

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting, 1 October 2018
7.00pm - Garvald Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

In attendance: Penny Short (Chair), Ian Middlemass (Treasurer), Anna Derricourt, Kelly Wilkie (Secretary), Councillors Brian Small, Tom Trotter and John Mcmillan, Caroline McGregor, Jim Pattison

Apologies: Phillip White (Vice chair), Ian Smith

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

Shamin to report back news regarding the 20's Plenty Bill. If anyone feels there's any danger as it is we will have to take that forward.

(b) Resilience Plan – Garvald Hall Rest Centre Initiative

ACTION: Penny and Kelly are to attend a resilience meeting in October and will report back.

(c) Update on Defibrillator in Garvald

Phillip was to 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. Confirmed that we are on the list.

(d) 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. Penny submitted applications for these and a cheque was sent to Yester Primary. Cheque still to be prepared for Knox.

(e) Moveable structure - Bus shelter at Morham

Sonia Lee was to look into further details and report back.

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

Phillip was to look into getting play equipment painted but he was not at meeting to update.

(g) Update from Ian Middlemass, Treasurer

Penny was to chase up Fred Olsen to ensure the applications are being properly processed which she did. Hawa at Fred Olsen confirmed that £3,645 for CR2 had been approved and would be on the next payment run.

(h) Garvald Neighbourhood Watch

Anna had agreed to send information to Phillip regarding anything suspicious in Morham to keep everyone updated.

(i) Garvald and Morham Hall Updates

Davie was to keep us updated on the issue of the recycling point and Sonia was to keep us updated on the Hall upgrade but these would be discussed in item 7.

(j) AOB

Path Along the NW Side of the Donnolly Reservoir

Penny noted that she had sent out an email to Community Councillors in early September asking them if they would like to take a walk along this path with David Hapgood and discuss possible improvements with him but no one had responded.

ACTION: Caroline McGregor volunteered to join David on the walk and suggest any improvement and report back to us.

Children and Young People Sub Committee

Penny advised that at the meeting that she chaired on 6 September the rural transport issue for schoolchildren was discussed, particularly in relation to Yester PS, and that a further meeting had been arranged with the Head Teacher of Yester on Thursday 25th October to discuss the possibility of setting up a pilot scheme for Yester to allow pupils to be transported to cluster and inter-school events, educational trips and sports events within both the Haddington & Lammermuir ward and the East Lothian area. She will provide feedback on this at the next CC meeting.

Funding

Applications were amended to state individuals can only re-apply two years from last successful application.

3. Update from Caroline McGregor on Garvald Church Project

Caroline updated us on the plans that they are hoping to achieve for the church, like a new roof, insulation, re-wiring, a possibility of creating a small museum space repairing the stonework, to name a few and it all sounds very interesting.

There is now a church committee and at present this consists of Caroline McGregor, Jo Robertson, Stephanie Leith, Dave Neelan and Phillip White.

The church now has Charitable status which is great.

4. Update from Ian Middlemass, Treasurer

Ian advised the accounts not back yet and our current balance £28941.10.

5. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

Penny advised that at the above meeting on 27 September the new draft Area Plan had been circulated and that H&LAP were the first Area Partnership to produce this plan in East Lothian. She had briefed the AP on the Children and Young People Sub Group and the Medieval Play event was discussed and the organisers were congratulated on a very successful event. She advised that Support from the Start's Loose Parts Play funding application for £26,000 had been approved for the Project's third and final year. The Annual Public Meeting was scheduled to be held in February/March 2019 and the theme would be inclusivity. The Budget report indicated that there was £34,905 left in the Education Attainment Fund and the General Budget had £25,386 left – both of which needed to be spent by 4 March 2019.

6. Garvald Neighbourhood Watch/Police Report

Phillip had asked Penny to advise that there was nothing to report from the Neighbourhood Watch.

Penny reported that PC Bairden had advised in the Police Report that PC Charlie Duncan had joined PC Bairden as the other Community Ward Officer and that they had just been trained to use quad bikes to help catch criminals in remote and difficult to reach areas. They will also use the quad bikes on patrol looking for hare coursing and poaching and Lorna advised that there is normally a spike in hare coursing calls to the police at this time of year and that if anyone sees anything suspicious they should call the police immediately and to try to note registration numbers if possible. Lorna also advised that Police Scotland now supports the Community Speed Watch Scheme which allows communities to address their concerns re speeding in their own areas. It allows communities to purchase speed detecting equipment (at their own cost) and enables warning letters to be sent to speeders and informs them they have been seen. However criminal charges are not brought against these drivers by the police. Lorna has offered to come to a future meeting to discuss this scheme further if required and she sent a price list for the products which are extremely expensive. A hand held radar is £895 + vat and a speed laser is £1,958 + vat. A vehicle activated dual message sign and tripod is £1,687 + vat and a smiley face option dual message sign and tripod is £1,985 + vat.

7. Garvald and Morham Hall Updates

No one was present from Morham hall committee.

Jim Patterson advised that the Garvald hall AGM would be held on October 24th at 7:30pm.

8. A.O.C.B.

New mast at Tanderlane

It's for infill of the G4 network and is not being put in a conservation area.

ACTION: Brian Small to copy Penny into the consultation link and with any other information regarding this. Penny will report back at next meeting.

Cycle Race

There have been some concerns about bike races and closures of roads. Unfortunately, we don't always know about these events and would appreciate a heads up in the future.

Proposed Crystal Rig IV Windfarm

We cannot comment on anything of a negative nature on this due to our receiving of funds.

Next meeting of the Association of East Lothian Community Councils on 30 October 2018

ACTION: Penny attending and will report back.

Road closures

ACTION: Kelly receives notifications of local road closures and any local to us she will send to Heidi to put up on the website.

Penny shared with the Community Council her intention to step down from the Community Council from December.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting date is Monday 3 December 2018 at 7pm Morham Village Hall.

10. Funding

Phillip received one funding application from Laura Young regarding the Halloween and Christmas parties, more information was required before a decision could be made.