

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held at Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday 10th December 2012

1. Present were: Jane Devine, John Marjoribanks, Lorraine Tait, Pete Gibbens, Margaret Bishop, Ellen Curran, Keith Dickinson, Cllr Frances Renton. Apologies were received from Kerry Renton and Janet O’Kane
2. The meeting welcomed Jim Fraser, Emergency Planning Officer and Douglas Scott, Senior Officer, Resources from Scottish Borders Council. The officers attended the meeting to talk about the 'Resilient Communities Plan'. The presentation is too big to circulate by email, but the officers have provided a number of explanatory documents which explain the plan and which can be circulated to the Community Council.

Following the presentation, the meeting agreed to go ahead and sign up to the Resilient Communities Plan. KD will co-ordinate this work. The intention is to letterbox the households in the CC area with the leaflets provided by SBC and then hold a public meeting for those people who are interested in participating or want to learn more.

In order to divide the task of letterboxing the CC area, the meeting decided the following:

- MB and EC will letterbox Gavinton
- KD will letterbox Cothill and Polwarth
- PG will letterbox Fogo
- KR will letterbox Nisbet Hill, Caldra and Bogend
- LT will letterbox North of Gavinton

We will need to order 500 copies of the leaflet. JM will send KD a copy of the electoral roll for the CC area. JM will ask Billy Cowe to contact the SBC machinery ring in order to make sure that the CC can take up his offer to clear the streets and paths of Gavinton in the event of snow. Being an approved member of the machinery ring will cover Billy for insurance purposes.

3. There were no declarations of interest.
4. The minutes the meeting of 22 October were agreed.
5. Matters arising:
 - No cold callers: 16% turnout and 100% were in favour of joining the scheme. JM will take this forward. The meeting agreed to signage at the Gavinton village signs and window stickers for the rest of the CC area. Keith Dickinson is to look at the cost of the stickers as there may be a way to get them free for each household.
 - Berwickshire Area Forum: JM reported back on the first meeting of this body which replaces the Berwickshire Area Committee, but doesn't look at planning. Cllr Michael Cook is the chair and Cllr Donald Moffat is the Vice Chair. The CC have an opportunity to put things on the agenda; most CC seem concerned about the increase in planning applications for wind farms; these are public meetings, but only 1 person can attend officially from each CC; the meeting agreed that JM should represent GF&P CC, but will delegate to other members if the meeting is to cover a specific interest of theirs. The forum will meet quarterly with the next meeting likely to be beginning of March.
 - SBCCN AGM: JM attended this meeting. The CCN is planning a seminar for the spring; a short-life working group is to be set up to improve CCs; the SBC

scheme for CC is under review and this review will look to remove the sub-area boundaries.

- Footpath: PG updated the meeting. Progress is slow, but the issue is that the drain is overwhelmed and needs a new culvert; SBC will take on responsibility for the road; the CC are looking at a cost of £8k to repair the path; the wind farm trust require 2 quotes, so PG will organise and report back to the next meeting.
- Flagpole: the Kirk Session rejected the idea of a flagpole at the war memorial; another option would be a permanent flagpole on the Green. This will be discussed at future meetings.
- Court closure consultation: JD issued a draft response; people have to advise her of any changes by 17 December; she will then re-circulate and submit via JM.
- 6. Planning applications: One new application has been received: The Studio, Crunklaw Farm. It was circulated.
- 7. Treasurer's report: There is £667 in the current account. The CC remains committed to planting two further jubilee trees, one to be outside Helen Longmuir's house in Gavinton to replace a tree removed by SBC, another site to be decided. The type of trees is also to be agreed.
- 8. Correspondence received:
 - Via BCCF: Scale of windfarm development affecting the Scottish Borders (email circulated)
 - Gavinton resident: LED street lights. This was discounted on cost grounds
 - Affordable Rented Housing Advisory Group update available online
 - Scottish Borders Council: Review of local bus services network (circulated electronically)
- 9. AOCB
 - EC reported that there was no lighting at the garages behind the Glebe. Cllr Renton said that SBC was not likely to pay for this but volunteered to approach Berwickshire Housing Association to provide funding.

Future meetings: All at 7PM, Gavinton Hall, except 11 March

- 28 January 2013
- 11 March (Fogo Hall)
- 22 April
- 20 May (AGM)