



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Unapproved Minutes of the meeting held in Gavinton Hall
on Tuesday 1st March 2016**

| Item | Comment | Action |
|------|---|--------------|
| 1 | Welcome and Introductions: Jean Coleman welcomed, Kirsten Arthur, Carole Wright(CW), Lorraine Tait(LT), Tim Jackson (TJ), Frances Renton(FR), Kerry Renton(KR) | |
| 2 | Apologies: Cllr John Greenwell (JG), J Bennet and Ellen Curran | |
| 3 | Declarations of interest: None | |
| 4 | Minutes of the 19th January 2016 meeting were approved | |
| 5 | Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. John Marjoribanks has asked that flag pole be removed as soon as possible. The scroll and flag are stored in his house and the archives are in the cupboard, marked community council, in the village hall. b. | |
| 6 | Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. There is £2275.19 in the bank. b. KD has a cheque for £87.11 to cover cost of broadband license. c. TJ has received a cheque for £474 to pay for specialised signage for Polwarth Thorn. d. KR has to send the broadband account statements to TJ. e. all expenses to be claimed as soon as possible. | KR |
| 7 | Planning (see attached summary) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 4 applications have been removed b. 4 have been approved. c. Black Rig wind farm application should go in mid summer d. Inch Moor Wind farm application is progressing but there have been many more complaints posted online and it seemed likely that SBC will push for a public enquiry. | TJ |
| 8 | Communications / Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Council members were asked for their views on the new website. b. KA felt it was important that the site use the full name of the council rather than the initials. JG had asked JC to express his concerns that old sites still remain and how can we have them deleted. People may find themselves going through all the old sites before finding the new one. TJ had concerns about site maintenance and whether D A would be able to provide this. | |
| 9 | Resilient Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Colin Baxter was to be invited to speak at the next CC meeting on defibrillators. b. KD has submitted an inventory of resilient Community equipment to be included in the Community and Social Organisations Block Policy Renewal | LT KD |

| | | |
|----|--|----|
| | Form. | |
| 10 | <p>Community Projects</p> <p>a. Community Broadband Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband is now installed in the hall and now needs to be connected to the mains. An access point has been installed at Crunklaw and it will connect up to 9 properties locally. • We need further communication with Briskona to see how this service can be spread out to other areas. • It is proposed to apply to Blackhill Wind farm to seek a contribution towards the £165 connection fee for those connecting into the scheme but there seemed some resistance from Blackhill to this proposal and a decision was deferred until the next meeting. • Community Broadband Scotland will meet with the 5CC to discuss financing the project. <p>b. Polwarth Thorne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The signage for the Polwarth Thorn has arrived and Neil Bennet was to be thanked for his designs. The railings will be painted in the spring and KR suggested a low profile celebration be organised for the opening of the project and to acknowledge the support of the CC and Blackhill Wind Farm. TJ said that no publicity had been a pre project condition agreed with the landowner at the start of the work. To be discussed further at the next meeting. | |
| 11 | <p>Police Report</p> <p>a. No report this month.</p> <p>b. KR reported that a number of tyres had been dumped at Sisterpath and this had been reported to the police and subsequently removed.</p> | |
| 12 | <p>Correspondence received</p> <p>a. Public Protection Briefing - Dates and times of meetings will be forwarded to CC members. FR to make further enquiries.</p> <p>b. Community & Social Organisations Block Policy Renewal Form</p> <p>c. SBC Budget 2016-2021 - A CC stakeholders meeting will be held on 15th March in St. Boswells at 6pm.</p> <p>d. Public protection Briefing.</p> | |
| 13 | <p>AOB</p> <p>a. FR has 2 formats for adverts for the CC elections. FR to send to JC</p> <p>b. KR showed a map of proposed woodland planting at Charterhall. There were no objections to this plan.</p> <p>c. Berwickshire Area Forum - Next meeting of the Area Forum - 3rd March in Duns Council Offices at 6.30.</p> | FR |
| 14 | <p>Dates of meetings</p> <p>a. Next meeting 12 April 2016</p> <p>b. Future meetings - 24th May (AGM), 05 July, 16 Aug, 27 Sept, 08 Nov and 20 Dec.</p> | |