

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held at Gavinton Village Hall
On Monday 3 March 2014 at 7pm

1. Present. John Marjoribanks (Chair), Ellen Curren, Jean Coleman, Kerry Renton
SBC Councillors Frances Renton
Members of Public: Tim Jackson
2. Apologies for absence were received from Peter Gibbens, Margaret Bishop, Lorraine Tait, Keith Dickinson, Cllr Donald Moffat & Cllr John Greenwell.
3. Declarations of Interest: None
4. Police Matters: No police in attendance
5. Minutes of the meeting of 27 January 2014 – Cllr Frances Renton had pointed out the that on AOCB it was the Berwickshire Community Safety Panel (BCSP) not SBC who were responsible for the Woof Bags, this had been changed before the meeting – minutes were agreed and signed.
6. Matters Arising:
 - Gavinton Street Lights: Light on Red Brae has been replaced, light opposite Cheadle still shining 24/7; SBC reported Scottish Power input was needed to fix it. JC had mentioned that the light fitting looks like it had been removed from the light outside Oaklee.
 - Litter Picking: JM has had no success in contacting the secretary from Greenlaw Community Council, Cllr Renton has informed us the new chair for Greenlaw is Fiona Dewery, JM will contact her regarding the litter picking on the main road from Gavinton to Greenlaw. KR has requested a litter picker for the Fogo area.
 - Community Council Scheme Revue: JM will circulate the draft electronically around all CC members for comments on next CC meeting. JM would be interested in the cc areas to be abolished.
 - Dog Fouling: There is an increase in dog fouling in the Gavinton area, Cllr Renton will get more posters for JM to put up. There has been £5,000.00 grant received for BCSP from the Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund for Woof Bags, but need a distributing place in Gavinton. JM said he was happy to do this, Cllr Renton will supply a copy of all dog owners who have signed up in the CC area for the bags. Kim Bannerman has the Woof Bags.
 - Margaret Tottie Memorial Tree: JM thought we could plant Laburnum tree along towards the Ford on the left hand side, will speak to Mr Sandilands for permission.
 - Resilient Community: JM is happy to report that there has been a mini plastic shed erected at the back of Jock Purves' house (Glebe), he has also asked permission from Seed & Co to put a small shed on the 6th space beside the garages behind Red Brae house for sand bags.
7. Planning Applications: update circulated, JM reported that 11/00059/FUL is the same group of buildings as 13/01434/FUL – derelict cottages at Langtonlees.
 - JM has asked Tim Jackson, Old School House, Polwarth, to take over the Planning. Tim has agreed and, with agreement of all members present, was co-opted onto the CC under section 4.2.a of the constitution.
8. New Windfarm Projects: The erection of 14 wind turbines on the Land South West of Raeleuchhead Farmhouse, JM has reported that at this stage it is only a Scoping Exercise, and has received 11 consultation responses, most with serious reservations. JM will respond we are VERY concerned regarding the application.
9. Scotland's Floral Gateway: JM has reconfirmed with all interested parties. Will report at next CC meeting.

10. Litter Picking: Please see Matters Arising.
11. Treasurer's Report: There is £882.50 in the bank, if anyone still has CC business claims to make please email Peter Gibbens ASAP.
12. Correspondence Received:
- Forestry Commission, free workshop on 11 March 2014 at Bridge of Allan
 - Blackhill Community Funding, ¼ly report on applications/grants
 - Walking Festival
 - Armed Forces Day, 28 June 2014 at Stirling, if anyone interested organising an event there is grant available – JM will speak to Andrew Mitchell, Duns Community Council chair, to ask if Duns CC organising anything
 - Mark Rowley, Cranshaws, Ellemford & Longformacus Community Council chair, has sent a letter regarding the closing of out of hours doctor service at The Knoll.
 - Jean Robertson, SBC – as of letter dated 27 January 2014 there is £2,400.00 available in the Berwickshire Community Funding, what not used will be carried forward to the new financial year.
13. AOCB: No other competent business reported.
14. Dates of Future Meetings:
- 21 April 2014
 - 19 May 2014 Annual General Meeting
 - 9 June 2014