

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting, 11 June 2018
7.00pm - Garvald Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

In attendance: Penny Short (Chair), Phillip White (Vice chair), Jim Pattison (Garvald hall rep), Ian Middlemass (Treasurer), Ian Smith, Anna Derricourt, Kelly Burns (Secretary), Councillors Tom Trotter and Provost John McMillan.

Apologies: Councillors Brian Small & Shamin Akhtar, David Murray

2. Appointment of Office Holders

Ian Smith nominated Penny Short for Chair – this was seconded by Ian Middlemass.

Penny Short nominated Phillip White for Vice Chair – this was seconded by Ian Middlemass.

Ian Smith nominated Ian Middlemass for Treasurer – this was seconded by Phillip White.

Penny Short nominated Kelly Burns for Secretary – this was seconded by Phillip White.

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

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

Matters Arising

(a) “20” Speed Limit in both villages

It has become apparent that there have been some issues with speeding in both villages and the CC discussed if there was any requirement for carrying out a consultation with villagers to find out if they would be in favour of implementing a 20 speed limit in either or both villages.

ACTION: It was agreed to await the decision of the Member’s Bill and Councillor Mcmillan would keep us informed. We were all reminded to report all speeding issues to our community police officer PC Lorna Bairden.

(b) Village Hall Rest Centre Initiative

Penny advised that she had sent an email to Davie Murray at Morham and Jim Pattison at Garvald asking them if the Halls would be interested in designating the halls at Rest Centres in the event of an emergency. She has asked them to keep her in the loop of any decisions as she is working on the Resilience plan for our ward and this would tie into it.

ACTION: Jim Patterson was happy to discuss this initiative with the Garvald hall committee and get back to us regarding their decision. Penny Short will start work on the resilience plan.

(c) Update on Defibrillator in Garvald

Phillip advised that the defib had now been installed. The training session held at Garvald village hall was very well attended. Its cost was £1910.50 which included planning permission, Architect Drawings, Storage Box and the Defibrillator.

Additional cost of Installation was charged at £330.25 and this was paid from the Local Priority Fund directly by Lillian Pryde.

ACTION: Jim Pattison was to make sure that it is flag up to anyone booking the hall that there is a defibrillator in Garvald and its location. A sign could also be placed in Morham village hall advising that the nearest defib was in Garvald.

(d) Garvald Notice Board

Phillip White explained there was issues with attaching the board to the stone plinth and was seeking help for this and looking into the Community payback scheme for help with funding this.

ACTION: Phillip to look into this further.

(e) Change to Byelaw – Drinking in Public Places

At the last meeting the CC agreed to reply to the Council's consultation advising that they did not want such a byelaw implemented. This matter was to be considered at the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday and Councillor McMillan was asked to pass on that G&MCC are not in favour of it. Penny also offered to write to the Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs as this matter will be decided at Scottish Government level.

ACTION: Penny to write to Annabelle Ewing, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs on behalf of the Community Council

(f) Resilience Plan

Penny advised she was still working on this.

(g) Feedback from Knox and Yester on how funding from CC was spent last year

Penny advised that Yester had sent a thank you letter last year advising that they hoped to use the money to buy a cooker to allow the kids to bake.

Ian Smith advised that Knox used the money to fund counselling sessions for pupils and were very grateful. The CC unanimously agreed to donate money to both schools again this year and decided to give £4,000 per school but to give it to both new headteachers at the start of the school year 18/19.

ACTION: £4000 will be given to Knox Academy and £4000 Yester Primary at the start of the new school year, to the new headteachers.

(h) Garvald Fun Day

Penny advised that arrangements are underway and looked for approval for funding for the following amounts:

£630.00 for Inflatable Slide/Bouncy Castle/Bungee Run and two stewards
£130 for face painting
£128.40 for hire of marquees
£130 for floats for stalls, & misc supplies including race prizes.

The Committee gave approval.

(i) Moveable structure - Bus shelter – Anna has looked into moveable structures and come up with promising suggestions. It was advised that if possible a drawing or photo should be provided of what the structure will look like so the local residence had a clear idea of what it would look like.

ACTION: Anna to investigate further and report back.

(j) Christmas Theatre Trip

Anna has submitted an application for funding for this trip for the amount of £2235. This was approved.

4. Update from Ian Middlemass, Treasurer

Accounts are currently with the auditor. Balance at present £31,101,45.
The cheque for the defibrillator has been cashed.

5. Update from Phillip White, Funding Rep

Phillip advised we had received a number of applications. Anna advised that the yearly Christmas theatre trip for Garvald and Morham would cost £2235 the committee approved this application. An application from Robin Bellamy was received she is raising £3000 and was looking for a contribution towards a Rally expedition in Costa Rica, the CC agreed to fund £250 from CR2. An application for Haddington Hockey from Heidi Ingram was received, they are looking to raise around £2500 and are looking for a contribution to develop the hockey club in which children from Garvald and Morham attend. The CC agreed to contribute £300. We

also received a application from Garvald Horticultural society for a new photo board. This would cost £108.55 the CC agreed to take this from the local priorities fund. After discussion with the CC it was agreed that Heidi Ingram, who has worked on a volunteer basis as the webpage administer for the Garvald and Morham webpage should be recompensed for all the work she has done on the website for the new GDPR rules. It was also agreed that we would pay Heidi a yearly amount for the upkeep of the webpage.

6. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

Penny advised that at the last meeting of the H&LAP on 17 May 2018 five funding applications had been received and the following amounts were allocated:

Rotary Club of Haddington – Skateboarding Event - £500

Catherine Wheels Theatre Co – Tickets & Transport to attend Play for all P6 pupils in cluster - £800

Made in East Lothian – Workshop and events for children & families as part of Haddington 700 - £1,500

Art Point Scotland – Science festival, art exhibition & activities £704.70

Red Box Project – 12 month pilot to aid disadvantaged young people providing sanitary products at Knox - £ 522.52

The 2017/2018 budget spend had now been completed with the total spend on the general budget at £45,511 leaving a £9,005 balance which would be lost as the budget cannot be carried over, and the Education spend was £97,255 with a balance left of £2,645 again which could not be carried over. Both the £100,000 Amenity Services and the £50,000 Roads budgets had been spent. The 2018/19 budget for Education has now £83,000 left and the General budget has £45,972 currently available.

Penny advised that she was part of a small group organising the Partnership Medieval Play Event on the morning of 25 August which would celebrate play (especially Loose Parts Play), the Year of Young People and will promote the work of the Area Partnership. She encouraged everyone to come along as the event will take part in a whole day dedicated to Haddington 700's Medieval Day in Haddington Town Centre.

She also advised that there were three leaflets handed out at the AP meeting which she was asked to draw attention to. First was "Paths Around Gifford" promoting the many lovely walks in the area including the path to Garvald via Danskine Loch. The second was from the Citizen's Advice Bureau offering help with technology or the internet with drop in sessions in Haddington Library on Fridays from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Lastly there was a leaflet promoting guided tours in Haddington which are every Saturday at 2.00pm leaving from the John Gray Centre. Tickets must be prebooked on 01620 248070 and are £3 with children under five going free.

The next meeting of the Area Partnership will be 19 July 2018.

7. Garvald Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing to report

8. Garvald and Morham Updates

Jim Patterson thanked the community council for the funding for the new lights for the hall which are now in and looking great, the hall has been re decorated and has had a dishwasher installed. No one from Morham hall committee was present.

9. A.O.C.B.

- a) Penny advised that she had had a meeting, together with the Chairs of Pencaitland and Ormiston Community Councils to discuss the failing of the Council in communicating effectively with the Community Councils in East Lothian with the Chief Executive Angela Leitch, Douglas Proudfoot, Head of Service (Development) and Iain McFarlane, Head of Planning. The meeting was very positive and all agreed that there were steps that could be taken to improve matters. Penny advised that she had raised the issue of Garvald, Gifford and other relevant areas not being consulted with or informed of events such as cycle races and Douglas was happy to take this matter forward and look for solutions. It was also agreed that the Planning Department would make every effort to consult with Community Councils and Iain McFarlane offered to deal directly with any query from Community Councils. Angela Leitch stated on a follow up email that *"we will make every effort to ensure communities have access to information and are engaged in issues that impact on their area"*.
- b) Penny advised that the motion sensor that had been fitted to the shelter in Garvald park had been tampered with leaving the light on overnight. This has since been fixed.
- c) Ironman – This race will be held on Sunday 1 July and will take the same route as last year which will mean no access from Garvald to Gifford but there will be access to Haddington via the Papple road.
- d) Morham Street Lighting is now a Scottish power issue and has been reported to them. Apparently they have 20 days to fix the issue.
- e) Garvald's Heritage Event was very well attended with around 60 people coming to support the event. There had been some very interesting talks and a fantastic old video of the village church and new never been seen before pictures. Stephanie Leith, the councils Historic Environment Record Officer, gave a talk and advised she will carry out a guided tour of the church, gravestones and mort house in September. The church are looking to raise £120k from the heritage lottery fund, which will go towards the roof repairs, central heating and works towards making the church a heritage centre.
- f) GDPR

We discussed the implications of GDPR particularly as it relates to funding applications and it was agreed that the application form will state that the information will be shared among the CC and a tick box would be added to the applications so that applicants are aware of this.

ACTION: Phillip to speak to Heidi about incorporating this into the applications.

g) Maintenance of bench and play equipment in Garvald Park

Hazel Clark had raised the issue of equipment in the park being maintained and it was agreed to look into these items being repainted/revarnished.

ACTION: Philip White to put up a notice on the Garvald noticeboard looking for a handyman.

Hazel had also reported that a tree was encroaching onto the play equipment (the flying fox)

ACTION: Penny agreed to write to Mike Foy, the Council's Tree Officer to look at tree.

h) Scottish Power have notified some residents that there will be a power cut in Garvald for the majority of the day on Wednesday 25th July. Scottish Power will arrange for letters to be sent to residents.

i) The Committee were kindly informed that there will be loud music and fireworks on the evening of August 4th at Nunraw Barns.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting date is Monday 20th August 2018 at Morham Village Hall. – **note changed date**