



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, the 30th January 2017 at 7pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions: Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed, Councillor John Greenwell, Councillor Frances Renton (part only), Carole Wright, Amanda Stewart, Bryce Weir, Steve Hunter, Jean Coleman, Lorraine Tait, Terry O’Gorman.	
2	Apologies: Kirsten Arthur & David Ward	
3	Declarations of interest: None	
4	Minutes of the GFPCC Meeting 19th December 2016 Circulated to CC – no issues raised	
5	Matters arising from the minutes and not covered elsewhere in agenda John Marjoribanks will advise AS when progress has been made on the twinning arrangements between Gavinton and Villeneuve-au-Chemin with a view to returning to a future GFPCC meeting to update the CC and discuss further.	AS JM
6	Treasurers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new RBS business cheque account is now active and transfer of funds from the old account complete. The old CC deposit account is now closed. • The current balance of the CC account is £1047.23. • £1.71 of accrued interest was added prior to closing the deposit account. • A cheque for £101.50 has been issued to Keith Dickinson as reimbursement for annual fee for Gavinton.net internet site. • A cheque for £200 has been received by Danny Airlie as a gift in thanks for his work on establishing the CC website. Danny Airlie sent his thanks to all CC members for this much-appreciated gift. • Carole Wright requested that any CC members with expenses to claim should bring receipts to the next meeting on 13th March 2017 to allow accounts for the financial year to be completed by the end of March. 	CW
7	Communications <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The CC new website is about to go live, KD requests that all CC members review the information it contains and report any inaccuracies. Additionally, as much of the text in the website has not been recently updated KD requests assistance from CC members, if revised texts are provided to KD he will edit the relevant webpage. b. KD has requested that JC provides an introduction to the community cinema for display on the web-site. c. KD recently attended a meeting of the Gavinton Village Hall Committee to introduce them to the new community website. KD is hoping to find a volunteer from the Village Hall Committee to assist in updating the village hall pages on the web-site. d. KD reported that the new web-site will be checked this week by Jonny Nicholson (web-site host) with a view to removing the old web-site by Friday 3rd February and using the gavinton.net site for the new web-site. Updating of information within the web-site can continue after it is live. e. A meeting on CC communications and social media, involving AS, DW, KD & SH took place on Monday 30th January. At this meeting a Facebook page for ‘Gavinton Community Council’ was created. This FB page will be used to communicate community events, advertise CC meetings and gain feedback from the community. CC will organise a ‘mail-shot’ advertising the 	KD All JC KD KD

	<p>new Facebook page and website so that residents can be made aware and make use of these facilities.</p> <p>f. Carole Wright suggested to the meeting that CC meetings should be advertised in the 'what's-on' section of the Berwickshire News' and the committee agreed. SH has offered to pursue this on our behalf.</p>	SH
8	<p>Community Improvements and Maintenance</p> <p>a. The committee were pleased to note that temporary repairs to potholes were carried out on South Street & Maitland Row in Gavinton on 24th December 2016. It was noted by the committee that the potholes on the road linking 'The Green' to Main Street in Gavinton had been missed.</p> <p>b. At the CC meeting on 7th November 2016, FR reported back to the committee following her meeting with Deputy Chief Executive Philip Barr regarding the poor condition of South Street & Maitland Row in Gavinton. FR informed the meeting that – South Street & Maitland Row are now on SBC programme of works with repairs expected within this financial year. AS will provide information from this meeting to Cllr John Greenwell who has offered to pursue this issue within SBC to determine where road repairs in Gavinton are on the SBC programme of works and when more permanent road repairs may be expected.</p> <p>c. It was noted by the committee that the main road from Gavinton to Fogo now has significant and dangerous potholes as does Main Street in Gavinton near to the Old Manse. SH has offered to gather information on the potholes at 'The Green' in Gavinton, Main Street, Gavinton and on the Fogo road and pass this information to JG who will contact David Richardson at SBC for attention.</p> <p>d. Update on the bus shelter at Polwarth unavailable as FR was late attending this meeting due to other commitments.</p> <p>e. BW raised the issue of the poor state of the single-track road linking Gavinton to Duns. The condition of this road deteriorated significantly when the main road to Duns was closed for repair and all traffic was diverted down this very narrow road. The road edges have been broken and the verges are very churned up with mud making passing on-coming traffic on this road very hazardous. It was suggested that passing places on this road may improve safety and help prevent further damage to verges. Cllr Greenwell has offered to contact Darren Silcock on our behalf to determine whether passing places can be provided and to clarify if there are currently any plans by SBC to improve drainage at the road edges.</p>	<p>JG AS</p> <p>SH JG</p> <p>FR</p> <p>JG</p>
9	<p>Map of Core Paths within the CC area</p> <p>a) SH obtained a map of the core paths within the GFPCC area. These included the main road from Gavinton to Fogo and the road by the church at Fogo. Both of these routes are currently under the care of SBC. It was noted that if the routes are obstructed then the outdoor access manager at SBC should be contacted.</p> <p>b) Outdoor Access grants may be obtained for maintaining other paths within the GFPCC area that are regularly used by the community, the path within Brownlees Wood, Gavinton was given as an example.</p>	SH
10	<p>Update on winter preparedness meeting</p> <p>Jean Coleman and Carole Wright attended the recent winter preparedness meeting.</p> <p>a) It was suggested that Gavinton may benefit from having a defibrillator located within the village. The committee agreed that this matter should be pursued further. JC will contact Colin Baxter to see if he would attend a future meeting of the GFPCC to discuss the provision of a defibrillator, access and training.</p> <p>b) Scottish Power now have a new number to call in the event of a power cut – 105.</p> <p>c) Problems with roads should now be reported to AMEY</p>	JC

