



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Unapproved Minutes of the meeting held in Gavinton Hall
on Thursday 21st April 2016**

| Item | Comment | Action |
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| 1 | Welcome and Introductions: Keith Dickinson welcomed, Kirsten Arthur KA, Carole Wright(CW), Lorraine Tait(LT), Tim Jackson (TJ), Frances Renton(FR), Ellen Curran EC, John Greenwell JG and Sir John McEwen (a member of the public). | |
| 2 | Apologies: J Coleman, K Renton, J Bennet and Cllr D Moffat. | |
| 3 | Declarations of interest: None | |
| 4 | <p>Polwarth Thorn KD explained to the council the project that had been planned by Tim Jackson, John McEwan, Lady Mc Ewen, Janie Seed and Ian and Corrine Bradley. He thanked them all for their work in progressing the project. He reported that he had been in discussion with Mr and Mrs Bradley and could confirm that despite declining BWCF funding they are committed to finishing the project by the end of 2016 largely at their own expense (see details of the discussion in Appendix 1 to these minutes). They hoped to be able to host a Polwarth and Cothill community picnic at The Thorn when the work is complete. It was agreed that the £1600 BCWF grant be returned. The CC has already agreed to contribute £400 to this project, however the signs have cost £474 and it was proposed that an additional £74 be allocated by the CC to cover this overspend and to ensure that the work continues to completion. The proposal was carried by majority vote (4:1) with TJ rejecting the proposal and one abstention. Sir John McEwen left the meeting.</p> | |
| 5 | Minutes of the meeting of 1st March 2016 meeting were approved | |
| 6 | <p>Matters arising</p> <p>a. A short report from the Area Forum on the 3rd of March was given. Mark Rowley asked for an item on Community Broadband to be put on the next agenda.</p> | |
| 7 | <p>Election of new CC Members</p> <p>a. A CC election is planned for 11th May. This has been widely publicised through newspaper, websites and local communications. Nominations are due to be in by noon on 2nd May 2016.</p> <p>b. Currently the CC has received notice that Kerry Renton and Tim Jackson will stand down after the AGM. In addition Ellen Curran and Jacqui Bennet have indicated that they do not intend to seek re-nomination at the coming election.</p> <p>c. As a result of the above there are 8 vacancies with the prospect of just 3 nominations (KD, LT and CW) to add to the two remaining members (JC and KA).</p> <p>d. It is felt that the new members should be encouraged from Gavinton as the surrounding areas were better represented. KD, EC and JC have been letter boxing and emailing the community of Gavinton to encourage nominations.</p> <p>e. If members willing to take on a range of duties cannot be found the Council may well need to consider its future but it was agreed to leave such</p> | |

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| | discussions until after the AGM. | |
| 8 | Treasurer's Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. KR asked that all cheques be cleared asap. b. The £1600 will need to be repaid to Blackhill Windfarm as detailed above. | |
| 9 | Planning (see attached summary) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. TJ reported on planning, a summary of which can be seen on line and attached below. b. at the last meeting of the Dirrington group it had been felt that the Inch Moor farm would probably go to an inquiry and this would be announced shortly | |
| 10 | Communications / Website <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Danny Airlie has agreed to stay on this project beyond 1st May. He hopes to have a fully populated website for comment very soon. He would like feedback / comments returned via KD by the 25th/26th April if possible to enable him to complete his degree project on time. | |
| 11 | Resilient Communities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. EC said she would be happy to continue to support the RC group after she has retired from the CC b. Colin Baxter was unable to attend the meeting to discuss defibrillators, but he will be invited to speak at a future CC meeting. | |
| 12 | Community Projects <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Community Broadband CBF is not forthcoming on finance for the project. Callum Kerr is interested in supporting and giving advice on the subject. b. Briskona are still interested in increasing connections in this area but as they are not strong on PR and marketing it is necessary to persevere when communicating with them. c. An application has been made for £6500 to Blackhill WCF to provide a voucher towards Briskona broadband connection charge. This will be discussed at their next meeting. | |
| 13 | Police Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The report for April had been circulated to CC members but was not discussed at the meeting. | |
| 14 | Correspondence received <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A letter, distributed electronically, concerning 'The Learning Space' was discussed by members who all felt this was a very worthwhile proposal and suggested that Mr Ward should be encouraged to carry out his proposal of having students help with gardening on community areas within the village. FR suggested he should contact Darren Silcock (SBC Duns) for advice on necessary authorisation with this project. | |
| | AOB <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. JG reported there had been a computer systems error resulting in letters being sent to some single people receiving benefit. It suggested they were no longer living as single persons as they were living at multi occupancy addresses. This was due to confusion over addresses. Anyone receiving such a letter should report it to the Council. | |
| | Dates of meetings <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next meeting - 24th May (AGM) b. Future meetings - 05 July, 16 Aug, 27 September | |

Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth Community Council - Planning Applications

