

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Draft Minutes of Meeting, 20 August 2018
7.00pm - Morham Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

In attendance: Penny Short (Chair), Phillip White (Vice chair), Ian Middlemass (Treasurer), Ian Smith, Anna Derricourt, Kelly Wilkie (Secretary), Davie Miller (Morham Hall Rep), Tom Trotter (Councillor), Sonia Lee

Apologies: Councillors Brian Small, John Mcmillan & Shamin Akhtar, Jim Pattison.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

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

Matters Arising

(a) “20” Speed Limit in both villages

We had previously discussed whether was a need for a “20’s Plenty” speed limit in either or both of the villages as there had been complaints about speeding in both in the past. Speed monitors, which were temporarily installed some time ago in Garvald, had not logged any cars exceeding 30 mph but some people felt vehicles were travelling too fast through the villages. At previous meetings we were advised that a 20’s Plenty Private Members Bill had been proposed by Mark Ruskell MSP. Councillor Akhtar had provided us with the following update: for the Bill to be proposed at Parliament Mr Ruskell requires cross-party support which he has received of 25 MSP's. He now has until 30th September 2020 to introduce it as a Bill in the Scottish Parliament. Once he has introduced it within the Parliament he then requires to pass through three stages, introducing the Bill, amendments and then getting it passed through Parliament with a majority vote. Shamin has been in touch with his Parliamentary and Constituency offices to find out when he plans to do this but didn't get anyone available. She has asked to be kept informed as there are other Community Councils who are also interested in the progress of this Bill. It's up to Mark Ruskell to decide the next stage as to when this will go to Parliament and Shamin will report back as soon as she receives further information.

Anna and Sonia explained that the issue of speeding at Mainshill has improved. They have spoken to regular delivery drivers and PC Lorna Bairden had spoken to drivers about watching their speeds and no further problems have occurred. The next CAPP meeting will be held on 17 September in Haddington Police Station and we are encouraged to raise any speeding issues there and also to contact our community police office PC Lorna Bairden.

ACTION: Shamin will report back news regarding the 20's Plenty Bill.

(b) Resilience Plan – Garvald Hall Rest Centre Initiative

Jim Pattison had advised Penny that the Hall Committee are in favour of making Garvald Hall a Rest Centre. Penny is still working on the Resilience Plan for Garvald.

(c) Update on Defibrillator in Garvald

Jim Pattison confirmed that when bookings are made to the hall the Committee would let people know that we now have a defibrillator and where it was situated.

Phillip advised that our Defib was now registered and also commented that the training evening was very useful and had lots of positive feedback. Penny confirmed that she had arranged for the defib to be insured under the CC insurance. Ian Smith asked if Morham could also have a defib installed. The CC agreed that this would be possible but needed to receive a funding application.

ACTION: Phillip will email Scottish ambulance service to see if there is a list online of where Defibrillator's are located, if we are on that list and if not to make sure we are.

(d) Garvald Notice Board

The Community Council would like to thank Alan Short of the village for repairing the notice board free of charge.

(e) Proposed 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. Penny confirmed she had written to Annabelle Ewing, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs on behalf of the Community Council but no response had been received.

(f) Funding for Knox Academy and Yester Primary Schools

At the last meeting it was agreed to grant £4,000 to Knox Academy and £4,000 to Yester Primary at the start of the new school year but fund application forms would need to be submitted.

ACTION: Penny to submit applications for these.

(g) Garvald Fun Day

Penny advised that the Fun Day was a great success and was well attended by villagers. Lots of positive feedback had been received and we look forward to next year's event!

(h) Moveable structure - Bus shelter

Anna advised she has asked parents for their help and input into this and has received lots of suggestions. Sonia Lee has expressed interest in this and taking it forward.

ACTION: Sonia Lee to look into further details and report back.

(i) Maintenance of bench and play equipment in Garvald Park

Phillip advised he had postponed from going forward with looking into the painting of play equipment during the school holidays. Penny confirmed that she had emailed the Council's Tree Officer, Mike Foy, who advised he would prune back the trees near the flying fox.

ACTION: Phillip to look into getting play equipment painted.

3. Update from Ian Middlemass, Treasurer

Ian advised that accounts are currently with the auditor. Balance at present is £30,612.90. Ian advised we have been appointed a new liaison officer for our dealings with Fred Olson. Anna asked if money had been received for the Christmas theatre trip but Ian advised that this hadn't been deposited into the account as yet.

