

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting held at Gavinton Village Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013

1. Present were: John Marjoribanks (JM) (Chair) Ellen Curren (EC), Jean Coleman (JC) Margaret Bishop (MB), Pete Gibbens (PG) (Treasurer), Keith Dickinson (KD) and Cllr Donald Moffat (DM)
2. Apologies had been received from Janet O'Kane,, Lorraine Tait, Kerry Renton and Cllr Frances Renton.
3. There were no declaration of interests
4. Minutes of the meeting of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013 (circulated electronically) were approved
5. Matters arising
  - PG circulated photos of the Fogo Core Footpath showing the currently unacceptably dangerous state. Cllr Moffat offered to take this up as a possible task for the Criminal Justice Team. PG to forward relevant emails to him. MB queried the risk to the CJT in the poor state of the path.
  - Update on the Courts in the Borders consultation is due in the next few days
  - Potholes on the Gavinton to Caldera road have been repaired. Cllr Moffat reported that an extra £2million has been allocated by SBC for such repairs.
  - The No Cold Caller scheme has had a 36% response so far. This may be too low for police to proceed, but there are still 10 days to go. Scottish Government is considering legislation against telephone cold callers.
  - KD expressed concerns over the safety of the Jim Clark Rally through Cothill. It is too late to change this year, but needs to be put forward at the first JCR meeting in September 2013
  - KD reported that there was an overall 36% response to the Resilient Communities Plan. There were six offers to coordinate the scheme locally but no offer from Fogo, In spite of this it was agreed that KD should proceed with the plan, possibly dividing the area up in a way that incorporates Fogo into other areas.
6. Planning applications: JM circulated the most recent summary, none of which required a response from GFPC. He then went through the extensive comment on the West Gavinton development (13/003322/FUL) he prepared and circulated to members of the GFPC. The comment on the safety of the A6105 junction was extended using the technical expertise of KD and these were approved. CC members suggested that Scottish water and other utilities should guarantee that the development would not affect the services to existing residents. The consultation comment was approved and will be send to the Planning Dept on behalf of the GFPC
7. Treasurer's report: There is £546 in the current account. PG proposed that the annual fee paid to John Robertson for hosting the Gavinton website should be increased to £250. CC members agreed to this.
8. Correspondence:received:
  - A resident has complained about the litter on the roadside verges. A community litter-picking day was suggested by JM and DR said we should contact Darren Silcock at SBC who can help out by supplying high vis jackets and collection bags once a date was fixed. The possibility of working together with Greenlaw was mentioned.
  - Details of the Fuel Poverty plan can be found on the SBC website.
  - There is a very large document to be viewed on the SBC website on the planning of wind turbines
  - There is an invite to a meeting on 26 April re setting up an oil cooperative. Handouts so far suggest this is for bottled gas.
  - An invitation to apply for funds from the Big Lottery fund has been received. This is a grant of up to £10,000 for work involved with children. Fogo Nursery would qualify.
  - Police Scotland – Local Policing Plan is published, but it is pointed out that this is only a template inviting local residents to respond and contribute to.

9. AOCB

- JM reported that Drew Gibb is giving up looking after the flower beds in Gavinton and a volunteer to take over is being looked for. Bridget Darling (member of the public at the meeting) kindly offered to do some of the watering.
- PG reported that the plaques to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee trees have been ordered. SBC is paying for these

10. Date of next meeting at 7pm in Gavinton Village Hall  
20 May (AGM)

Pete Gibbens (pp Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary)