

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, 2nd December 2019
7.00pm – Morham Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

In attendance: Phillip White (PW) (Chair), Anna Derricourt (AD), Ian Middlemass (IM), Ian Smith (IS), Kelly Burns (KB), Hazel Clark (HC), Monica Pokorska (MP) (Play Map)

Apologies: David Murray, Andrew Watson, Sara Hills, PC Boyd, PC Duncan, Shamin Akhtar, John Macmillan, Tom Trotter and Craig Hoy

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

- Road issues near Coldale Brae have been reported via the Reportit system (<https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/reportit>). Progress is reported to be 50% complete.
- The topic of Resilience is to be added to the agenda.

3. Play Map for Gifford & Garvald

MP presented a description of the Play Map project which publishes child oriented maps of walks. She showed example booklets that had already been produced for the Haddington area. The proposal was to produce a set of maps for the Garvald and Gifford areas. The project cost is £6,200, £3,400 had already been raised and the request for funding from the wind farm funds was for £500.

4. Update from Ian Middlemass, Treasurer

IM reported that the balance in the bank account was £36,149.50 with three issued cheques totaling £2,144.75 still to be presented.

5. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

PW reported that there had been two meetings since the last report and that:

- the Partnership has awarded £840 to Knox Academy
- the Tennis Club was awarded £1,477 for new cycle racks
- £528 for two cut-out policemen was approved for Humbie
- Haddington Community Council paid £12,000 for the Haddington Christmas lights
- The Play Map project was awarded £3,400
- The Lunch Club was awarded £1,762
- Citizens' Advice was awarded £4,750
- Knox Academy was awarded £17,888 for the purchase of 80 Chrome

Books and manipulative bricks.

6. Garvald Neighbourhood Watch/Police Report

No incidents have been reported within the area but there have been incidents of hare coursing in other areas. Incidents can be reported via the 101 phone number. There is a general alert about Amazon scam emails.

7. Garvald Exercise Equipment Update

A survey of residents showed that opinion was divided on whether to install exercise machines in Garvald village park. Consequently, the proposal will not proceed.

8. Morham to Garvald Path Update

PW and RH walked the route between Morham and Garvald. It was found that one of the fields on the route is difficult to cross. Further consultation will take place with Nick Morgan (East Lothian Council) and the land owners.

9. Morham De-Fibrillator Update

No training is currently planned.

10. Garvald Bench

It has been determined that the land owner is the Wemyss and March Estate.

11. Morham Interpretation Board Update

AD has been fully occupied organising the Christmas Pantomime trip. Davie Murray will be asked to progress the initiative.

12. Garvald and Morham Updates from Hall Representatives

Morham village hall will be holding its AGM on the 10th of December.

13. A.O.C.B.

Resilience Planning: progress has been made in purchasing equipment. A phone tree has been organized. A draft letter has been produced which will be sent to residents asking for their contact details and any skills and or equipment that they may possess that could be useful.

14. Date of Next Meeting - Monday the 3rd of February, 2020 at 7pm, in the Garvald village hall.

15. Funding

- £1,000 was approved for the Play Map project.

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