



# GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall  
on Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	<b>Welcome and Introductions:</b> Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed Carole Wright, Amanda Stewart, Bryce Weir, Steve Hunter, Jean Coleman & Kirsten Arthur	
2	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr John Greenwell, Lorraine Tait & Stuart Tennant (Police Scotland)	
3	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None	
4	<b>Minutes of the GFPCC Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b> KA requested amendment regarding signs for Polwarth Thorne	AS
5	<p><b>Colin Baxter – Discussion of Defibrillators &amp; Their Use</b></p> <p>Colin Baxter kindly attended the CC meeting to demonstrate the different types of defibrillator available and discuss their ease of use in an emergency situation. The GFPCC area currently relies on 1<sup>st</sup> responders from Duns and the ambulance service to assist in a case of cardiac arrest. Colin explained that survival rates are greatly increased if a defibrillator is used within 8 mins of cardiac arrest. This 8-minute window of opportunity to save lives may be greatly enhanced by having a community defibrillator located in Gavinton.</p> <p>In 2014 there were between 30-40 public access defibrillators in the Borders area, and survival rates for out of hospital cardiac arrest were 4-5%. There are now 254 defibrillators and the survival rate has increased to 21.9% in the Scottish Borders. This survival rate is the highest in the country. Colin has made a database of all the public access defibrillators in the Borders with GPS locus. This database will be available to the ambulance control system so that anyone calling 999 can be directed to the nearest defibrillator.</p> <p>A Philips Heartstart defibrillator would cost £1200, and the heated cabinet in which it would be stored costs £400. The CC would have to raise the funds required. The CC were in agreement that a public access defibrillator located at the village hall in Gavinton would be an asset to the CC area and that we should pursue this aim.</p> <p>Possible funding sources discussed included: The Blackhill Wind Farm Fund, Cranshaws Wind Farm &amp; Kenneth Gunner of Scottish H.A.R.T., Community fundraising would also be required.</p> <p>AS to help co-ordinate this project, investigate costs &amp; possible fundraising ideas. The Defibrillator fundraising project may be advertised in the Berwickshire News (SH) the Facebook Page (AS) and on the community website (KD).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KD, BW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SH, AS, KD</p>
6	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current balance of the CC account is £745.73</li> <li>• The next allocation of funding for the CC is due in autumn 2017, previous funding included £630 Grant, £70 rent for Gavinton Village Hall, £60 for plants &amp; compost. There was discussion on whether putting a cap on expenses that can be claimed for plants &amp; compost for existing planters in Gavinton was appropriate. It was decided that a £100 cap would be applied.</li> </ul>	CW
7	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <p>a. The new community website is now live. KD is still editing the text. Ann Roberts has offered to help update the information on the village hall webpage. Lorraine Tait has previously offered to provide an updated text</p>	KD LT

	<p>for the Langton Church webpage. Dates of future CC meetings have been added to the website. JC will provide dates for the community cinema so that these may be added. CC should forward any news items to KD for addition to the website.</p> <p>b. There is now a link from the website to the FB page, AS to introduce a link from the FB page to the webpage to aid communications.</p>	<p>JC, All</p> <p>AS</p>
8	<p><b>Community Improvements and Maintenance</b></p> <p>a. FR was absent from the meeting and therefore unable to provide an update on the issue of a bus shelter at Polwath. KA will enquire to SBC as to a possible safe position for a bus shelter adjacent to the main road.</p> <p>b. SH and AS met with David Richardson- Asset Manager SBC on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and with Darren Silcock of SBC on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to discuss the CC ongoing concerns over the poor state of the roads within the CC area.</p> <p>c. SH prepared a map of our CC area prior to the meetings and labelled areas that require resurfacing through the planned works department (David Richardson) and showed the location of potholes that require repair/jet patching (Darren Silcock).</p> <p>d. David Richardson informed us that due to additional capital funding of £880,000 from the Scottish Government to SBC, £100,000 has been allocated to the resurfacing of South Street in Gavinton. This project will be included in the planned programme of works for 2017/18. At present David Richardson was unable to confirm the extent of works to be carried out, whilst the intention is to complete the whole length of South Street this cannot be confirmed until a detailed design for the works is completed. David Richardson will liaise and consult with the local community on the plans and proposals for South Street and may require assistance from the CC in arranging this.</p> <p>e. Darren Silcock is in charge of organising temporary and emergency road repairs. Darren has given the list of potholes shown on the map provided by SH to his technical assistant to ensure they are on the list of works. Additionally, he has informed us that he hopes to have the jet patcher on the roads within the next week or so depending on weather and material delivery.</p> <p>f. The poor state of the single-track road leading from Gavinton to Duns was discussed at both meetings, both David Richardson &amp; Darren Silcock confirmed that they had no budget for installing passing places as the CC had requested. Darren Silcock offered to find out the cost of a passing place and if less than £5000 he can put it forward as a small scheme for funding in the 2017/18 budget.</p> <p>g. Darren Silcock also informed us that they have a budget of £25,000 to improve drainage on the football fields at Gavinton. These works are now in progress.</p>	<p>FR</p> <p>KA</p> <p>SH</p> <p>AS</p>
9	<p><b>Update on the Adoption of Red BT Phone Boxes</b></p> <p>a) SH has contacted BT on 4 occasions to arrange adoption of the phone box at Polwarth, however BT have been unable to assist at this time due to a large backlog of work. SH will continue to pursue this.</p> <p>b) There is a phone in the red BT phone box at Fogo although it is unclear if this phone is maintained in working order. SH will contact BT to enquire if this box may also be adopted by the CC and the telephone equipment removed.</p>	<p>SH</p>

10	<p><b>Update on Berwickshire CC Forum and Berwickshire Area Forum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) KD was unable to attend the Berwickshire CC Forum.</li> <li>b) At the Berwickshire Area Forum, there was a presentation on the current position on NHS and Social Care Integration. The Borders have been divided into 7 areas for the planning of health &amp; social care and we are in the East Berwickshire area. KD will obtain more detail of the development of these policies once the minutes of the meeting become available.</li> <li>c) There was a presentation on the development of policy for renewable energy in the Borders. KD has offered to meet with the officer in charge of this policy and co-operate to provide feedback to aid SBC in the provision of renewable energy policy. BW and SH may accompany KD to give their feedback.</li> </ul>	KD  KD, BW, SH
11	<p><b>SBC current policy on health and social care</b> FR was absent from the meeting and so this briefing was unavailable.</p>	FR
12	<p><b>Update on funding for wild flower seeds to be planted in field margins</b> Darren Silcock (SBC) offered to request funding for wild flower seeds from the small schemes budget 2017/18.</p>	SH
13	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Survey by the Scottish Government on future of exploration/extraction of unconventional oil &amp; gas in Scotland. This survey has been e-mailed to all CC members and they have been invited to participate.</li> <li>b) Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership Survey. CC members are invited to share their views about where they live, likes/dislikes and things they would change. CC were keen to participate and AS will e-mail this survey to all members.</li> <li>c) Scotland's Floral Gateway Competition and Community Awards 2017. The CC discussed whether Gavinton should be entered into this competition. The committee felt that this competition might be beyond our resources at this time.</li> <li>d) Police Report. Stuart Tennant of Police Scotland apologised that there were no officers available to attend the meeting and reported that there were 114 incidents recorded in the wider Duns area but none reported in the GFPCC area. The CC felt that whilst there is no need for the police to attend each meeting that it would be helpful for one of the community police officers to attend one of our meetings to introduce themselves and then attend a meeting annually. AS to contact Stuart Tennant to communicate this.</li> </ul>	AS
14	<p><b>Planning</b> Current Planning Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Updated planning schedule was emailed by SH to all CC members prior to the meeting.</li> <li>b) One new application was noted, Dwelling at Crunklaw farm has applied for internal &amp; external alterations.</li> <li>c) It was noted that the application for a dwelling house SW of Campbell Lodge, Main St. Gavinton has now been approved.</li> </ul>	SH
15	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> SH to make enquiries to the Tree Charter Trust on our behalf to determine if funding is available for tree planting.</p>	SH

16	<b>Dates of Meetings</b> Next meeting Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2017. Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017. The meeting held on the 5 <sup>th</sup> of June will include the AGM.	
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The meeting closed at 8.55 pm</b></li></ul>	

