



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions: Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed Councillor Frances Renton, Councillor Donald Moffat, Jean Coleman, Carole Wright, Amanda Stewart, David Ward, Bryce Weir, Steve Hunter, Kirsten Arthur, Lorraine Tait & Tim Jackson	
2	Apologies: Cllr John Greenwell & Terry O’Gorman	
3	Declarations of interest: None	
4	Minutes of the GFPC Meeting 26th September 2016 Circulated to CC – no issues raised	
5	Treasurers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CC account has received £700 from SBC grants and £1.02 in interest. Current balance of the account is £1235.52. RBS are changing the CC bank account. Our current interest bearing deposit account will no longer be available and the account will be transferred automatically on the 12th December 2016 to a business reserve account. CC agreed that this account does not suit our needs as there is no cheque book and standing orders cannot be facilitated. Instead the CC will apply for a business cheque account. Carole will collect the details for the 4 signatories and contact RBS to apply for the new account. CC agreed that a gift should be purchased for Andrea Marjoribanks to thank her for her years of work on the flower tubs in Gavinton. Additionally, it was felt that previous committee members Ellen Curran, Tim Jackson and Kerry Renton should receive a gift in appreciation of their years of service on the CC. Committee agreed that a budget of £30 each be spent on appropriate vouchers. Carole kindly offered to purchase and deliver the gifts. 	CW KD AS KA
6	Planning Current Planning Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new planning applications since last meeting Update on W.Gavinton Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Moffat and Steve Hunter will obtain clarification on the various stages of the planning process and the terminology used to determine when it is appropriate for the community council to make comment. Planning application for the road systems within the W. Gavinton development are still listed as ‘registered’. Update on planning consent for empty plot ‘The Clachan’ Main St. Gavinton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr John Greenwell contacted the planning office on our behalf and determined that planning permission has now been given for a house on the empty plot ‘The Clachan’. 	SH SH DM
7	Communications – Website Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new CC website is ready to go ‘live’ however help will be required to keep the website updated. Steve Hunter has offered to make enquiries to outsource the running of the website. 	SH
8	Community Broadband <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tim Jackson updated the CC on the current status of community 	TJ

9	<p>broadband. Having considered all the options available, the committee decided to withdraw from the Community Broadband Scotland (CBS) aggregate programme in early December for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBS project would serve only 16% of the premises in in the CC area • Only 3 postcodes would be included in the CBS project, TD106YP, TD106YW and TD113RA. 18 CC postcodes would be excluded. • These 3 postcodes would be excluded from the R100 programme • Briskona already serves the GFPCC area and the company's sustainability is our local priority. 	TJ
10	<p>Community Improvements & Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Frances Renton met with Deputy Chief Executive of SBC Phillip Barr in Gavinton to discuss the condition of the roads. Philip Barr was in agreement that the roads were in a poor state of repair. As a result, South Street & Maitland Row are now on SBC programme of works with repairs expected within this financial year. Cllr Renton has agreed to make enquiries as to when these works are expected to begin. Additionally, Cllr Moffat contacted Matthew Matheson of SBC to expedite road repairs and reported to the CC that patching works to South Street & Maitland Row can be expected within the next 4-8 weeks. • Carole Wright reported to the CC that the road from Bogend to Fogo has been repaired by SBC. • Road signs for Cothill are now being manufactured and will be in place as soon as possible. • Update on bus shelter at Polwarth – Cllr Frances Renton has offered to enquire with SBC where would be a safe place at the roadside to erect a bus shelter. 	FR DM CW FR
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policing consultation- Police Scotland. AS to complete this survey on behalf of the CC. Community councillors also encouraged to use this survey to express their views. 	AS All
12	<p>Review of BT Payphones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Hunter informed Douglas Scott that the CC wished to adopt the phone boxes at Polwarth and Fogo. We do not wish to adopt the phone box at Gavinton. • SBC are to discuss the removal of BT phone boxes in the Scottish Borders on Thursday 10th November 2016. SBC may object to the removal of public phone boxes on safety grounds. CC will only adopt the phone boxes if SBC do not object to and prevent their removal. 	SH
13	<p>Keep Berwickshire Tidy Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gavinton, Fogo & Polwarth received a commendation from Berwickshire Civic Society in the 'Keep Berwickshire Tidy Awards'. The certificate will be displayed in the old post office window in Gavinton. AS agreed to contact Judy Torrance to enquire about when we might expect to receive the plaque. 	KD AS
14	<p>SBCCN Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Dickinson asked CC members to consider whether they would wish to be involved in future meetings. Should anyone be prepared to represent us they should contact AS. 	All
15	<p>Report on Meeting with John Dellow, SBC Team Leader-School Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1987 school bus passes were withdrawn from Gavinton children attending Berwickshire High School. As there is no safe walking route for the children from Gavinton to Duns an agreement was made with the service bus provider to provide high school children with a subsidised fare and divert the service into the Berwickshire High School bus park twice a 	AS

16	<p>day to drop off pupils and collect them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bus pass is no longer subsidised – currently 75p per journey • SBC cannot incur any expense in providing bus passes to children who are ineligible. As only one seat on the school bus is not accounted for by a child who holds a bus pass, they cannot allow Gavinton children to purchase a bus pass as they would incur the charge of providing a larger coach. In reality buses are not full as many children do not use their bus pass. • Children in Gavinton may pay 50p and travel on the school bus providing that seats are available. • There is the possibility of an appeal on the basis that the route to the bus stop is unsafe, this route is down the Redbrae path and across the main road. If successfully appealed SBC would have to provide bus passes or reroute the service bus into Gavinton village. 	AS
17	<p>Update on availability of a grant from SBC to maintain land at footbridge at Fogo.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A maintenance grant of up to £450 per year is available from SBC. Steve Hunter will contact Darren Silcock of SBC to determine which areas are currently maintained by SBC and which areas are the responsibility of the CC. 	SH
18	<p>Maintenance of the Redbrae Path</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Donald Moffat met with Darren Silcock to discuss maintenance of the Redbrae path. Darren Silcock was of the opinion that this path was well maintained by SBC and in an excellent state. Cllr Moffat will approach him again to try to get SBC cut back overhanging branches. 	DM
19	<p>Scottish Borders Walking Festivals 2018 to 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisers of this festival wish to know if GFPCC would like to be involved in organising future walking festivals • CC agreed that organising such an event would be beyond our resources 	SH
20	<p>Achievements of the current GFPCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although the current GFPCC are a relatively new committee many community issues are being addressed with success in obtaining a road sign for the village of Cothill and scheduled road repairs in Gavinton. In the near future, a new website for the GFPCC will be unveiled and social media will be employed to give greater communication with and feedback from the local community. 	
21	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Dickinson, Kirsten Arthur, David Ward and Amanda Stewart will arrange a meeting to establish a GFPCC Facebook page. • KD asked that John Marjoribanks be invited to the next meeting to speak about possible twinning of Gavinton and a French town. 	AS
22	<p>Dates of Meetings Next meeting Monday 19th December 2016. Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on 30th January, 13th March and 24th April 2017.</p>	
23	<p>The meeting closed at 9.05 pm</p>	

