

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, 7th June 2021
7.00pm – By Zoom

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

In attendance: Phillip White (PW) (Chair), Anna Derricourt (AD), Ian Middlemass (IM), Ian Smith (IS), Hazel Clark (HC), Garry McGregor (CM), David Murray (DM), Mike Boyle-Ronaldson(MR), Shamin Akhtar (SA), John McMillan (JM), Tom Trotter (TT)

Apologies: Craig Hoy, Tom Mallows

2. Appointment of Office Bearers

For this part of the meeting, SA took the Chair. HC proposed that all existing office bearers remain in post until the Community Council Elections in October 2021. PW seconded the motion which was adopted. PW resumed the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

HC proposed the minutes for approval and IM seconded the motion.

SA reported that she had passed the request for a 20MPH zone within Garvald on to Transportation at the Council for consideration. SA stated that she was working on this along with other villages and is studying the outcomes of the existing 20MPH schemes. SA reported that Pencaitland would like a permanent 20MPH scheme. PW reported that Tom Mallows had written to MSPs.

JM reported that the Garvald public toilets will be able to remain open as the Council have found additional funds.

4. Update from Ian Middlemass, Treasurer

IM reported that £20,800 had been paid out and that the balance in the bank account was £25,527.18. The Admin grant for £469 and the Local Priorities grant of £920 have been received. There are no outstanding cheques and some funds are still allocated to the Garvald church for roof repairs.

5. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

PW reported that funding for the following projects had been approved:

Organisation	Project	Amount
ELC Outdoor Learning Service	Biking North, Adventure	£1,100
Haddington East TRA	Mental Health Peer Support Group	£1,250
Support from Start	Early Years Recovery Project	£15,144.08*
Haddington RFC	Contribution to Youth Development Manager	£6,250*
Knox Academy	Bike Project	£5,500**
ELC Ranger Services	Summit Pond	£2,500
Knox Academy	Improve Digital Learning	£1,033.40

*Considered exceptional circumstances due to the impact of the pandemic, recommended on the basis as a one-off payment.

**Recommend to support E-Bikes.

6. Report from Philip White Garvald Neighbourhood Watch

PW reported that there were no Neighborhood Watch or Police reports. There will be a pop-up police event in Garvald on the 10th of June from 10am to 10-45am.

7. Update on Paths Garvald & Mobile Mast

PW reported that the Nunraw estate had approved a plan that will allow passage through the estate. PW also reported that the mobile mast has now been erected. PW reported that he had recently spoken to the landowner of Tanderlane Farm regarding the path between Morham and Garvald. The landowner is not keen to allow access through the farm but will walk the section with PW.

8. Garvald & Morham updates from Representatives

GM reported that:

- Consideration is being given to the installation of an air sourced heating system. Options on offer from the Energy Savings Trust will be considered.
- Drama classes and the Thursday Post Office bookings have recommenced. Wedding events have not yet resumed. There was some income from the recent election.
- The CCTV security system is installed and working. One camera requires repositioning.

DM reported that:

- External painting of the Morham hall will commence soon, costing approximately £4,000.
- A £2,000 donation had been received from the Cray Trust and will be used to fund the purchase of a dual fuel cooking range which can be used to support the village in the event of an extended power cut.
- The hall's safe operating capacity during the pandemic had been rated at 12 persons.

9. A.O.B

DM reported that HGVs are still attempting to pass through Morham, despite the warning signs. IM commented that the 2nd warning sign (which states that the road is impassible to HGVs) is too close-in to the village and beyond the point at which HGVs can readily turn around. JM and SA agreed to request the Council swap the signs around in order to give adequate warning to HGVs.

SA re-iterated advice that the Garvald telephone box needs to be used more often in order to safeguard its continued availability. HC enquired about the cost of using it as she had been made aware of an incident where a caller was charged £40 for a local call. PW stated that he would try to find out.

JM reported that he had a meeting with BT and two other providers to enquire about fibre broadband for Garvald and other villages. The council is pressuring the providers to commit to connecting the villages.

HC enquired if anything was planned to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Nothing is currently planned. HA suggested planting trees and revamping the Garvald park could be options to consider. JM to explore these ideas.

JM reported that there is a budget to fund improvements to gardens and public parks.

JM reported that Haddington Community Council are investigating the possibility of creating a caravan site adjacent to the golf course.

Sustrans are developing a cycle track behind the hospital to connect the western end of Haddington.

JM will raise the issue of cycling to school from Garvald.

Thanks were expressed for DM's efforts as a Kantor and JM will be laying a wreath at the Commonwealth Graves.

SA reported that there will be a consultation exercise in October or November for poverty action and mental health.

The start time of Garvald & Morham Community Council meetings was discussed and it was decided that 7-30pm was more convenient. The change will take affect from August onwards.

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 23rd of August 2021 at 7-30pm

11. Funding Applications

A funding application for improvements to the Morham Village Hall plumbing of £820 was approved.