

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**A meeting is to be held at Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday 8 August 2011 at 7pm
Members of the public are welcome to attend**

AGENDA

1. Present were: Margaret Bishop (Chair), Ellen Curran, David Seed, John Marjoribanks, Pete Gibbens, Cllr Frances Renton, one member of the public. Apologies received from Terry O’Gorman, Jane Jeffries, Kerry Renton
2. No police input
3. Minutes of the meeting of 27 June 2011 were approved and signed
4. Matters arising
 - Polwarth old village hall building – David Seed will raise this with the owner
 - Purchase of football net – meeting held with SBC but still awaiting confirmation that any replacement would be covered by SBC insurance. Two options: replace or refurbish
 - SB Local Small Scheme Budget (Green Edge) – not suitable for SB Local so will have to wait for Roads Dept. Recent weed-clearing also killed grass at edge of green – Cllr Renton will tell SBC as contractor must be instructed not to do this again.
 - Resiting of basketball net – Mrs Darling informed CC of history behind this. Agreed to let SBC go ahead with resiting.
 - Mowing of roadside Gavinton to Ladyflat – Janet O’Kane to progress
5. Letter from Mr R Cook was dealt with point by point. Agreed:
 - Ask D Silcock if Criminal Justice scheme could be employed to repair the seat around the tree, with CC paying for materials. Cllr Renton to progress
 - Cllr Renton confirmed that SBC will approach owners of trees encroaching on public footpaths and if necessary cut back those branches. Several examples were discussed. Cllr Renton to progress
 - Cllr Renton agreed to ascertain the legal position re stopping dogs from going on the Green
 - Some pavements in Gavinton still have grit on them left over from the winter. Cllr Renton to progress.
6. Planning applications – report circulated by John Marjoribanks
7. Treasurer’s report - £893 in account
8. Correspondence received:
 - SBC website is changing (circulated electronically)
 - Poverty Alliance Rural Poverty Discussion Event, 28 September, Galashiels (circulated electronically)
 - Demise of ASCC (correspondence circulated electronically)
 - SBC: Results of Welfare Advisory Services (circulated electronically)
 - Energy Saving Scotland: Home Insulation Scheme still open (circulated electronically)
 - Safer Communities: It’s Everyone’s Business event, 15 September, Tweedbank
 - SESplan: Development plan scheme no. 3
 - Borders Walking Festival: Hawick, 4-10 September
 - SBC: Local community paths – grants for CCs (apply by 21 January 2012)
 - SBC: Street Weed Control – delays
 - Scottish Borders Elder Voice newsletter
9. AOCB
 - David Seed will inform landowners re replacement of Polwarth Thorn sign. It will incorporate the coat-of-arms and SBC will be asked to produce. Cllr Renton to progress.
 - David Seed asked if CC meetings would be adjusted to make it easier to attend. It was agreed to trial this, meeting at 6pm in September and November.
 - The Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund accounts do not include a list of projects supported/rejected. Margaret Bishop will ask Donald Ritchie to take this up with the committee.

- It was suggested that Gavinton Village Hall might consider getting UV panels for its electricity supply. Margaret Bishop will email the Hall Committee re this.
 - John Marjoribanks has applied to Scottish Water for reinstatement of the standpipe at the allotments.
 - SBC has been investigating the provision of salt bins. Gavinton definitely needs its bin back. Cllr Renton will investigate. She pointed out that these are for the salting of pavements only, not domestic use.
10. Dates of future meetings in 2011 (in Gavinton village hall unless otherwise stated):
- 26 September – 6pm (NB change of time)
 - 7 November - 6pm (NB change of time)
 - 19 December – time to be confirmed

Janet O’Kane, Minutes Secretary