none of note. New CAPP Priorities this month are speed checks in Gifford and Haddington.

### 10. Garvald and Morham Hall and Community Updates

Hall Reps were not present but AD brought message from Morham Hall Committee drawing attention to the requests for messages of support for the hall (on website).

The recent pop-up concert by students from the Yehudi Menuhin School in London, featuring our very own Finlay Hay, at Garvald Church was highly praised and very well attended with all proceeds (over £1,200) going to East Lothian Aid for Refugees and East Lothian Welcomes Refugees.

Note: Road Closure at Mayshiel 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June. Diversions in place.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm, Morham Village Hall.