

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, 6th June 2022
7.30pm at Garvald Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

In attendance: Phillip White (PW) (Chair), Ian Middlemass (IM), Ian Smith (IS), David Ramsay (DR), Gary McGregor (GM), John McMillan (JM) and Tom Trotter (TT).

Apologies: Anna Derricourt, Roger Harris and Davie Murray.

2. Appointment of Office Bearers

TT Chaired for this part of the meeting, thanking the members of the previous Garvald & Morham Community Council on behalf of the community. The following members were proposed and seconded as office bearers:

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chair	Phillip White	Ian Middlemass	David Ramsay
Vice Chair	David Ramsay	Phillip White	Ian Middlemass
Treasurer	Ian Middlemass	Phillip White	David Ramsay
Secretary	Ian Smith	Phillip White	Ian Middlemass

The rest of the meeting was chaired by PW.

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

It was noted that repairs to the road at Cockles have been completed.

4. Treasurer's Update

There are no payments for applications from the last meeting to be handed over. The accounts are currently with the auditor. £300 to be given to the horticultural society for their August meeting. The Local Priority Fund has been received from the council. There are no cheques outstanding. The GMCC bank balance is currently £21,482.25.

5. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

PW attended a meeting of the Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership on the 12th of May 2022.

A pdf copy of the minutes is available for download at:

https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/23092/minutes_of_the_12th_may_2022 .

6. Garvald & Morham Hall Updates from Representatives

GM reported that there had been a successful Jubilee event in front of Garvald village hall with some 60 to 70 people in attendance. There had been games for the children and the event lasted for about 4 hours. The event had been supported by wind farm funds approved by Garvald & Morham Community Council. It was felt that it was good to have a community event such as this, after the pandemic.

GM reported that quotes for repairs to the village hall roof and restoration or replacement of windows are being sought. The hall will start to fund-raise for these works. JM highlighted the Community Intervention Fund which may be able to help with the repairs

GM reported that the hall committee would welcome a play group for the hall. JM commented that advice and small grants are available for new businesses from the Council.

GM confirmed that Anna Derricourt is seeking to progress a touring theatre visit to Garvald in July and October.

7. Report from Phillip White Garvald Neighbourhood Watch

PW reported that a new officer is still to be assigned. No incidents were known to have taken place since the last Community Council meeting.

8. Whitelaw Hill Walk

PW reported that the landowner of the land around Whitelaw Hill is no longer keen to facilitate a pedestrian walkway because of the risk of gates being left open, allowing farm animals to stray onto the road. In addition, local residents did not want access gates installed in case it caused an unacceptable increase in pedestrian traffic. JM suggested that Nick Morgan could speak to the land owner and local residents.

9. AOB

PW reported that if the Newlands wind farm is completed, it may produce community funding of approximately £700k per year, which could be used to fund major infrastructure, county wide.

PW asked the councilors if signage could be installed on Priest Hill, the western entrance to Garvald, to warn of the steep downhill gradient.

PW reported that East Lammermuir Community Council had been the victim of fraud resulting in a significant loss of funds.

10. Date of the next meeting is Monday the 22nd of August 2022 in the Morham village hall at 7-30pm.

11. Wind Farm Funding

The Garvald Community Playgroup, which should start operation in September, has applied for funding. £525 approved.

Claire Stoddart applied for funding to allow her two daughters to travel to and compete in a British Championship swimming competition. £1,000 approved.