

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, 3rd June 2019
7.00pm – Garvald Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

In attendance: Phillip White (PW) (Chair), Ian Middlemass (IM) (Treasurer), Ian Smith (IS), Anna Derricourt (AD), Kelly Wilkie (KW), Hazel Clark (HC), Sara Hills (SH) (Garvald Village Hall Rep), Penny Short (PS), Councilors Shamin Akhtar, John Macmillan (JM), Tom Trotter (TT) and Craig Hoy (CH).

Apologies: David Murray

2. Appointment of Office Bearers

Councilor Akhtar chaired the meeting for the election of office bearers.

- Chairperson: Phillip White proposed by IM and HC
- Vice Chairperson: Anna Derricourt proposed by KW and HW
- Treasurer: Ian Middlemas proposed by PW and HC
- Minute Secretary: Ian Smith proposed by PW and IM

Councilor Akhtar congratulated the elected office bearers and the work they have done over the past year. Chair of the meeting was handed over to PW at this point.

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

Minutes have previously been approved by e-mail and subsequently distributed by e-mail/internet.

Matters Arising

- Morham Recycling: the matter has been resolved with the council agreeing to the use of coloured lid bins which can be emptied by the normal fortnightly collection.
- JM reported that the new school day, which started today, the 3rd of June, was working well, including with the school transport regime.
- Markus Stitz is still keen to discuss a proposed cycling video which would include the villages of Garvald, Gifford, Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Dunpender parish. The estimated cost is of the order of £10K.
- AD's proposed theatre trip received no response. A consultation of the community will be undertaken to determine initiatives which would receive support. JM suggested that performances at the Brunton Theatre should be considered.
- A discussion on electric cars took place. PW stated that space within Garvald was limited for hosting charging points. JM stated that East Lothian

council had a budget of £2.3m for the installation of electric vehicles' charging points. A community electric vehicle was considered. JM stated that there were government grants available to help with the purchase of electric vehicles and for the installation of personal charging points.

- SA stated that there will be a consultation exercise regarding a climate change strategy. SA also stated that the "20s plenty" had been rejected by a Scottish Parliament committee, so there will be no blanket 20MPH policy. Community requests for 20 MPH zones will be considered on a case-by-case basis. SA lastly stated that the "Loose Parks" play policy had been very successful and has had a positive impact on the way that children play.
- JM reported that there are opportunities to receive a tour of the new Roodlands hospital and to sign-up as a volunteer.

4. Resilience Plan

PS reported on the progress of the Resilience planning. A participant representing Morham is required to join the group. Resilience planning is not just for bad weather but includes searching for missing persons, power outages and contaminated water supply were some of the potential scenarios considered. Farmers are important for their local knowledge and equipment that can be used for clearing snow, where possible. Volunteers would be covered by liability insurance. The local risk assessment has mostly been completed. All the small outlying settlements and single houses will need to be self-resilient, though communication with these would help. One suggestion is the provision of a diesel generator for the village halls, the cost of which would be approximately £1k each plus electrical installation. A comprehensive first aid kit and battery/wind-up/solar radio, etc would also be required. A missing person exercise will be planned in the near future. So a total of around £2k to set up each village hall will be required. Funding for this was approved in principal by the committee, pending permission from Garvald and Morham village halls and a full specification of the requirements. The plan will become available online when completed.

5. Update from Ian Middlemass, Treasurer

IM reported that: the insurance had been renewed; accounts had been handed to the auditor; that money had been received for purchases; the bank balance was £27018.65 in account, approximately £5k of which is for the church roof project and £12k for the woodland scheme; and that approximately £1,400 was received for the local priorities and admin grant.

6. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

AD reported that: a sure start staff member had been approved; dog fouling was discussed with an action to spray paint the fouling; and design a new poster explaining the consequences of dog fouling. SA reported that the campaign will start in Pencaitland. Owners will be encouraged to sign up to the campaign and a small badge will be given to those that do. Signees will be asked to hand out dog bags to other dog owners. The hope is to create a culture change. There will be other incentives for those who join. A similar campaign could be started for Garvald and Morham. There's a pamphlet explaining the campaign. Perhaps a poster could be developed for the Garvald fun day in August.

7. Garvald Neighbourhood Watch/Police Report

PW reported that the police report had nothing of note. AD reported that there had been a hare coursing incident in Morham which was attended by the police..

8. Garvald and Morham Hall Updates

SH reported that the Garvald hall committee are supportive of the installation of a electric car charging point. No one was present from the Morham hall committee.

9. A.O.C.B.

- The Garvald Funday will take place on the 10th of August.
- AD reported that two quotes have been obtained for the Morham village hall replacement noticeboard. These were for approximately £2k, including artwork. A decision on mounting is now required.
- PW reported that there may be an archaeological dig for Morham castle, for free.
- IS reported that a Garvald resident has been finding the gate to the Nunraw estate shut in the evening and had requested that the committee should write to Nick Morgan at East Lothian Council. PW stated that he will in the first instance contact the caretaker of the estate
- HC stated that the Garvald park benches and play equipment required re-painting. An attempt will be made to find an appropriate person for the work.
- The issue of parking on the corner of the road at the east end of Garvald was raised. The road is reduced to one lane at the blind corner and it would be better if there were no cars parked at the corner.
- The Morham bus shelter has still to find a location.
- A defibrillator has been ordered for the Morham village hall and will be installed shortly. KW asked if there were child pads for the defibrillator. This will be investigated.
- IS raised the issue of the hazard on Coldale brae, after the removal of bushes adjacent to it. IS will send details to SA.

10. Date of Next Meeting - Monday the 19th of August, 2019 at 7pm Morham village hall.

11. Funding

HC raised the issue of this item being discussed in private. The consensus was that for future meetings, funding applications will be discussed after the end of the community council meeting. Windfarm funding is not part of the community council's formal remit.

- PS requested £889.14 for the Garvald Fun Day. Funding was approved.

- Heidi Ingram requested £360 to support her Garvald website work. Funding was approved.
- £500 was requested for the Garvald and Morham children's party. Funding was approved.
- Caroline McGregor requested £10k seed money for a £180K grant for the Garvald church roof. Funding was approved and is to be paid from the Crystal Rig 2 fund.
- £210 was requested to fund a marquee for the Garvald Flower Show. Funding was approved and is to be paid from the Local Priorities fund.
- Tim Flinn submitted a suggestion that something permanent should be built from the funding. He also suggested that leaflets should be posted through doors to advertise funding.
- Outdoor exercise equipment in Garvald and Morham is to be investigated.

Approved Crystal Rig funding applications will be submitted to Fred Olsen for consideration.