ACTION: Penny will chase up Fred Olsen to ensure the applications are being properly processed.

4. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

Phillip advised that he attended the last meeting of the H&LAP on 19 July 2018. Various subjects were discussed including the installation of a shelter for Haddington. This initiative has been received with mostly positive feedback and looks to be positioned near the skatepark in Haddington. It is a 'moveable structure' which could be removed if complaints are received about its usage.

Phillip advised awards were given to:
Knox Academy of £25,000 for pupil counselling
Play the Medieval Way Event - £4,000
Kitchen Initiative - £6,586
Sports Hub - £5,000
Athelstaneford Village Hall - £5,000

The next meeting of the Area Partnership will be 27 September 2018.

5. Garvald Neighbourhood Watch

Phillip advised there was nothing to report.

ACTION: Anna will send information to Phillip regarding anything suspicious in Morham to keep everyone updated.

6. Garvald and Morham Hall Updates

No representative attended from Garvald Hall.

David Murray had two points to raise:

1. That the representative of the hall reporting to the Community Council would now be any one of the 6 trustees so they could spread the load.
2. That they received an abrupt letter from East Lothian Council regarding the recycling point at the hall following an incident when a member of staff was injured when he twisted his ankle. After contacting the Council they were told that the bins would not be emptied unless someone bring the bins out onto the road. The Hall Committee had discussed this and felt that this attitude was unfair. The Council had previously asked the Hall Committee if they could use the area at the Hall as a recycling point and they had agreed to this but the Hall Committee cannot be held responsible for bringing all of the recycling onto the street for collection. Davie advised that the Hall Committee was quite happy to revert back to the original arrangement where collection was taken from everyone's houses but that the attitude from Council staff was rude and unhelpful. Tom suggested contacting the Council's Chief Executive and Penny advised that the CC would support the Hall Committee and take up the matter on their behalf if needed.

ACTION: Davie will take this matter back to the Hall Committee and keep us updated.

Sonia advised that the hall upgrade was subject to an ongoing discussion with the Hall Committee and she would keep us updated.

7. A.O.C.B.

a) **GDPR**

Heidi Ingram had carried out some work to ensure that the Community Council were in compliance with the data protection regulations, particularly concerning the Windfarm Fund. The application form had been changed slightly and it was felt this was a huge improvement. There were also changes made to how information was dealt with and stored. One main difference made to the CC's operations was that it had been agreed that all future funding discussions would take place at the end of each meeting with only Community Councillors in attendance. It was noted that the CC were very grateful to Heidi for all her hard work.

b) **Path Along the NW Side of the Donnolly Reservoir**

A message had been placed on the Garvald website from David Habgood, who is a volunteer path warden, asking if the community would be interested in further improvements being made to the pathway along the Donnolly Reservoir. Heidi had asked for local opinion and some people were in favour of improving the path further. Penny had been in contact with Nick Morgan, the Council's Access Officer, who had previously arranged for the path to be improved, to explore the issues involved, and will be in touch with David to discuss further.

ACTION: Penny will contact David Habgood to discuss.

c) The new headteachers at Knox Academy and Yester Primary are both receiving positive feedback.

d) The next Children and Young People Sub Committee will be held on 6th November 2018. Penny advised that as Chair of this Sub Committee she had arranged for rural transport, in particular transport for school children outwith their usual journeys to/from school, to be discussed in detail and that Andrew McLellan, the Council's Transport Officer, will be attending this meeting.

ACTION: Penny will provide feedback.

e) Penny advised that the Play the Medieval Way event in Haddington had been organised by herself and four other members of the Area Partnership and this would be held on the morning of Saturday 25 August as part of the Haddington 700 event that day.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting date is Monday 1st October 2018 at Garvald Village Hall.

9. Funding

Phillip advised we had received two applications: the first from Finlay Hay of Garvald asking for a donation for a musical instrument. The CC agreed to fund £250 which will be taken from CR2. The second application was from Anne Raitt on behalf of the Garvald community asking for funding for the yearly Garvald and Morham Ceilidh which is held in Garvald Hall. The CC agreed to fund £1,200 from CR2.

The issue of multiple applications from individuals was discussed and it was agreed that once someone had successfully applied for funding they could only re-apply after two years had passed. There would be no such time limit placed on unsuccessful applicants.

ACTION: Applications to be amended to state individuals can only re-apply two years from last successful applications.