

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, 2 October 2017
7.00pm, Garvald Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Penny Short (Chair), Phillip White (Vice-Chair), Kelly Burns (Garvald VH Rep)

Apologies

Rufus Bellamy (Secretary), Ian Middlemass (Treasurer), Anna Derricourt (Member), Ian Smith (Member), David Murray (Morham VH Rep), Cllr John McMillan, Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Cllr Brian Small

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

Minutes approved and subsequently distributed by e-mail/internet.

Matters Arising

'Welcome' Road signage for Morham. Still outstanding.

ACTION: AD to chase up.

Morham School Bus – possibility of bus stop moving to Mainshill Steading. Still outstanding.

ACTION: AD to follow up.

Garvald Defibrillator – PS advised that the Planning application had still not been lodged as the planning process has been extremely problematic and a fee of £101.00 must be paid when the application is submitted. Planning Dept had also advised that an architect must draw up plans which would also require a fee. PS advised of her frustration that Planning Department were being so unhelpful when the Council as a whole had been supportive of this initiative. The funding application cannot be completed until planning application is approved.

ACTION: PS to continue work on planning application and funding application. Approval needed by CC for Planning Fee – meeting was not quorate so approval will be sought via email.

Core paths in and around Garvald and Morham – still outstanding.

ACTION: PS to contact landowner re Garvald to Morham route.

ACTION: AD to investigate options for improvement on Morham path.

3. Update from Phillip White, Funding Rep

PW advised no funding applications had been received in this period. He reported that £23,017 had been spent from CR II, which leaves a balance of £6,524. CR III has a balance of £50.00. Agreed to discuss at next meeting where the next round of funding should be spent.

ACTION: Item to be added to agenda for next meeting

PS advised that she had received a thank you letter from Yester Primary School who are planning to use some of the £2,500 funding to buy a mobile cooker to allow classes to cook and cover some learning outcomes for Health & Wellbeing.

Garvald Fun Day

PS advised that the Fun Day had been a great success and everyone who attended had lots of fun. As previously noted, the Fun Day had been organised independently, not to raise money as in previous years, but to ensure the villagers of Garvald benefited from a fun and sociable event. PS reported that the full amount spent was £910.79. This was funded from the Garvald & Morham Social Fund which was set up for exactly this kind of event using monies from the Windfarm Fund. PS advised that £315.44 had been raised, which was immediately paid back in to the Social Fund meaning that the total event had cost £595.35. It is expected that next year's event, although planned to be longer and with more fun and inclusive "sporty" events, will cost less.

4. Update from Ian Middlemass, Treasurer

IM had previously advised PS he had nothing to report. PS advised that Lillian Pryde had contacted her to let her know that there was £1,920 in the Local Priorities Fund. Apparently approximately £900 had been carried over from last year but Lillian didn't want that to happen again and advised that the money needed to be spent. The two CC members present agreed that the Planning Fee for the defibrillator could come from this Fund but this would need to be approved by all CC members via email. (See previous Action under Item 2)

5. Local Planning Applications

PW advised that a planning application had been lodged for Treetops, Main Street, Garvald and neighbour notification had been sent out. It was hoped that the final build would be sympathetic and in keeping with the conditions of the Conservation Village.

6. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

Craig McLachlan had been re-elected Chair of the AP with Fran Wright as Vice-Chair and both will serve for two years. The application for the funding process is to be over-hauled and applicants will now be asked to be present at the meeting if any questions about the application are raised beforehand. The Rotary Club were approved to join the Partnership. The AGM will be held on 2 November in the new hospital and the next general meeting will be held on 23 November.

7. Garvald Neighbourhood Watch

PW reported no incidents. PS read out the Police Report – again no incidents reported but the Police reminded everyone to be alert as at this time of year there is an increase in thefts of oil from tanks.

8. Garvald and Morham Updates

No update from Morham.

KB advised that the Hall Committee AGM is to be held on Wednesday 11 October. The cinema project has been put on the back-boiler. Kelly advised that the Hall Committee are looking at quotes to get the hall repainted. The question was raised as to what had happened with the lighting as the CC had paid £3,700 to the Hall Committee for new lights and the Committee were advised that there had been some delays with this but it should be resolved soon.

9. A.O.C.B.

At the last meeting there had been a short informal discussion regarding flooding concerns in Garvald. PS advised that she had contacted Dave Northcott, Team Manager - Structures/Flooding & Street Lighting after Councillor Akhtar had raised the matter with him and he will view the banking and consult with Landscape & Countryside (who had repaired the gabbions) and will get back to PS to discuss next steps.

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of a '20' speed limit sign being placed in the centre of the village to deter speeding and Councillor Trotter agreed to take this forward

ACTION: Councillor Trotter to investigate.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4 December 2017 at Morham Village Hall.