	<p>d) It was suggested that emergency phone numbers could be displayed on the community web-site</p> <p>e) It was suggested that a generator be purchased for the village hall however the CC felt that the cost may be prohibitive. An alternative suggestion was to identify those in the village who have a generator or other relevant facilities who may be prepared to help out during a winter emergency.</p>	
11	<p>GFPCC Insurance cover Insurance renewal form has been completed. KD to send the amended form to SBC.</p>	KD
12	<p>Update on the adoption of the red BT phonebox at Polwarth</p> <p>a) CC agreed to adopt the phone box at Polwarth and pay the £1 fee</p> <p>b) SH will contact BT to arrange the adoption</p> <p>c) Carole Wright queried the red phone box at Fogo. SH offered to check if there is still a BT phone in the box and report back.</p>	SH
13	<p>Berwickshire CC Forum AGM KD may attend this meeting on our behalf and report back.</p>	KD
14	<p>SBC policy on care for the elderly JG reported to the meeting that the most recent policy document on care of the elderly is displayed on SBC web-site listed under Health & Social Care. He noted that this policy is likely to change due to the current policy review on integrating health and social care. SBC are currently working on a new policy for dementia care. FR agreed to brief the CC on SBC current health and social care policy at the next GFPCC meeting.</p>	JG FR
15	<p>Update on field margin requirements</p> <p>a) Farmers receive £559 per hectare of land for having approved field margins to encourage wildlife to thrive.</p> <p>b) Farmers in the Cothill area are interested in implementing this policy but request help to cover the cost of wildflower seeds to be planted in the field margins.</p> <p>c) SH to investigate the cost implication of providing wild flower seeds and the possibility of the Blackhill Wind Farm Fund funding this.</p> <p>d) JG suggested an alternative source of funding from the SBC Small Schemes Budget – SH will contact Darren Silcock to discuss this possibility.</p>	SH SH

16	<p>Planning Current Planning Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SH will email the current GFPCC planning application summary to all members for their attention and comment b) 1 new planning application has been noted. The owners of the thatched cottage at Polwarth have applied for permission to place solar panels on the roof of the garage. If members of the CC have comment or objections they should be submitted to SH by the 12th of February 2017. c) Consultation on the future of Scottish Planning. SH to investigate whether this meeting is relevant to the work of the CC and whether a CC member should attend. 	SH
17	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) BW raised the issue of the maintenance of the planter boxes on Gavinton village green. AS will contact DW to see if The Learning Space wish to adopt the maintenance of any of these planters. BW and JC to query whether those residents living closest to the planters may be prepared to adopt one. b) The CC can provide funding for plants as necessary. Additional funds may be available from the SBC Quality of Life Fund by contacting Darren Silcock. c) LT raised the issue of funding for signs for the Polwarth Thorne on behalf of KA who was unable to attend the meeting. The CC provided £474 to cover the cost of signs and fixings. It has been noted by residents that current signs request respect for resident's privacy but do not mention the Polwarth Thorne. KD will check the signs to see if they are worded as agreed by the CC and report back. 	AS BW JC KD
18	<p>Dates of Meetings Next meeting Monday 13th March 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on 24th April and 5th June 2017. The meeting held on the 5th of June will include the AGM. 	
19	<p>The meeting closed at 8.45 pm</p>	

