

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Meeting, 5th December 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)

Cllr John McMillian

Anna Derricourt and Lana Bambridge

Apologies

Tom Mallows

[Kelly Burns](#)

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Approved and subsequently distributed by e-mail/web.

3. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

Advert for CC vacancies – RB placed this on website, a number of replies received.

Village Hall representative – PS reported that Kelly Burns will be the CC rep. for the Garvald Village Hall Committee.

Garvald Woodland project – Cllr McM said that the Community Intervention Fund (both Capital and Revenue) and the Local Area Partnership might be potential sources of funding for this project.

Action: Cllr McM will put in an application for the Community Intervention Fund. If this leads to anything Karl Ingram will be informed.

Garvald Church Roof – PW reported that he had had a meeting with Carolyn McGregor and that she is going to take on the fundraising work for the Church Roof repairs, along with Jo Robinson (they know about the Crystal Rig money already allocated to this project). They will report back on progress.

Knox Crystal Rig fund – IS reported that he had been in touch with Knox and that the school was very excited about the proposal (to give them approx.

£5k a year from the 'new' Crystal Rig fund that will become available in 2017). It was felt that the money could be used for a variety of things (access to technology, support teaching, buying chrome books, etc.). IS noted that it would be important to check that any expenditure isn't earmarked for work that should be covered by the Council. It was decided that a similar amount of money should be provided to Yester.

Action: Penny will check criteria.

The benches in Garvald Park – PS reported that she had asked a joiner for a costing on this job and that he had quoted £80.

Action: PW said that he would ask the Council if its Community Payback team could do the work. DM said he could e-mail PW the number.

4. Update from Ian Smith, Broadband Rep

IS reported that he had recently attended a broadband conference in London at which the new minister for broadband gave a positive speech that covered funding for rural broadband. He also explained that funding for East Lothian has been delayed by the new Scottish Government R100 initiative.

Cllr McM said East Lothian would get 95% coverage as a result of an upcoming government intervention. This strategy will have come out by February. There will be an open-market review before then to ask commercial suppliers what plans they have to help rural communities that are not getting any coverage.

IS reported that the planning application for the broadband mast in Garvald hadn't been submitted yet. Plans are to bury one of the two concrete rings that will make up its base (to reduce visual impact).

5. Update from Phillip White, Funding Rep

PW reported that he had received a letter from the Ballantynes saying thank you for the support the CC has given to swimmers. Thanks for funding had also been received from the swimming club and from the Ingrams.

PW discussed the following funding applications:

1) Pre-application from Garvald Village Hall asking if the CC would be willing to support a community cinema, similar to the ones run in Gifford and Humbie. The equipment will cost between £5-6k or £8-10k depending on specifications. There was general agreement that this was a good idea and that they should apply to Crystal Rig for funding for some of the money but perhaps look at fundraising to make up the rest. DM noted that the Co-op is funding local community cinemas and that this might be a source of funds for the Garvald venture.

2) Two applications from Harry Lee (1, Mainshill) – 1) looking for bagpipe

tuition and purchase of bagpipes (£850); and 2) for support for his judo training and competition (he has won a Gold Medal for Scotland in his age category).

Bagpipes: It was noted that Haddington Pipe Band offers tuition and access to instruments. Cllr McM said East Lothian Educational Trust could also help. It was decided to provide Harry with details of who he should contact for help. If this led to nothing, then he should reapply to the CC.

Action: PW to provide info as above.

Judo: It was decided to provide Harry with £1,000 for his sports activities (in line with support given to other athletes in the local community).

- 3) Application from Scott Thomson – now a full-time athlete at Team GB (partly funded by Judo association). Aiming for Olympics. Gave him £2,000 last year. Cllr McM said that he might be able to apply to East Lothian Educational Trust. It was decided to give him £2,000 for the year ahead.

Action: Penny will send application form for East Lothian Educational Trust to PW for him to forward to relevant applicants.

Garvald Woodland – PW suggested that, if Cllr McM fundraising enquiries did not succeed, then a sum of money from Crystal Rig should be applied for each year to make this project happen. He noted that Father Mark has made a tentative agreement that he would fund any small shortfall. It was agreed that this was a good idea.

Action: Put on agenda for next meeting and review.

Action: IM and PW to liaise on all above applications and pass details on to Fred Olsen as appropriate.

6. Update from Ian Middlemass, Treasurer

IM reported that all Crystal Rig applications had been sent in to Fred Olsen. No comments back yet.

