

# **GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
7.00pm – Morham Village Hall

## **1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence**

**In attendance:** Phillip White (PW) (Chair), Anna Derricourt (AD), Ian Smith (IS), Kelly Willkie (KW), Hazel Clark (HC), David Murray (Morham Hall Rep), PC Colin Boyd (CB) and PC Charlie Duncan (CD)

**Apologies:** Ian Middlemass, Sara Hills, Shamin Akhtar, John Macmillan, Tom Trotter and Craig Hoy (CH)

## **2. Minutes from Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

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

### **Matters Arising**

- PW reported that the Morham Castle archaeological dig is to go ahead. 5 members of the community have so far volunteered to help. Yellow jackets and digging equipment will be provided for volunteers.
- PW reported that the issue regarding access to the Nunraw Estate for walkers has been resolved.
- AD reported that the land owners have been advised to submit an application for funding for a safety fence in Morham.

## **3. Update from Ian Middlemass, Treasurer**

IM reported by email that:

- 3 applications have been submitted to Fred Olsen, funding for the Halloween/Christmas party, funding for the Garvald Church roof and funding for the annual website maintenance. Feedback regarding these applications has not yet been received.
- The current bank balance is £26,328.65. There are cheques outstanding totaling £839.14, £739.14 for the Garvald Fun day and £100 for the deposit for the mounting bracket for the Morham hall defibrillator cabinet bracket.
- Penny Short passed on her thanks for the Garvald Fun Day funding.

## **4. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership**

PW reported that the Partnership had awarded:

- £300 to Community Kitchen for a defibrillator
- £800 to Knox Academy for cycle training
- £1,333 for Running Bikes for kids with difficulties

It is expected that other partnerships will also help to fund these activities.

## **5. Garvald Neighbourhood Watch/Police Report**

PW stated that there was nothing to report from the Garvald Neighbourhood watch.

CB reported that

- they will be pleased to deal with reports of hare coursing. Most incidents of coursing take place after the harvest, when the fields have been cleared, both individual and organized competitions.
- Incidents of bad driving can be reported by phone using the 101 number.
- There have been a few targeted thefts of high value cars in the Humber area.

## **6. Replacement Notice Board for Morham Update**

AD agreed to approach the council's Planning Department to enquire about any necessary planning approval for a notice board in Morham.

## **7. Replacement Notice Board for Morham Update**

AD reported that the defibrillator for Morham has arrived and is awaiting installation. DM agreed to approach the council's Planning Department to enquire about any necessary planning approval.

## **8. Garvald and Morham Updates from Hall Representatives**

No report from Garvald. DM reported that:

- The Morham street lights have now been fixed.
- DM reported that he has set one up for Morham Parish (see <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/scheme/39876/morham-parish/>). A mail drop and a website will be arranged soon. AD added that there is a Mainshill Neighbourhood watch scheme (see <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/scheme/23442/mainshill-residents-nw-scheme/>).
- HGVs are still driving past the warning signs stating that the road is unsuitable. The warning sign to the east of the village is considered to be badly placed. A second sign, further east, has been added.
- The Yoga sessions have concluded, were poorly attended latterly and the attendance level is considered to be too low for a follow up set of sessions.

## **9. Feedback on Garvald Exercise Equipment for the Park**

PW has contacted the council regarding the exercise equipment and they will help to progress the project. A possible location for the equipment is the southern boundary of the park. HC will assist with refining the choice of location. The

equipment will be suitable for individuals over the age of 14 years. The supplier offers a Starting Kit which consists of 6 items of equipment and costs £12,500. Consultation with the community in Garvald and Morham will take place to help derive the specifications.

#### **10.A.O.C.B.**

- Nick Morgan is to be approached regarding a Morham to Garvald pathway.
- A resilience missing person exercise has been scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September. The Local Priorities fund will pay for food for volunteers. The event will be advertised to the community.
- Funding from the Scottish Government may be available for the purchase of electric generators.
- A resilience workshop will be run at the Brunton Theatre on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October for GMCC.
- Eves Coaches have won the Knox Academy school bus contract. There were initial teething problems but these seem to be resolved now.

**11. Date of Next Meeting** - Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of October, 2019 at 7pm, Garvald village hall.

#### **12. Funding**

A grant of £250 was approved for William MacIntosh-Smith as a contribution towards his costs for his PhD project at the University of Aberdeen.

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