



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday the 15th August 2016 at 7.30pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions: Chairman Keith Dickinson welcomed Councillor Frances Renton, Jean Coleman, Carole Wright, Amanda Stewart, David Ward, Bryce Weir, Steve Hunter, Terry O’Gorman & Lorraine Tait	
2	Apologies: Kirsten Arthur & Cllr Donald Moffat	
3	Declarations of interest: None	
4	Minutes of the GFPCC Meeting 27th June 2016 Circulated to CC – no issues raised	
5	Treasurers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carole Wright reported that on 28th July 2016 RBS confirmed receipt of all documents required for the 4 signatories to the CC account. • The cheque for £1600, returned to the Blackhill Windfarm, has been cashed. Carole will request written acknowledgement that funds were returned. • The balance of the CC account now stands at £474.50. 	CW
6	Planning Current Planning Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Hunter will e-mail any new planning applications to CC members and will contact SBC on our behalf should any CC member raise objections. • Steve highlighted the proposed construction of 2 cottages on ‘Land West of Courtyard Cottage’ Fogo currently under consideration, and suggested that members consult SBC planning website to determine if the CC has any objection. Update on W.Gavinton Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent planning application is for ‘proposed construction of new roads/infrastructure’. Status of this application is listed as <i>registered</i>, Cllr Francis Renton offered to determine whether this application is open to comment from the CC. • The updated final agreement on the W.Gavinton site is available to view on the SBC website. Update on planning consent for empty plot ‘The Clachan’ Main St. Gavinton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update was unavailable as Kirsten Arthur & Cllr John Greenwell were absent from the meeting. 	FR
7	Communications – Website Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Dickinson requested that any feedback on the new website be e-mailed to him by 20th August to enable him to pass this on to Danny Airlie. • Once the website is ‘live’ the CC must share responsibility for keeping the information up to date. David Ward may help oversee maintenance of the website with help from Keith Dickinson, Steve Hunter (planning), Amanda Stewart (CC Agendas and Minutes). Representatives from Cinema Club and Village Hall Committee will be requested to assist in updating relevant information. • When appropriate a meeting will be held including all relevant individuals to organise maintenance of the website and the setting up a GFPCC Facebook page to publicise community events. 	KD DW KD

8	<p>Community Projects</p> <p>Community Broadband Project – feedback from Berwickshire Area Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Jackson & Keith Dickinson attended the forum and raised the issue of poor broadband speeds in rural areas despite ‘supposed’ upgrades to broadband services now considered by Digital Scotland & Community Broadband Scotland to cover 93% of the Scottish Borders. Additionally, Keith Dickinson has written to John Lamont directly to highlight this issue. <p>Blackhill Windfarm Fund Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting of the Blackhill Windfarm committee is in November, applications for community funding are invited. 	
9	<p>Police Report -August</p> <p>Reports received from Suzanne Jacobs will continue to be circulated to CC members for further dissemination to the community.</p>	AS
10	<p>Correspondence Received</p> <p>Correspondence received will be forwarded to CC members who may pass this information on to relevant individuals/organisations. If CC members wish to discuss any items of correspondence, they should contact AS who will include this in the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	AS
11	<p>Nomination of CC to Assist Berwickshire Access Panel</p> <p>Kirsten Arthur has agreed to assist BAP.</p>	KA
12	<p>Update on Bus Shelter at Polwarth</p> <p>Update unavailable at this meeting as Kirsten Arthur was absent.</p>	KA/FR
13	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue of the poor state of the roads in Gavinton raised by Bryce Weir & Amanda Stewart. This was recognised by the committee as a major local issue. • Cllr Frances Renton will meet with Deputy Chief Executive of SBC Phillip Barr to raise this issue and report back to the CC. • Community Improvements & Maintenance will now be included as an agenda item so that the CC may pursue road improvements and prioritise community maintenance issues. • Steve Hunter suggested that a road sign for Cothill should be placed at adjacent road junctions, Cllr Renton will make enquiries on our behalf. 	FR FR
14	<p>Dates of Meetings</p> <p>Next meeting Monday 26th September 2016. Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on 7th November and 19th December 2016 and 30th January, 13th March and 24th April 2017.</p>	
15	<p>The meeting closed at 9.10 pm</p>	

