

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Gavinton Village Hall on Monday 14 October at 7pm

1. Present were: John Marjoribanks (JM) (Chair), Jean Coleman (JC), Ellen Curran (EC), Margaret Bishop (MB), Lorraine Tait (LT), Keith Dickinson (KD), Janet O'Kane (JOK) (Secretary), SBC Cllr John Greenwell (JG), and 1 member of the public
2. Apologies for absence were received from Kerry Renton, Pete Gibbens (Treasurer), SBC Cllrs Donald Moffat and Frances Renton
3. Declaration of interests: none.
4. Police matters: the police could not be in attendance.
5. Minutes of the meeting of 2 September 2013 were approved and signed
6. Matters arising:
 - Footpath to Fogo Bridge – A grant application has been submitted to Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund and we should know by the end of October if it has been successful. In the meantime, overhanging branches have been cleared by SBC to allow access by machinery.
 - Resilient Communities Plan – KD gave an update which is summarised in a separate report. The following were agreed:
 - Mr Hatrick, who attended this part of the meeting as he has volunteered to be the Gavinton co-ordinator, will join KD at the training evening on 31st October and the 22nd October Winter Awareness event.
 - Equipment supplied to the community by SBC will be stored in split locations.
 - LT will investigate whether membership of the Borders Machinery Ring would get over the insurance problems of Mr Cowe using his mechanical snow clearer.
 - West Gavinton planning application: SBC has confirmed that there will be another public consultation.
 - Flodden ceremonies/visit by Gilles de Cockborne: JM reported on these and circulated a letter from M. de Cockborne confirming how much he and his son enjoyed their visit.
 - Berwickshire Area Forum: JM attended the meeting on 5th September and JOK will circulate the minutes. It was agreed that the CC should put forward care home provision and VisitScotland's plans for promoting the Borders as agenda items for the next meeting.
 - Litter picking: JM will contact Greenlaw CC to discuss working jointly
7. Planning applications: JM circulated the latest summary
8. Treasurer's report: the bank balance is £367.67. CC members are encouraged to claim for any mileage incurred on CC business, including getting information for the Resilient Communities initiative.
9. Correspondence received:
 - Rumbletonrig Wind Farm community newsletter: JM will write to the developers to lodge GF&P CC's interest in the development, so that should it come to fruition, we have claim on community benefit.
 - Scottish Government: Ready for Winter campaign: JOK to circulate email
 - Scottish Land Fund information
 - SBC: Local Licensing Conference, 12 November, Galashiels
 - SBC: CC Scheme Review update
10. AOCB
 - JM has received a letter from SBC confirming that the access path to the Ann Smith monument will become an established right-of-way.
 - Members discussed JM's suggestion that Gavinton should be entered into competitions in order to encourage people to tidy up their gardens. It was agreed that the village should be letterboxed to find out if anyone was interested in organising this.
 - JM announced that JOK has resigned, and thanked her for her 7 years as Secretary.
 - JM reported on a meeting which took place between the chairs of the 4 CCs involved with the Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund, after a discussion with Prof. Richie who

represents us. They have a new administrator and proposals have been put forward to improve the Fund's operation.

- KD mentioned a 3rd sector funding source of enterprise money that is available. It was agreed that this may be useful for the proposed Film Club, should the Awards for All grant application be unsuccessful. Another meeting will be held on 23rd October about the Club.

11. Dates of future meetings

- 25 November
- 13 January 2014

Janet O'Kane, Minutes Secretary