He also noted that we are into a new funding year for Crystal Rig. Current funds that we can apply for stands at: £29,541.

The CC Bank Balance at the end of October stands at: £13,062.28

7. Local Planning Applications

PW reported that nothing untoward had come up. IS said that the Lothian Broadband mast application would probably be put in in January.

Action: PW to alert RB when planning application for mast goes in, so he can

add an alert to the community website.

8. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

PS reported that the Area Partnership had organized an annual public meeting in Sept and that this had been very well attended. At the meeting, there were various displays on the projects that the partnership has supported/helped. Haddington Community Development Trust also launched its website – www.haddington.org.uk

She also reported on:

- The partnership's bus service survey. The results showed that there was no significant need for a regular bus service. Unfortunately, research has shown that an ad-hoc dial-a-bus service is not viable.
- The partnership's gateway signs project: Proposed 'entry signage' for Garvald and Morham had been put on the communities' website for comments. A request had also come through for coat of arms for each village and PS asked if any possible designs were available but it appeared not. PS noted that coats of arms designs will be needed asap.
- The Garvald and Morham bike racks project: This had come to naught because no appropriate locations could be found (problems with suggested locations included accessibility, visual intrusion and footpath blockage issues).
- The Garvald Youth Shelters project. PS explained that the Area Partnership is interested in supporting this idea, which provides covered 'always open' places for young people to 'hang out' in rural communities. She explained that studies show that such a shelter is a proven way to show commitment to the young people in a community – particularly 12-16 year olds.

The idea is to set such a shelter up in Garvald as a 'pilot' for similar shelters within Haddington and Lammermuir ward. Photographs of various designs were passed around but - Any proposed design and location would be consulted on with the whole village community. The structure would be designated as a "Youth Shelter" but of course could be used by people of any age including young children and parents of kids playing in the park if the weather is inclement.

PS explained that there are currently 22 high-school aged kids in the wider Garvald area with 12 based in the village and this would allow these kids to have somewhere in the village to hang out together on an informal basis. ~~She also reported that people living near the park have given their support to a shelter positioned close to the flying fox. Cllr JMcM said that there should be buy-in and that the kids should be involved.~~

The Council ~~can~~ would provide and build a shelter for

underapproximately £5,000 featuring a wi-fi hotspot (providing that power can be provided). AnyThe shelter would not be large and would be sympathetically designed to fit in with the play park equipment already in the park. It would be covered by the Council's insurance and maintained by the Council.

Action: The idea was given a universal thumbs up and PS was asked to move it forward and report back on progress.

9. Garvald Neighbourhood Watch

PW reported that nothing of note had happened with respect to the NW scheme.

Two items stood out from recent police reports: a road safety incident in November (driver under the influence in Morham) and a minor collision at Garvald Grange.

10. Garvald and Morham Updates

PS reported that Kelly Burns will be representing Garvald Village Hall from the next meeting onwards. She also reported that the recent Garvald Christmas fair had been a great success.

DM reported on developments in Morham: No practical locations found for bike racks. The Village Hall is having ongoing problems with Scottish Water – they have to register every year to make sure they don't have to pay any water rates (same problem exists with normal rates). The Village Hall has had a couple of good bookings recently and yoga classes are starting in 2017. The village Christmas Tree arrives this week.

11. A.O.C.B.

IS highlighted problems along the side of the road at Morham Brae.

Action: Cllr McM said that he would follow this up.

PS highlighted the issue of the telephone box in Garvald. It was agreed that it might be worthwhile to buy the phone box and install a defibrillator in it. The box could also be used as a 'book swap library'. Only problem would be insurance.

IM reported that Fred Olsen had suggested that the CC applies to the Crystal Rig fund for the £400 that was given from existing funds to the village Halloween and Christmas Parties. This was agreed.

Action: IM to follow up.

12. Discussion of potential new member

Four local residents had applied for the vacant post on the Community Council: Tom Mallows (Garvald), Kelly Burns (Garvald/Nunraw), Anna Derricourt (Morham) and Lana Bambridge (Garvald).

Each had been asked to send in a letter detailing why they wanted to join the CC and what they would bring to the post. These were read out. Anna Derricourt was chosen.

Action: PS to email the candidates to let them know the decision and to encourage all of them to come to future meetings.

13. Date of Next Meeting

6th February 2017, Garvald Village Hall.