

# GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022  
7.30pm at Morham Village Hall

## 1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

**In attendance:** Phillip White (PW) (Chair), Ian Smith (IS), Roger Harris(RH), David Ramsay (DR), Davie Murray(DM), Gary McGregor (GM), Shamin Akhtar(SA) and Kevin Burns (KB) (Crystal Rig Wind Farm).

**Apologies:** Anna Derricourt, Ian Middlemass and John McMillan

## 2. Minutes from Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The status of the six signage posts is unknown. There will be a presentation regarding the proposed Newlands Wind Farm at the next meeting in October. There has been no response from the Council regarding signage for Priest Hill in Garvald. SA to investigate.

## 3. Treasurer's Update

IS relayed that the balance as at the 16<sup>th</sup> of August was £20,835.50 with a cheque for £1,000 outstanding. KB reported that Crystal Rig 3 funding of £70k is due soon and is being processed.

## 4. Crystal Rig Extension Consultation

KB announced that full planning permission has been granted for an additional eleven turbines at Crystal Rig, with completion expected in 2024. During the construction phase, local trades will be used wherever possible. The community funding rate will be £5,000 per generated MegaWatt. This will total approximately £250,000 and split between five community councils. Possible payment methods, still to be agreed, could include either application-for-payment (as at present) or annual lumpsum payments.

## 5. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

There was a meeting of the partnership on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June and there will be an in-person meeting this Thursday. Festival funding will be one of the topics.

## 6. Garvald & Morham Hall Updates from Representatives

GM reported that

- There will be a meeting of the Garvald hall committee on Wednesday;
- The play group in the village hall has started and is doing well;
- A wedding reception has been booked for November;
- The Garvald Horticultural Show will take place on Saturday;
- The Garvald Funday provided a modest contribution for the hall; and that
- Insurance for the hall has risen by approximately 25%.

DM reported that:

- There will be a Morham village hall AGM on Sunday;
- Cycling clubs and the Lamp of Lothian have made bookings for the hall;
- The SCVO, which the hall is a member of, provides hall insurance at £600 per year;
- Utility Aid provides help with finding electricity suppliers – the hall is using SSEB's Green tariff;
- Two of the Morham Village Hall Trust trustees have resigned and there are now four trustees;
- There will be a Burns Supper on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, 2023 at the village hall;
- The company that had been engaged to provide the village noticeboard has ceased trading and another company has been engaged;
- A history board for Morham is still required; and
- SA will look into replacement roadside finger posts.

**7. Report from Phillip White Garvald Neighbourhood Watch**

PW reported that there were no incidents to report.

**8. AOB**

GM highlighted that there was no public transport available in the Garvald area and that elderly residents were considering leaving. The same was true of the Morham area. SA stated that there were various community transport schemes around the country and that she would make enquires to see if there was anything suitable.

IS is to arrange email addresses for Chair and Secretary of the Community Council.

**9. Date of the next meeting is Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2022 in the Garvald village hall at 7-30pm.**

**10. Wind Farm Funding**

Grants of £6,000 and £4,000 for Knox Academy and Yester Primary School, respectively, were approved.