

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Gavinton Village Hall on Monday 25th November at 7pm

1. Present were: John Marjoribanks (JM) (Chair), Jean Coleman (JC), Ellen Curran (EC), Margaret Bishop (MB), Keith Dickinson (KD), Pete Gibbens (PG) (Treasurer) , SBC Cllr John Greenwell (JG),
2. Apologies for absence were received from Lorraine Tait , Kerry Renton, 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 14th October 2013 were approved and signed
6. **Matters arising:**
 - Footpath to Fogo Bridge – Still no word from the Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund re our grant application even though there was a meeting on the 14th Nov. PG to contact Donald Richie for information.
 - Resilient Communities Plan – KD said that the Asset Register has been passed to SBC. Although SBC say equipment has been sent out, none has arrived.. We are still waiting for the draft plan. Tim Jackson and Julie Mckenzie went to Training Evening on 31st Oct. It was agreed to put the issue of a defibrillator on hold. Billy Cowe's insurance for his quad snow plough is in place, GFPCC to pay for fuel and incidental repairs. A 5 min training film on finding 2 lost boys is available on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWYtuhLsZbg&feature=youtu.be>
 - Litter picking – contact yet to be made with Greenlaw and Hume CC re coordination.
 - Floral Gateway. JM suggested we circulate details.
 - Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund. JM went to the latest meeting and reported that the Administration has been improved. Problems with procedure in the past have been addressed.. £74,000 has been dispersed (up from £9,000) Income is £53,000 showing that reserves are also being dispersed.
7. **Planning applications:** No new applications. Planning Committee and appeal procedures at SBC have been streamlined.
8. **Treasurer's report.** : The bank balance remains at £367.67. Outstanding items: hire of the Hall for the de Cockborne event and for Janet O'Kane's leaving gift. CC members are encouraged to claim for any out of pocket expenses incurred on CC business,
9. **Correspondence received:**
 - Data Protection details passed to JC and KD
 - Request from police to complete community issues form. Traffic and Dog fouling were put forward. (Dog fouling now reverts to police as SBC warden has gone)
 - SBCCN papers due on 10 Dec. GFPCC sub areas may be removed. JG said that more CCs had sub areas in Berwickshire.
 - No reply from Rumbletonrig Windfarm fund re funding for GFPCC if it goes ahead. We will be in line of sight of the turbines.
10. **AOCB**
 - Gift for Janet approved. PG to arrange purchase and presentation.
 - JM reported light down Red Brae has been removed on electrical safety grounds. Path now a severe hazard
 - Replacement for Janet: JG to check with Clare if an allowance is payable. Volunteer may be sought from outside GFPCC. JM and PG to jobshare in the meantime. PG to forward JM's details to Clare.
 - MB pointed out that there have been no minutes published on Gavinton.net since April.
11. **Dates of future meetings**
 - 13 January 2014
 - 3 March 2014
 - 21 April 2014
 - 19 May 2014 (AGM)
 - 9 June 2014