

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Gavinton Village Hall on Monday 18 October 2010

1. Present were: Margaret Bishop (Chair), Ellen Curran, Terry O’Gorman, Jane Jeffrey, Janet O’Kane (Secretary), Councillors Jones, Moffat and Renton. Apologies were received from Pete Gibbens, David Seed, John Marjoribanks and Kerry Renton
2. Police input: R. Richardson reported that there had been no incidents locally since the last meeting. Generally, reported crime is down. Operation Gladiator, which concentrated on vandalism has proved successful. He offered to undertake a ‘bogus workmen’ presentation in the New Year, and could also involve other agencies, e.g. Care & Repair Service. The Karen Balfour Awards are taking place on 27 October.
3. Minutes of the meeting of 20 September 2010 were agreed and signed
4. Matters arising
 - Gavinton village green parking: SBLocal requires exact measurements
 - Gavinton playing fields – update from J Marjoribanks to follow
 - Switching off street lights: Cllr Moffat reported that this is being considered elsewhere by SBC and he has mentioned the CC’s interest in the possibility.
 - Broadband speeds: John Lamont MSP has confirmed that nothing will improve until BT updates the cabling.
 - Red Brae upkeep: Some of the bushes remain a problem
 - Bus stop: no progress. Cllr Renton will chase up
 - Founder’s Day: Mrs Cook will produce a Velcro attachment for the big banner, but this may not be until after November.
 - Gavinton in bloom: Jane Jeffrey has volunteered for the group and Margaret Bishop will seek other members in the New Year, when the CC will also investigate the availability of grant aid for a large planter and a bowser for watering.
5. Planning applications: report to be circulated electronically
6. Treasurer’s report: the current account stands at £900.04
7. Correspondence received:
 - Presentations from recent SBCCN seminar. Cllr Renton will find out if it’s possible for large documents like these, especially in PowerPoint which many CC members don’t have, could be put on the SBC website to be viewed/downloaded as required via a link which is circulated rather than the documents themselves.
 - SEPAView autumn 2010
 - Planning Aid training, Tweed Horizons, 20 November 2010 (already circulated electronically). Janet O’Kane will attend.
 - Scottish Borders Elder Voice newsletter
 - SBC Home Energy Advice Service: offer to attend community events (attendance requested at Gavinton coffee morning)
8. AOCB
 - The electricity H-pole at Gavinton will be coming down and cables put underground. A substation will be put at the bottom of the field behind The Glebe.
 - The CC congratulated Ryan and Kerry Renton on the recent birth of Aiden Ryan.
 - Janet O’Kane recommended the Energy Savings Trust home insulation checks which are currently being done. Some CC members have already benefited from this.
 - Cllr Jones reported that Clare Malster is creating a log sheet of CC requests to monitor response times. This will provide an opportunity to chase up and also highlight instances of good service.
9. Dates of future meetings in 2010 (all at 7pm in Gavinton village hall unless otherwise stated):
 - 29 November
 - 10 January 2011
 - 21 February
 - 4 April
 - 16 May (AGM)