

# GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
7.30pm at Morham Village Hall

## 1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

**In attendance:** Phillip White (PW) (Chair), Ian Middlemass (IM), Ian Smith (IS), Roger Harris (RH), David Ramsay (DR), Gary McGregor (GM), Davie Murray (DM)

**Apologies:** Anna Derricourt, John McMillan, (JM), Tom Trotter, Shamin Akhtar, Craig Hoy.

## 2. Minutes from Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The roadside is defective at the Cockles.

RH reported that he is continuing to progress the suggestion of installing kissing gates. RH pointed out that it was actually footpath gates which were being suggested. PW stated that he is able to arrange pedestrian direction posts for the foot paths. RH will advise on required quantity. It may be possible to ask the land owner to install the gates and to send a bill to the Community Council for payment.

No further information regarding the Jubilee beacons has been received. RH to enquire.

## 3. Treasurer's Update

Last meeting's approved funding applications have been submitted to Fred Olson but have not been paid yet. Current bank balance is £23545.25, with outstanding cheques of £1,500 for Yester Primary School and £114 for Zurich insurance.

## 4. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

PW and RH attended an online meeting of the Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership. See table of proposals and recommendations at the end of this document.

## 5. Garvald & Morham Hall Updates from Representatives

GM reported that there will be two days of maintenance of the Garvald village hall on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May and 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Volunteers are requested to participate. A list of tasks is available.

DM reported that:

- Morham village hall now available for use;
- The hall has been booked for regular use by a cycle touring club;
- DM will check whether there are any unissued invoices for the Community Council's use of the hall;
- The village hall can be booked by residents of the parish for £20/day or £15/hour for non-parish residents and organisations;
- The village hall has now been removed from the national list of recycling sites;
- Two estimates for the repainting of the interior of the hall have been received, £5,500 and £4,400. A third quote is being sought; and
- The defibrillator needs to be illuminated after dark.

**6. Report from Phillip White Garvald Neighbourhood Watch**

PW reported that PC Colin Boyd has retired and a new officer has been assigned. No incidents were known to have taken place since the last Community Council meeting.

**7. Newlands Hill Wind Energy Hub**

PW reported that the proposed wind farm will be near Snawdon and could potentially provide up to £760,000 per year for community funding. The fund would not necessarily be administered by Community Councils. The size of the proposed wind turbines is significantly larger than the Crystal Rig turbines. A presentation from the proposers will be arranged towards the end of the year.

There is another proposed wind farm project, Dunside, to be located near Longformacus.

**8. Jubilee Day Celebrations**

To date there has been a poor uptake in Garvald but a gathering in the park is a possibility. Community Council funding of up to £250 each is available to support events in Garvald and Morham. The planting of a tree within the grounds of Morham village hall is a possibility.

**9. Garvald Fun Day**

Penny Short is organising the Garvald Fun Day. Community Council funding of up to £1,000 is available to support the event. PW will clarify details of the event, including the date.

**10. AOB**

Craig Hoy reported that he is still in discussion with East Lothian Council regarding the disenfranchising of the Standing Stone area during the Community Council elections. The most recent response from them is:

*Happy to discuss this but unfortunately the boundaries for Community Councils can only be changed following a full review – with a lengthy and compulsory consultation exercise set out in regulations.*

*There is no scope for a Council to move individual properties across boundaries so I am not sure what sort of 'agreement' the [] are referring to. As I said, there seems to have been a discussion between them and our previous Community Council officer but unfortunately we don't have a record of what was agreed – perhaps an undertaking to look at this as part of the next review?*

GM will draft a communique on dog fouling within Garvald.

**11. Date of the next meeting is Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 in the Garvald village hall.**

**12. Wind Farm Funding**

Garvald Horticultural Society funding of £300 for marque hire was formally approved. To be funded from the Local Priorities fund.

Recommendation for the Applications for Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership meeting 7 February 2022

		Roads Budget	General budget
<b>Our Community Kitchen</b>	<b>Running costs for one year (January 2022 - January 2023)</b>		£12,257.29
Although this is a great project, the recommendation at this time is that AP does not support this project at this time. OCK has already received Scottish Government funds for 21-22 and has been supported with funding by HALAP every year.		NOT APPROVED	
<b>Railway Walk Haddington</b>	<b>Bins</b>		£800.00
This is for a bin at the Railway walk (information has come from Amenity Services as to where the best place to site these) and also one to be located at the retail park - the recommendation is that AP supports this project, the Amenity Services has agreed to empty.		APPROVED	
<b>Bridge Centre Motor Cycle Project</b>	<b>Motor Cycle project</b>		£11,736.00
This is a great project and has some amazing results, project focus is on supporting young people with additional support needs. The recommendation is the AP supports this project.		APPROVED	
<b>Fantooshart</b>	<b>Sketch &amp; Wander</b>		£2,400.00
The recommendation for this project is that the AP supports.		APPROVED	
<b>Humbie, West &amp; East Saltoun &amp; Bolton</b>	<b>Soupersnacks</b>		£450.00
The recommendation is that this project should be supported.		APPROVED	
<b>Haddington East TRA</b>	<b>Mental Health Peer Support Group</b>		£ 2,000.00
The recommendation is that this project should be supported.		APPROVED	
<b>Lammermuir Larder</b>	<b>Costs involved in moving to permanent premises and the running costs for the next year.</b>		£ 3,390.88
Recommendation is that this project should be supported		APPROVED	
<b>Bridge Centre</b>	<b>Developing outside classroom</b>		£4,077.89
Recommendation is that this project should be supported		APPROVED	
<b>Athelstaneford Village Hall</b>	<b>Reconnecting our community - a series of activities to bring the Athelstaneford community back together following the COVID restrictions of the last 2 years.</b>		£ 560.00
Recommendation that this project should be supported		APPROVED	
<b>Friday Friends</b>	<b>Starting after COVID</b>		£2,483.00
Recommendation is that this project should be supported		APPROVED	

<b>Keep the Heid</b>	<b>Costing</b>		£8,822.00
At this time and due to the large amount of funding - this project should not be supported but guided to ask for a smaller cost		NOT APPROVED	
<b>Gifford Community Council</b>	<b>Signage</b>		£500.00
The recommendation is that this application should be supported		APPROVED	