

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Gavinton Village Hall on Monday 28 January

1. Present were: John Marjoribanks, Pete Gibbens, Margaret Bishop, Keith Dickinson, Kerry Renton and Janet O’Kane; SBC Cllrs Frances Renton, Donald Moffat and John Greenwell. No apologies were received.
2. JM welcomed Jean Coleman to the meeting and she was unanimously co-opted on to the CC. JM thanked Jane Devine, who has now moved to Edinburgh, for her time on the CC.
3. There were no declarations of interests
4. Minutes of the meeting of 10 December 2012 were approved and signed
5. Matters arising:
 - No Cold Caller scheme: nothing to report
 - Footpath to Fogo Bridge: PG reported that in April SBC will dig up the drain to assess it. Quotations have been requested and it’s planned to submit a grant application to Blackhill Wind Farm community fund by mid-February.
 - Proposed flagpole on Gavinton Green: no need for action at present
 - Courts in the Borders consultation: CC’s response was submitted by Jane Devine as per her briefing at the last meeting.
 - Resilient Communities Plan: leaflets now printed and need to be letterboxed and collected a week later. JOK to submit a press release to Berwickshire News for Thursday’s newspaper, distribution to start w/c 4 February. CC members were allocated areas to distribute to. The next stage, once responses are in, will be to hold a meeting of volunteers.
 - Lighting at garages behind The Glebe: Cllr Renton has mentioned this to Berwickshire Housing Association but is doubtful it will be done.
6. Planning applications: report circulated plus one new application.
7. Treasurer’s report: £668.19 in the bank.
8. Correspondence received:
 - TCI Renewables: Rumbletonrig Wind Farm Proposal: initial notification only
 - SBC: Scottish Borders Walking Festival 2014: Event seeking host community
 - SBC: One Billion Rising campaign
 - Scottish Police Authority: Strategic Police Plan
 - NHS Borders: Update on BGH Out-patient Department redevelopment
9. AOCB
 - It was agreed that local farmers had done an excellent job in snow clearance after the recent storms. Members also agreed that SBC is providing an improved gritting service this winter.
 - Tree book featuring Polwarth Thorn: JOK will pass on the book to PG who will try to find someone local to produce a suitable display box.
 - It was agreed to plant a red-leaved acer to replace the tree taken down at Gavinton Green. PG will get in touch with Stichill Nursery.
 - JOK gave out copies of the CC member pack to KD and JC. More available from her for anyone who doesn’t have one.
 - JM told the CC about the letter and book he has received from Gilles de Cockborne, Mayor of Villeneuve au Chemin in France. This was in response to a letter he wrote last summer about the Cockburns who used to own the Langton Estate and suggesting that GF&P CC should develop a relationship with Villeneuve au Chemin, a village of 200 people in the champagne-producing area of France, based on our shared Cockburn heritage. Monsieur de Cockborne’s replay stated that his Municipal Council was in favour of the idea.
10. Dates of future meetings
 - 11 March (Fogo Hall)
 - 22 April
 - 20 May (AGM)