

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting held at Gavinton Village Hall on Monday 22 October 2012

1. Present were: John Marjoribanks (JM), Janet O'Kane (JOK), Kerry Renton (KR), Peter Gibbens (PG), Ellen Curran (EC), Margaret Bishop (MB), Keith Dickinson (KD) and SBC Councillors Frances Renton and John Greenwell. As Acting Returning Officer, Cllr. Renton, chaired the meeting until a Chairman was appointed following the recent CC election.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Jane Devine and Lorraine Tait
3. Declaration of interests: None
4. Membership of CC: New and re-elected members of the CC were declared:
  - John Marjoribanks (Gavinton)
  - Ellen Curran (Gavinton)
  - Lorraine Tait (Gavinton)
  - Jane Devine (Gavinton)
  - Kerry Renton (Fogo)
  - Keith Dickinson
5. Appointment of Chairman: JM was nominated by KR, seconded by PG. JM took over chairing the meeting and thanked Cllr Renton and Clare Malster for their help in the recent CC election.
6. Appointment of Vice-Chairman: JOK nominated KR, EC seconded
7. Appointment of Secretary: MB nominated JOK, EC seconded
8. Appointment of Treasurer: MB nominated PG, KR seconded
9. Presentation on No Cold Caller scheme by Sergeant Jacqi McGuigan of Lothian & Borders Police. There is a cost involved to the community so it is necessary to identify a need, e.g. on the grounds of vulnerability. Gavinton has a significant percentage of elderly residents so would qualify for the scheme if it was needed. It was agreed that Sergeant McGuigan or a colleague will attend the monthly Gavinton coffee morning on the last Saturday of November to explain the scheme to residents to find out if they wished to be part of it.
10. Minutes of the meeting of 24 September 2012 were agreed and signed
11. Matters arising:
  - Footpath to Fogo bridge: PG has requested a detailed quotation for this work, which comprises several parts: path, ditch, tree clearance and formation of gully at top. A site meeting is to be held with the SBC Access Officer. Following this an application will be made to the Blackhill Wind Farm fund and/or Landfill Communities Fund (via BCCF Environmental)
  - Cllr Renton has raised Gavinton's request for the reinstatement of grit bins and road resurfacing of South Street to be put into next year's budget
  - Public meeting on West Gavinton Proposal of Application held on 1 October in Gavinton: JM has written to the architects confirming the points made at the meeting. KD suggested this be copied to Planning at SBC also. JOK asked that JM ask the architects for clarification re the provision of affordable housing on this development. At the meeting, mention was made of social housing which is a different issue to affordable housing.
  - New Area Forum: BCCF meeting on 1 November, 7pm in Duns Council Chamber to discuss. JM will attend. JOK will circulate the letter received from SBC re the new Forum.
  - Trees at war memorial: Cllr Renton is awaiting a response from the SBC officer involved. JM suggested that instead of another tree, a flagpole could be put up

to fly the flag when requested to mark events at the Kirk. It will be necessary to check out what permissions are needed, but CC members supported this idea.

- Checking of play equipment: Although these are checked regularly by SBC, Cllr Renton has requested an additional check
- Jane Devine will report back at the next CC meeting re a response to the consultation about Courts in the Borders
- Resilience planning: KD will invite Douglas Scott at SBC to attend the CC meeting in December. Cllr Renton said that help from SBC will include a presentation to the community, help with survey materials, etc.

12. Planning applications: update circulated, little to report. JM hopes that someone else will be prepared to undertake this task in his place.

13. Treasurer's report: £669 in bank

14. Correspondence received:

- SBCCN AGM, 22 November, 7pm at Council HQ.
- National Planning Framework 3 and Scottish Planning Policy Engagement resource pack issued
- SB Elder Voice Roadshow, Duns, 23 October (already circulated electronically)
- Borders Energy Agency (information already circulated electronically). KD will contact BEA to find out more.

15. AOCB

- KD reported on the Cothill broadband scheme
- There was a discussion re JM's letter to CC members. It was agreed that any ideas for projects should be brought to the CC. Though unlikely to be able to fund any but the smallest projects, we can help facilitate bigger projects.
- KR confirmed that the upgrade work on Fogo Hall has been undertaken and invited the CC to hold a meeting there in order to see the improvements at first hand.

Dates of future meetings in 2012 (all at Gavinton Village Hall):

- 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary