

# **GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Draft Minutes of Meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**  
7.00pm – Morham Village Hall

## **1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence**

**In attendance:** Phillip White (PW) (Chair), Ian Middlemass (IM) (Treasurer), Ian Smith (IS), Anna Derricourt (AD), Kelly Wilkie (KW) (Secretary), David Murray (DM) (Morham hall rep) Councilors John Macmillan (JM) and Tom Trotter (TT).

**Apologies:** Councilor Shamin Aktar,

## **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) Morham Recycling**

DM reported that discussions with East Lothian Council are ongoing and that Councilor Aktar is dealing with it.

#### **(b) JM reported the following:**

- a. The common new school day looks like it will work well with no disadvantage to pupils. New transport arrangements will be made.
- b. Councilor Brian Small has resigned on health grounds. There will be a byelection on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May.
- c. Lilian Pride has retired.
- d. There have been no new developments in the telecoms masts' planning applications in the Garvald area.
- e. The council has approved its annual budget. There is no change to Community Council budgets. A 3.5% budget shortfall will require cuts in staffing but not service. The roads budget has increased from approximately £5m to approximately £7m. The Civic Pride initiative will cease from next year. £2m of the council's reserves will be used. The new budget is available on the council website.
- f. Only one child had been registered for the Humbie nursery school, so the nursery service there will be suspended from August (not closed). Nurseries are not clustered, so parents can apply to register their child at any of the council nurseries. TT stated that the council was firmly committed to the continued operation of rural schools.
- g. The Traprain Silver Treasure will be exhibited in the John Grey Centre, Haddington from May until October, to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of its discovery. The exhibits are on loan from the National Museum of Scotland.

- h. The Lammermuir cycle/hill trail project might come to fruition. This will generate a video of the area and will be a good advert for East Lothian. It would be helpful if Community Council Windfarm money could be used to help fund the project as a joint venture with the council.

### **3. Update from Ian Middlemass, Treasurer**

IM stated that there had been no financial activity, with no cheques cashed. Current bank balance is £25,358.05. IM confirmed that the defibrillator for Morham hall had been ordered, a check will be sent for the renewal of the Community Council insurance and payment for the hall lettings will be made.

### **4. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership**

PW reported the local area partnership met in February. The bridge Centre and Knox academy were amongst those that were awarded funding. The next meeting will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. JM reported that the partnership's AGM had been held and was very successful. There were good presentations and stalls.

### **5. Garvald Neighbourhood Watch/Police Report**

PW reported that the neighbourhood watch and the police recorded no activity.

### **6. Garvald and Morham Hall Updates**

No one was present from the Garvald hall committee.

Morham: DM reported: that a new sign had been erected to the east of Morham to warn HGVs of the impassible bridge to the west; that the council have been informed that the street lighting is permanently on; that research is ongoing to increase the use of Morham hall; a group of local residents will run events for the benefit of Morham hall; that the cost of booking the hall by a member of the community is £25; and that yoga sessions will start in the hall after Easter.

### **7. New Member.**

PW reported that Hazel Clark had volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Community Council committee. A show of hands approved her application.

### **8. A.O.C.B.**

The Garvald Funday will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting date is Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2019 at 7.00pm in Garvald Village Hall.

## **10. Funding**

A community theatre trip to Edinburgh was proposed for June, with Captain Corelli's Mandolin being a possible candidate show.

A notice to be posted to encourage new funding applications.