

GARVALD AND MORHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, 5th June 2023
7.30pm at Garvald 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 (RH), David Ramsay (DR), Councillor George McGuire(cGM), Councillor John McMillan (JM), Councillor Shamin Akhtar (SA).

Apologies: Davie Murray, Garry McGregor

2. Appointment of Office Bearers

cGM chaired this part of the meeting.

IM proposed that everyone simply be re-appointed to their previous offices. This was seconded by PW.

- PW as Chair Person
- DR as Vice Chair Person
- IM as Treasurer
- IS as Secretary

PW now chaired the meeting.

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

- SA reported that:
 - finding a source for the replacement of road signs was continuing; and
 - Spring Oscars, over 100 have completed the survey – a good response, Spring Oscars are coming out to investigate. A Care Inspectorate report will take a long time. SA will provide further feedback.
- Regarding the hazard when entering the A199 from the Aimsfield direction, RH stated that JM will have the Roads Department look at it.
- AD reported that the surface water problem at Coldale has not been resolved and that a local resident has reported the problem. IM stated that he believed that it was another burst in the water main.

4. Treasurer's Update

IM reported that the outstanding Fred Olsen wind farm funding of approximately £25,000 has been paid into the Community Council's bank account, including the "up front" payment of £19,000. The current bank balance is £38,388.66. There are no outstanding payments.

5. Funding Ideas

Funding in general was discussed and it was agreed that PW and AD will take up Kirsty Leiper of Fred Olsen's offer to meet with her and explore possible funding initiatives.

6. Update from Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

RH attended the meeting and reported that the new chair will be Craig McLachlan.

7. Garvald & Morham Hall Updates from Representatives

Garvald Village Hall

PW reported on behalf of the Garvald hall that the focus for the hall is the cracked plaster work on the north wall as well as the crack on the west wall. All to be investigated. The hall balance has fallen due to rising costs.

8. Report from Phillip White Garvald Neighbourhood Watch

PW reported that there were no incidents to report.

9. AOB

PW has requested tree pruning in the Garvald village green and the hall orchard. The Council are happy, provided they are informed of the dates. Stevie Ness has looked into it and the plan is for it to take place later in the season. The likely cost is approximately £2,250.

DR will look into email accounts for the community Council.

10. Date of the next meeting is Monday the 21st of August 2023 in the Morham village hall at 7-30pm.

11. Wind Farm Funding

- A £1,193.20 grant for the Morham village hall's new cooker was approved;
- A £2,000 grant for the Haddington Camera Club was approved; and
- A £2,250 grant for the tree pruning in Garvald was approved in principle.