

Garvald & Morham Community Council
Meeting held on Monday 7th October 2024
7-30pm at Garvald Village Hall

Minutes

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

1.1 In Attendance:

Phillip White, Chair (PW) Roger Harris Secretary (RH), Ian Middlemass (IM), Ian Smith (IS), Councillor Sharmin Akhter (SA), Gary McGregor Garvald Village Hall (GM2), Kiera Edmond (Police)

Residents: Bernice Maxton Lee, George Macintosh, Mandy Harrington, Andrew Duncan (AD), Graeme Maxton, Hazel Clark, Tom Mallows (TM).

1.2 Apologies:

Anna Derricourt (AD), David Ramsay, Davie Murray

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

2.1 Broken Finger Posts

RH. We have had a ball-park quote from Charles Laing & Sons Ltd of Fife for new finger posts, approximately £1k-1.2k per pattern and £359 - £400 per finger post unpainted. (George Macintosh offered to supply details of another foundry). We will check to see the number of finger posts that are broken or in need of repair / replacement in the ward. (We have not heard back from ELC about their role in this matter).

2.2 Police Update

PC Keira Edmond introduced herself to the meeting and gave her contact details. Keira will endeavor to attend Community Council meetings in her area, workload permitting. During September there were no recorded crimes in the area.

GM2 raised the matter of instances of distasteful littering in Garvald. PC Edmond said that all such instances should be reported, via PW if necessary.

2.3 Home Energy Scheme

IM gave a brief update in AD's absence. The system is working well and there has been a good uptake from the community which, at that time, stood at 57 households.

3. Thermal Imaging Project

AD outlined the background to the project. The team is composed of four local volunteers who have been trained in the use of a thermal imaging camera will identify heat leaks from houses and help identify the areas requiring insulation. Initial interest so far has been high, (an 83% response in W. Linton). The team has to be trained and constituted and funding is required for training etc. **Mandy Harrington** offered to help with this as she has the relevant expertise. **PW** will facilitate a meeting between Mandy and Andy.

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4. Treasurer's Update

We have approved funding applications totaling £68,500 with £63,800 as yet uncashed, leaving an account balance of £49,275.01

SA asked if the WVS could apply for funding again, (they have applied in the past).

IM said the can but should restrict request to once per financial year.

5. Update on the Home Energy Programme

AD could not make tonight's meeting.

6. Update: Haddington & Lammermuir Partnership

The partnership considered two funding proposals:

a. **Athelstanford Community Group SCIO** £2850 for community based activities including monthly coffee mornings, a Stich and Knit group, a warm space after school activity NSD. 'Man Shed' space for men's mental health.

b. **The Lammermuir Larder Group** £4464 for emergency food provision.

7. Updates: Morham and Garvald Representatives

7.1 Garvald

GM2 gave formal thanks on behalf of Garvald Village Hall for the approved funding. They are seeking matched funding elsewhere but will begin work with the windows. They have found a supplier and plan for work to begin in Q125.

There is a plan to revise the hall hiring costs to main viability in the future. This will be discussed at the forthcoming AGM.

8. A.O.B.

GM2. The main road through Garvald will be re-surfaced in November which will cause disruption, especially for parked cars. The village pub will be happy to make their car park available.

TM raised the question of local rural access routes and also the effect of blocked drains and wondered what solutions might be available. Tom will email SA.

PW advised that there has been no answer to the question of an easement of the pavement parking restrictions of Garvald yet.

9. Date of next meeting. 7.30 pm 2nd December 2024 at Morham Village Hall

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10. FUNDING REQUESTS APPROVED

Garvald & Morham Children's Christmas Party	£ 200
Garvald Village Hall Ceilidh	£ 1,500