

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Meeting held at Gavinton Village Hall
on Tuesday 27th January 2015 at 7.30pm

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Keith Dickinson (KD) (Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed Jean Coleman (JC) (Vice Chair,) Pete Gibbens (PG) (Secretary), Kerry Renton (KR) (Treasurer), Tim Jackson (TJ) (Planning Officer), Lorraine Tait (LT), Kirsten Arthur (KA), Carole Wright (CW) Ellen Curran (EC) Cllr Frances Renton (FR)
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Donald Moffat Cllr John Greenwell
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Police Report:** A written report was passed round at the meeting. No comments
5. **Minutes of the meeting of 16 December:** These were accepted and signed.
6. **Matters arising not covered in Agenda:**
 - It is understood that a preservation order has been put on the monkey puzzle tree at Polwarth giving it protection
 - West Gavinton Development: There is no word whether a meeting has been arranged at planning Dept to discuss this development in February
7. **Proposals for local Projects:**
 - TJ All five CC could be given wireless broadband using money from Blackhill Windfarm. Is this viable? Agreed that TJ could approach other CCs (Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl, Duns, Lammermuir, GFPCC) as a community project. FR suggested TJ speak to David Cressey (d.cressey@scotborders.gov.uk)
 - Polwarth Thorn project is on hold until Easter
 - FR said an investigation has been arranged for the proposed bus shelter
 - EC suggested there was no great need for internet in Gavinton Village Hall. Further discussions on line rental of £18/month and ISP charge of £10/month. Investigations into how relevant this would be would need to be done. EC to discuss this with GVH committee and will be put on the agenda for March. Contact could also be made with John Robertson, who deals with Gavinton CC website

8. **Planning Applications**

- Black Rig layout and designs will be ready by end of February
- Weetfoot Bog application is on hold
- St Leonards application has been withdrawn and it is understood a preservation order has been placed on the monkey puzzle tree.
- KA will be attending to planning matters while TJ is away. An email to be sent to Scott Shearer letting him know of Kirsten's position.

9. **Resilient Communities**

- All co-ordinators have signed up to SB Alerts. JC has contacted her coordinators and updated her info on all parties within the R.C. plan. JC has looked at other R.C. plans and had found some useful forms on other websites which she felt might be useful to help GFPC tailor their RC plan.
- It was felt that there would be a benefit in make an edited version of the plan. SBC have now sent this version and JC and EC have agreed to look at this and edit it this to make a "Plain English" version of the plan for the website. TJ has a front page for the new version of the hard copy of the plan for the website.

10. **Treasurers Report:** Balance in the bank is £814.17. KR reminded members that any printing expenses should be forwarded to her a.s.a.p. Any projects where money is required should be brought to the next meeting.

11. **Correspondence received:** All circulated electronically, now in Dropbox.

- There have been several S.B.Alerts
- Resilient Communities info
- NHS Borders – potential hospital closures. Response needs to be made either on our own or with other CCs. FR suggested the more responses the better. The deadline for comments is February 28th
- ICT support for rural businesses
- Borders Rail information
- Twinning request

12. **Any other Business**

- Digital communication saves paper and works well for most members. Minutes and agendas should still be circulated by email
- Klammer app plus upgrade (enables Dropbox to be read on iPhones)
- Oil group discounts – TJ is looking for more people who wish to avail themselves of this. 500 litres is the minimum amount. Discount is up to 10%. Can be seen on Gavinton website.

13. **Dates of Next Meetings;** 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th March
7.30pm on Tuesday 5th May

Pete Gibbens (Secretary)