

# GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
7.30pm at Morham Village Hall

## 1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

**In attendance:** Phillip White (PW) (Chair), Anna Derricourt (AD), Ian Middlemass (IM), Ian Smith (IS), Roger Harris (RH), David Ramsay (DR), Councillor George McGuire(cGM), (JM), Councillor Shamin Akhtar (SA), Garry McGregor (GM)

**Apologies:** Davie Murray, Councillor John McMillan, Councillor Tom Trotter

## 2. Minutes from Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

SA reported that:

- Finger posts replacement inquiry is ongoing; and
- The child day care co-operative Thrive is up and running.

## 3. Lammermuir Larder

GM reported that he and PW had paid site visit to the Lammermuir Larder food bank which was impressive.

## 4. Garvald & Morham Renewables

AD stated that there will be a meeting with Changeworks on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January. Updates are available on the Garvald website at <https://www.garvald.org.uk/garvald-and-morham-low-carbon-communitites-event>. The community council expressed its thanks to AD for her efforts with this initiative.

## 5. Broadband Update

RH reported that 38 households had expressed interest in the Openreach community scheme. RH will submit the application to Openreach on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

## 6. Treasurer's Update

IM reported that funding for Thrive and Lucy's Place have been received from Ken Olsen Renewables. The current GMCC bank balance is £31,778.67. There are four outstanding cheques to be cashed with a total value of £10,500.40. IM circulated copies of the 2022/23 audited accounts, see Appendix 1.

## 7. Funding Ideas

Funding was covered at item 4.

## 8. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

PW reported that a meeting of the Partnership took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. Successful funding applications were made by:

- Keep the Heid, £3,518
- Haddstock 24 Family Event, £1,000
- Knox Academy Breakfast Club, £500
- Bridge Centre Motorcycle Project, £11,430
- Toasty Tuesday Humbie, £3,220

## 9. Garvald & Morham Hall Updates from Representatives

### Garvald Village Hall

GM reported that:

- The AGM had been held which saw an historic turnout. There was one resignation due to relocation and one new member; and
- A structural inspection of the hall had taken place and its report was awaited.

## Morham Village Hall

Davie Murray reported by email that:

- The hall's gas supply has been connected and proved very useful to the villagers during the two days of power cuts last week.
- Following a discussion with Neighbourhood Watch a membership push will take place in the parish (excluding Mainshill who have their own scheme).
- Publicity material has been received and will be distributed to the addresses in the parish.
- A review of polling places is being carried out by the Electoral Commission to identify the need for stations like Morham which have a high postal vote response. The consultation is available on ELC website.
- We continue to see increased use of the hall with bookings continuing over the Christmas period.

## **10. Report from Phillip White Garvald Neighbourhood Watch**

PW noted the recently received Police Report. See Appendix 2.

## **11. AOB**

- IS stated that he did not understand the continuing reduction in GP services such as only allocating appointments by telephone at 8am and only for that morning (no appointments for future dates are being allocated). SA stated that she was East Lothian Council's health representative and would investigate;
- PW will issue the dates of future GMCC meetings. See Appendix 3;
- PW reported that Crystal Rig 1 is reaching the end of its life. The existing turbines will be removed and replaced by fewer but taller ones. Crystal Rig 4 work is scheduled to commence in April 2024 with anticipated start of operations in 2025, including solar panels;
- AD reported that the Christmas Snow Queen theatre trip had been very successful with 48 attendees from the community; and
- SA reported that paint for the Garvald public toilets has been ordered and that work should commence soon.

**12. Date of the next meeting is Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 in the Garvald village hall at 7-30pm.**

## **13. Wind Farm Funding**

Two applications and a local community food initiative were considered:-

1. Yester Primary School P7 Residential Trip
2. Knox Academy Breakfast Club
3. Lammermuir Larder

### **Yester Primary School P7 Residential Trip £1,400**

This request was approved, to be paid from the Crystal Rig 2 fund.

### **Knox Academy Breakfast Club, £1,000**

This request was approved, to be paid from the Crystal Rig 2 fund.

### **Lammermuir Larder**

A donation of £1,000 was made.

**Total Funding approved £3,400**

# Appendix 1 – Audited Accounts 2022/23



**Garvald & Morham Community Council**

2 Mainhill Cottages  
Morham  
Haddington  
East Lothian EH41 4LG

**Profit and Loss Account**

Tel: 01620 826151  
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**Year to 31st March 2023**

**Income:**

*Grants:*

East Lothian Council Grants	1,389
Pencaitland	139
Scottish Woodlands	3,167
Crystalrigg Fund (Fred Olsen)	<u>15,042</u>

**Total Income**

19,736

*Expenses:*

Website	134
Garvald Village Hall	5,094
Garvald Church	3,338
Morham Village Hall	880
Knox Academy	6,000
Yester Primary	4,000
Swimming Support	1,000
Christmas Events	130
Insurance	114
Community Choir	500
Playgroup	525
Defibulatory	425
Gifford School Trip	1,500
Auditor	112
Halloween Party	66
Picnic Bench	<u>60</u>
	23,877

**Deficit for the year**

-4,142

I have examined the financial records of Garvald & Morham Community Council along with appropriate receipts for the year stated above and certify that the Accounts represent a true and fair view of the transactions of the Council for the year.

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*7-8-2023*  
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Date

# Garvald & Morham Community

## Foreword-

PC Purves has recently moved on to a new role, so unfortunately at the time of compiling the report I do not have an update on activities in the Garvald and Morham area.

Your Community Policing Officer will not routinely attend Community Council meetings unless specifically requested in response to specific issues. The officer will attend the CAPP (Community & Police Partnership). The CAPP meeting is for elected members and local representatives to agree local priorities, therefore all community councils are encouraged to have a representative attend.

Between 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 there were 8 calls to the area. This resulted in police recording 2 crimes as follows:

### East Lothian Policing Priorities

- **Protecting the most vulnerable** (Missing Persons, Elderly, Hate Incidents, Domestic Abuse.)  
No crimes recorded.
- **Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour**  
No crimes recorded.
- **Reducing Acquisitive Crime** (Crimes of Dishonesty)  
No crimes recorded.
- **Improving Road Safety**  
1x dangerous driving.  
1x careless driving.
- **Tackling Serious and Organised Crime** (Drugs & Crime Prevention)  
No crimes recorded.

## CAPP PRIORITIES

Following the CAPP meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the following priorities were agreed:

1. Antisocial behaviour – High Street/Ross's Close, Haddington
2. Speeding – Haldane Avenue/Pencaitland Road/Gifford Road/Hospital Road, Haddington
3. Parking issues – Victoria Road/Church Street/Primary School, Haddington.

The next community council meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Please e-mail any feedback to:

[HaddingtonLammermuirCPT@scotland.police.uk](mailto:HaddingtonLammermuirCPT@scotland.police.uk)

**Appendix 3 – GMCC Meeting Dates and Locations in 2024**

5th February	Garvald
25th March	Morham
3rd June	Garvald
19th August	Morham
7th October	Garvald
2nd December	Morham