



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday the 27th June 2016 at 7.30pm

| Item | Comment | Action |
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| 1 | Welcome and Introductions: Chairman Keith Dickinson welcomed Councillor Donald Moffat, Councillor Frances Renton, Councillor John Greenwell, Jean Coleman, Kirsten Arthur, Carole Wright, Amanda Stewart, David Ward & Bryce Weir | |
| 2 | Apologies: Steve Hunter and Terry O’Gorman | |
| 3 | Declarations of interest: None | |
| 4 | Minutes of the AGM 24th May 2016 Circulated to CC – no issues raised | |
| 5 | Consideration of future roles for CC members Members and Councillors shared their areas of expertise and interest with a view to contributing further to the work of the CC. | |
| 6 | Treasurers Report Carole Wright reported that the broadband account has been closed. A cheque for £1600 has been issued to the Blackhill Windfarm leaving a balance in the CC account of £471.72. It was agreed that CW will arrange with the bank that in future there will be 4 signatories to the CC account. 2 signatories required for any transaction. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman – Keith Dickinson • Vice-Chairperson- Kirsten Arthur • Treasurer – Carole Wright • Secretary- Amanda Stewart Copies of the 2015-2016 Annual Accounts will be submitted to Pauline Bolson and Linda Cornwall at SBC by 1 st November 2016. | CW CW |
| 7 | Planning Relevant planning documents from former CC planning officer Tim Jackson will be passed to Steve Hunter Steve Hunter had emailed to inform the CC that there had been no new planning applications since the last meeting. | KD |
| 8 | Communications – Website Update Keith Dickinson will meet with Danny Airlie in July for update on progress of new website. Danny Airlie will set up self -help on-line training resources to help the CC manage the web site. David Ward agreed to oversee the maintenance of the website with help from those in the community with relevant experience. It was agreed that the historical information on the current website should not be lost and some may be included in the new site. CC will have an opportunity to comment on the website once it is live. | KD DW |
| 9 | Berwickshire Area Forum 2nd June 2016 Penmanshiel Compensatory Re-planting Scheme. Communities (with the agreement of landowners) may apply for funding for tree planting for village enhancement or community woodland. Up to £8250 pHa is available and the minimum area of planting is 0.25 Ha. SBC contact Andy Tharme. Stephen Adlard of SAC (stephen.adlard@sac.ac.uk) can provide free advice. | |

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| 10 | <p>Community Projects</p> <p>Broadband- Tim Jackson will continue to lead the community broadband project. Keith Dickinson & Tim Jackson will attend the Berwickshire Area Forum on 28th June 2016 to discuss issues over broadband speeds and interruptions to service in the GFPCC area.</p> <p>Blackhill Windfarm Fund Applications-Polwarth Thorne cheque returned. No further submissions for funding at this time.</p> | KD/TJ |
| 11 | <p>Police Report</p> <p>Reports received by AS from Suzanne Jacobs will be circulated to CC members prior to meetings. CC members should disseminate this information to the community as they see fit.</p> | AS/ALL |
| 12 | <p>Correspondence Received</p> <p>Safer Borders Newsletter – this newsletter should be circulated to CC members who may then pass on this information to relevant individuals/organisations. Discussion on how to circulate information and notifications of events received by the CC more widely to the community – via website or possible establishment of Facebook page.</p> <p>Mail received by the CC should be itemised and relevance to CC and possible methods of distributing this information should be discussed at future meeting.</p> | AS |
| 13 | <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Kirsten Arthur raised the issue of a bus shelter at Polwarth to improve safety. Cllr Frances Renton will meet with Kirsten Arthur and relevant SBC planning officers to assist in this matter.</p> <p>Kirsten Arthur requested a time limit on CC discussions. Scope for discussions will be left to the discretion of the chairman.</p> <p>Bryce Weir queried planning consent for the empty plot ‘The Clachan’ on Main Street Gavinton. Kirsten Arthur & Cllr Greenwell offered to investigate and report back to CC.</p> | KA/FR KA/JG |
| 14 | <p>Dates of Meetings</p> <p>Next meeting Monday 15th August 2015 at 7.00pm</p> <p>Meetings will then be held at 6 week intervals.</p> <p>September 26th, November 7th, December 19th.</p> <p>Meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm.</p> | |
| 15 | <p>The meeting closed at 9.15 pm</p> | |

