

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held at Gavinton Village Hall
On Monday 28th April 2014 at 7pm

1. **Present:** John Marjoribanks (JM) (Chair), Ellen Curren (EC), Jean Coleman (JC), Kerry Renton (KR), Keith Dickinson (KD), Pete Gibbens (PG) (Treasurer), Lorraine Tait (LT), Tim Jackson (TJ), Margaret Bishop (MB) Cllr Donald Moffat and Cllr John Greenwell
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Francis Renton and PC John Holywood
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. Minutes of the meeting of 3rd March were approved
5. **Matters arising:** *No contact yet with Fiona Dewery, chair of Greenlaw and Hume CC re combined litter picking. *No dog fouling posters have come yet. *No progress on memorial tree. *Resilient Community: 2 sheds have been erected and KD reported that that we are invited to go forward with Resilient Community training exercise. The Gavinton co-ordinator has moved away and a replacement needs to be found. *Floral Gateway: Bridget Darling has kindly volunteered to chair. It was agreed to approach SBC for a £440 grant to cover capital items (eg tubs) but not plants.
6. **Planning applications:** TJ reported two previous plans have now been approved. No new applications. The proposed windfarm at Kettleshiels was discussed, JM to write to SBC to express our concerns over visual impact. TJ was asked to get information on windfarm plans and policies, also to check Mr Rooke's plans for the Bastle Bog derelict site
7. **Treasurer's report:** £583 in Current Account, but of this £250 for the Gavinton website and £200 for Floral Gateway plants needs to be set aside. This leaves £133 available until the SBC grant is received.
8. **Police Matters:** PC John Holywood sent a report outlining Police priorities of 1. Reducing antisocial behaviour, 2. Tackling substance abuse, 3. Making our roads safer and 4. Protecting people.
9. **Scotland's Floral Gateway:** This was covered in Item 5, Matters Arising.
10. **Community Council Scheme consultation.** Length of service was discussed as currently there is no limit. It was agreed that the CC should request that the internal boundaries of Gavinton Fogo and Polwarth be scrapped and that the number of community councillors should be cut from 12 to 10.
11. **GFPCC Website:** John Robertson was unable to attend and sent us a report. There were 64,939 sessions served (up from last year), this includes 29,000 robot indexing searches. Just under 1000 of these were via search results. The Richard Hillary page was again the most popular, followed by Langton Church, the Village Hall and the Community Council. John wants to put more items on the site and the following were suggested at the meeting:
*Resilient Communities page with plan and page for updates. *Cinema Club. *Village Hall events and possibly bookings. *Twinning arrangements. *Polwarth Thorn. *Link to Fogo Nursery site.
12. **Correspondence received:** 28 items had been received. Some items directly affecting us were discussed. The innovative scheme for young drivers was praised. The Queen's Baton Relay will be passing through Duns and Greenlaw on Weds 18th June. The promotion of Clare Malster means that we will have a new CC communicator in Pauline Bolson
13. **AOCB** MB reported a large pothole outside her house. PG noted that the path to Fogo bridge was now repaired. Complaint was made of speeding between 4pm and 5pm through Gavinton.
14. **Date of next meetings:**
19 May 2014 (AGM)
9 June 2014