

# GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023  
7.30pm at Morham Village Hall

## 1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

**In attendance:** Phillip White (PW) (Chair), Anna Derricourt (AD), Ian Middlemass (IM), Ian Smith (IS), Roger Harris, David Ramsay (DR), Davie Murray (DM), Councillor Tom Trotter, Councillor George McGuire(cGM), Councillor John McMillan (JM).

**Apologies:** Councillor Shamin Akhtar

## 2. Minutes from Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

- cGM the situation with BT fibre optic broadband for the whole of Garvald village is moving faster than thought – cGM is continuing to check;
- Coldale flooding: the work is complete and to a good standard. A manhole has been installed. AD to email Colin Redpath at ELC to express our gratitude
- Replacement road signs still ongoing; and
- SA reported by email that representatives of Spring Oscars have met with the head teacher of Yester Primary school and the parent council have set up a group to take the after-school club initiative forward.

## 3. Treasurer's Update

IM reported that the bank balance was £19,271.74 with nothing outstanding. The community council's insurance has been renewed. Applications to the value of £25,240.44 that have been submitted to and processed by Ken Olsen are yet to be paid. PW will write to Ken Olsen to enquire.

## 4. Funding Ideas

PW reported that the geographical rule that funding proposals must be within the parish of Garvald & Morham, has been removed.

## 5. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

PW reported that the following proposals had been approved for funding:

- Blooming Haddington, £2,200;
- Friday Friends, £4,265.68;
- Haddstock 23, £5,850;
- Morham Hall, £2,000;
- Haddington Athletic Community Football Club, £5,250;
- Support from the Start, £3,162.50;
- Bridge Centre, £9,000; and
- Steven Gallagher Foundation, £1,800.

## 6. Garvald & Morham Hall Updates from Representatives

Morham Village Hall

DM reported that:

- The LPG tanks for the heating need to be moved;
- Lighting to the rear of the hall may be required;
- The Robert Burns Society is interested in highlighting the area around Morham and creating a tour of the area;
- The grant from the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership was to recover lost income during the Covid period; and
- Usage of the hall is slowly increasing.

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

PW reported that there were no incidents to report. cGM will request bi-monthly reports for the meetings.

**8. AOB**

AD: Greener Garden and Change Works – need to know the community's priorities in order to shape potential projects. Andrew Watson is helping with this too. AD would like a Morham resident to contribute, if possible. An event in Garvald and Morham halls might be organised to highlight what's available, including insulation, heat sources and travel.

JM reported that there had been a productive meeting with East Coast Busses. The company is having difficulties in recruiting drivers but this is slowly improving. Pingo ride organising will be studied. Shared driving schemes will also be considered.

PW reported that some Garvald residents think that all houses should display their house number. Some housing schemes have a display board showing which house is where. Three Words may also have merit.

RH expressed concern regarding the hazard of turning onto the A199 from the Aimsfield direction. JM to enquire.

**9. Date of the next meeting is Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 in the Garvald village hall at 7-30pm.**

**10. Wind Farm Funding**

- A £2,500 grant for the Aimsfield Garden was approved;
- A £2,500 grant for the Swim Club was approved;
- A £800 grant for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme was approved;
- A £2,000 grant for the Haddington Choir was approved; and
- A £2,000 grant for Garvald Craft was approved.