

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, 7th October 2019
7.00pm – Garvald Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

In attendance: Phillip White (PW) (Chair), Anna Derricourt (AD), Ian Smith (IS), Hazel Clark (HC), David Murray, Andrew Watson (AW) (Morham Hall Rep), Roger Harris (RH)

Apologies: 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

- Remains of Morham Castle were found during the recent dig in Morham. Various items were unearthed including a cooking pot with charring. County Archaeology, who performed the dig along with local volunteers, were very attentive to members of the community and have offered help in finding funding for further excavations.
- The Morham neighbourhood watch scheme is growing in numbers, mainly by word of mouth. More publicity is planned.
- More research is required to further the Morham to Garvald path initiative.

3. Update from Ian Middlemass, Treasurer

IM reported that:

- The accounts have been presented. They appear to show a loss but this is the result of the timing of payments.
- The current bank balance is £26,118.65. Payment by cheque of £441 is outstanding. £5980 is held on behalf of the Garvald Church restoration and £10,866 to the Garvald tree clearance project, with £9,150 remaining of the project's allocated funds.

4. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

PW reported that:

- the Partnership has awarded £4,500 to St Mary's Church and £3,450 to Dunbar's Wave project.
- The 20s Plenty initiative has not been supported by the Scottish Government
- There is still a problem with dog excrement

- There will be a new round of phone box closures
- Some public toilets will be closed over the winter
- £50,000 is available for road improvements
- Any problems relating to Council services, including roads, such as potholes, can be reported to Reportit, <https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/reportit>.

5. Garvald Neighbourhood Watch/Police Report

PW stated that there was nothing to report.

6. Replacement Notice Board for Morham Update

DM approached the Council Planning department but was informed that he would need to present drawings before advice could be given. DM will contact a company that has previously installed these types of noticeboards for advice.

7. Garvald Exercise Equipment Update

A survey is underway and depending on the outcome, planning permission for 5 items will be applied for.

8. Morham to Garvald Path Update

PW and RH will walk the route to understand the issues.

9. Morham De-Fibrillator Update

The de-fibrillator has been installed on the west side of the Morham village hall. Signage and training are required. There is funding available for training.

10. Garvald and Morham Updates from Hall Representatives

No report from Garvald. DM reported that:

- There will be a Music at Morham event over the weekend of the 24th of January, 2020, including pipers, The Picts and a Burns' Supper. £850 of windfarm funding has been applied for to help bootstrap these types of event.
- The recent resiliency exercise went well and was very informative. All participants enjoyed the event. A register of helpers would be useful in the event of a real event. More details are available on the Garvald Facebook page.
- A member of the community reported the lack of signage at the top of Coldale Brae. IS, who had also highlighted the steep drop near the top of the brae, to submit a report to the Reportit scheme.
- AD reported that Hawthorn cuttings resulting from hedge trimming were causing burst tyres for cyclists.

11. A.O.C.B.

- There is an ongoing council consultation on the issue of bus services.
- Thanks were expressed for Heidi Ingram's work in maintaining the Garvald website.
- Thanks were also expressed to all those who took part in the recent Garvald resilience exercise.

12. Date of Next Meeting - Monday the 2nd of December, 2019 at 7pm, in the Morham village hall.

13. Funding

- £2,500 was approved for the annual pantomime theatre trip.
- £850 was approved for the Music at Morham weekend event
- £4,000 was approved for Yester Primary school
- £4,000 was approved for Knox Academy.

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