SUMMARY 1 MARCH to 18 APRIL 2016

| CC Ref | SBC Ref | App'n Date | months | Applicant | Address | Proposal | Status | Decision Date | Comments |
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| 1 | 10/00038/PPP | 18-Jan-10 | 75 | Tony Huggins-Haig | Land west of Hardens Hall, Duns | Erection of dwellinghouse | Pending Decision | none | Applicant to pay development contribution to complete legal agreement by 1 Mar 2016; Consent scheduled for 15 Apr 2016 |
| 3 | 11/00059/FUL | 19-Jan-11 | 63 | Louis Macvie | Derelict Cottage Langtonlees Farm, near Duns | Re-instatement of former cottage | Pending Decision | none | No action since June 2011 Agreed subject to development contribution agreement |
| 7 | 13/00085/PPP | 24-Jan-13 | 39 | Tony Huggins-Haig | Land East of Langton Field Hardens Road, Duns | Erection of dwellinghouse | Pending Decision | none | Applicant to pay development contribution to complete legal agreement by 1 Mar 2016; Consent scheduled for 15 Apr 2016 |
| 34 | 15/01297/FUL | 27-Oct-15 | 6 | Mr Zander Bruce | Agricultural Buildings And Land At Crunklaw Farm Duns Scottish Borders | Conversion of agricultural buildings to form 4 holiday units and bed sit ancillary to farmhouse, 2 no workshop/studio units and extension to form biomass boiler room and formation of glamping areas | Approved | 18-Mar-16 | CC did not object |
| 35 | 15/01298/LBC | 27-Oct-15 | 6 | Mr Zander Bruce | Agricultural Buildings Crunklaw Farm Duns Scottish Borders | Internal and external alterations to agricultural buildings form 4 holiday units and bed sit ancillary to farmhouse, 2 no workshop/studio units and extension to form biomass boiler room | Approved | 18-Mar-16 | CC did not object |
| 41 | 16/00044/PAN | 20-Jan-16 | 3 | RES Limited | Land North West Of Langtonlees Cottages (Blackrig) Duns Scottish Borders | BLACKRIG Wind farm development comprising 10 No wind turbines up to 130m high to tip and associated works; output 20-30MW Note: contiguous with proposed Inch Moor and Weefoot Bog developments | PAN Notification | none | public exhibition in Duns library on 26 Jan 2016 application expected in 'early summer' 2016 Lammermuir CC communication with RES |
| 42 | 16/00269/PPP | 7-Mar-16 | 1 | Mr Martyn Bunker | Site South West Of Campbell Lodge Main Street Gavinton Scottish Borders | Erection of dwellinghouse | Pending Consideration | none | CC suggest building line be maintained by relaxing on-road parking restriction Roads department accept nose-in parking |
| 43 | 16/00325/RCC | 15-Mar-16 | 1 | R M & J F Seed | Land South Of The Old Manse Gavinton Scottish Borders | Proposed construction of new roads and associated infrastructure | Pending Consideration | none | CC did not object |
| 44 | 16/00339/FUL | 17-Mar-16 | 1 | Mrs Gill Pemberton | Traquair Cottage The Green Gavinton Scottish Borders TD11 3QT | Extension to dwellinghouse | Pending Consideration | none | CC did not object |

Notes:

Currently 9 active planning applications

Approved, refused or withdrawn applications omitted following CC meeting reporting such decision

Changes since 1 March 2016 shown shaded: 2 approved (CC ref 34 & 35), 3 new (CC ref 42, 43 & 44), and 4 omitted (CC ref 37, 38, 39 & 40)

a/ months elapsed between the application date and the current meeting date

Enter SBC ref in 'search' box in link below for application details (or paste link into browser)

<http://eplanning.scotborders.gov.uk/online-applications/>

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prepared by Tim Jackson, 18 April 2016

Appendix 1

Conversation between KWD Chair GFPC and Ian and Corrine Bradley

Re Polwarth Thorne Project

(on Wednesday 22nd April 2016)

On Tuesday, following my return from trips overseas, I was asked by Tim to deal with some issues associated with the Polwarth Thorne project

I spoke to Ian and Corrine Bradley yesterday evening and I now believe we are on course to achieve much of what was originally planned by the end of the year, by which time we will have in place:

- Improved and guided access.
- Improved signage (provided by the CC at a cost of £474).
- The tidying of the area around the Thorne and new seeding.
- New fencing and a new Hawthorne hedge around the site.

Ian and Corrine Bradley thanked Tim for spearheading the project and said without his efforts the project would not be going ahead. However they say they did not appreciate until late in the day the potential marketing implications of using Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund money. They have therefore decided that they would prefer that the Blackhill grant be returned and they have agreed to fund the bulk of the cost of the work themselves.

Ian and Corrine are wary of national publicity about the Thorne but have said that they are keen to have this site used as the centre of occasional local activities in the future. They are also happy for reference to it on Gavinton.net.

The Community Council has already agreed to contribute £400 to this project, however the signs have cost £474 and I propose we agree to increase our contribution by £74 to ensure that the work continues to completion. The signs do refer to the sponsors of the work, including GFPC and the BWCF (albeit their contribution is to be returned) however Ian and Corrine have agreed to use the signs as provided.

I would on behalf of the CC like to thank Ian and Corrine Bradley, Tim, Janie Seed, Lady McEwen and Sir John McEwen who together have worked to make these improvements possible.