



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, the 26th September 2016 at 7pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions: Vice-Chairperson Kirsten Arthur welcomed Councillor John Greenwell, Councillor Donald Moffat, Jean Coleman, Carole Wright, Amanda Stewart, David Ward, Bryce Weir & Steve Hunter	
2	Apologies: Keith Dickinson, Councillor Frances Renton, Lorraine Tait and Terry O’Gorman	
3	Declarations of interest: None	
4	Minutes of the GFPC Meeting 15th August 2016 Circulated to CC – no issues raised	
5	Treasurers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carole Wright reported that the RBS has now updated all details for the four signatories to the CC account. • Carole has been in touch with Linda Cornwall of SBC regarding the CC £700 annual budget, this will include £630 grant and £70 for rental of the village hall. • CC account received a deposit of £60 on the 2nd September 2016 from SBC. This money is believed to be from the neighbourhood fund for flower tubs in the village. Carole will clarify with SBC what these funds were intended for. • The balance of the CC account now stands at £534.50 	CW
6	Planning Current Planning Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inchmuir wind farm – Steve Hunter reported that SBC are likely to object to this development. Ecotricity have failed to submit required environmental information. Further information is available on the SBC website. Update on W.Gavinton Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion deferred until next meeting as Frances Renton absent Update on planning consent for empty plot ‘The Clachan’ Main St. Gavinton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirsten Arthur has been unable to identify any current planning applications for this site. Councillor John Greenwell has offered to investigate and update the CC at the next meeting 	FR FR JG
7	Communications – Website Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion deferred until next meeting as Keith Dickinson absent. 	KD
8	Community Improvements & Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from Councillor Frances Renton on her meeting with Deputy Chief Executive of SBC Philip Barr regarding road maintenance in Gavinton – deferred to next meeting as Frances Renton absent • The committee have strenuously agreed that the condition of the roads in Gavinton is a major safety issue, particularly South Street and Main street opposite the Old Manse • Carole Wright raised the issue of the poor state of the road from Bogend to Fogo • Cllr Donald Moffat will contact Matthew Matheson of SBC on our behalf to 	FR DM

	<p>try and expedite repairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the issue of a road sign for Cothill deferred as Frances Renton absent Update on bus shelter at Polwarth – Kirsten Arthur reported that she is still waiting to hear from Cllr Francis Renton on this issue. 	FR KA
9	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed cancellation of the Demand Responsive Bus Service Coldstream-Swinton-Duns. CC had no objection to the cancellation of this service 	AS
10	<p>Review of BT Payphones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CC had no objection to the removal of the BT payphone in Gavinton CC wish to adopt the traditional red phone box at Polwarth. BT may remove the payphone. The community wish to use this facility as a book exchange. Steve Hunter will notify the planning department that we wish to retain & adopt the phone box at Polwarth and pay the £1 adoption fee Cllr Moffat suggested that the phone box/book exchange may require to be covered by community council insurance policy 	SH
11	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Greenwell wished to draw the CC attention to the good work being carried out by the local charity Veterans 1st Point. This charity helps servicemen with mental health issues. Amanda Stewart raised the issue of high school age children from Gavinton being unable to receive a bus pass for the school bus despite the lack of a safe walking route to Duns, the absence of any available public transport or a safe place at the high school to drop children off. Cllr Moffat and Cllr Greenwell both offered their assistance. Cllr Greenwell offered to schedule a meeting with John Dellow from SBC School Transport in Gavinton to discuss this matter further. Carole Wright raised the issue of grass cutting at the footbridge at Fogo where the benches are surrounded by overgrown grass. Councillor Moffat suggested that the CC could apply for a grant for maintenance from SBC. Steve Hunter offered to contact Linda Cornwall of SBC on our behalf to enquire about a grant Bryce Weir raised the issue of the poor maintenance of the redbrae path. The path is becoming overgrown. Cllr Donald Moffat will contact Darren Silcock of SBC to see if maintenance teams can extend their area of work to cover this area Cllr Moffat discussed the recent awards for safety received by Scottish Borders Council. SBC won 'Best in Scotland' for community safety. This award was based on SBC farm safety policies. SBC also received the runner-up award for event organisation and safety 	AS JG DM DM
14	<p>Dates of Meetings</p> <p>Next meeting Monday 7th November 2016. Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on 19th December 2016 and 30th January, 13th March and 24th April 2017.</p>	
15	<p>The meeting closed at 8 pm</p>	

