



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, the 24th April 2017 at 7pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions: Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed Cllr Donald Moffat, Stuart Tennant, Amanda Stewart, Steve Hunter, Jean Coleman, Lorraine Tait and David Ward.	
2	Apologies: Carole Wright, Kirsten Arthur, Terry O’Gorman, Bryce Weir	
3	Declarations of interest: None	
4	Minutes of the GFPCC Meeting 13th March 2017 Minutes approved with no amendments	AS
5	PC Stuart Tennant – Community Policing Stuart Tennant and Lee Harper are the two community police officers based in Duns who regularly attend local community council meetings and draft police reports for community councils. Stuart Tennant kindly agreed to attend the meeting to introduce himself to the CC and discuss local policing issues. Stuart identified local issues including, road safety, inconsiderate driving and anti-social behaviour however it was noted that there have been no incidents of this type reported for the GFPCC area in the latest report. In March a resident of Gavinton did contact the police, suspicious of charity collectors who had called to their door late in the evening. Subsequent enquiry determined that the collectors were genuine. Stuart also discussed hare coursing as an animal welfare offence which is prevalent in our area. There is often a criminal element involved in hare coursing with uninsured vehicles being used, betting on dogs and theft from agricultural buildings. Stuart is based at Duns Police Station, if the CC wish to discuss any matters of concern we can make an appointment with him there or e-mail him directly on stuart.tennant@scotland.pnn.police.uk Stuart will try to attend a CC meeting annually to advise us further on local issues.	ST
6	Treasurers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurers report unavailable as Carole Wright was absent 	CW
7	Communications <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Website update. Ann Roberts has provided information on Gavinton Village Hall to allow the relevant pages on the website to be updated. Gavinton community cinema dates and information on the Gavinton Defibrillator Fund to be added. b. SH produced an article which was published in the Berwickshire News advertising the community website and Facebook page. CC AGM in June, cinema club news and advertising for the Gavinton Defibrillator Fund should be included in the next Berwickshire News publication (SH). AS reported that there is now a link from the Facebook page to the community website. 	KD SH

8	<p>Community Improvements and Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. FR and KA were absent from the meeting and therefore unable to provide an update on the issue of a bus shelter at Polwarth. b. The Jetpatcher has been repairing potholes in the GFPCC area. All of the areas of concern shown on the 'pot-hole map' produced by SH and given to Darren Silcock of SBC have been repaired. c. Lorraine Tait identified further pot-holes on the Hardens Rd that require repair, SH has offered to investigate these and begin a new list of pot-holes that can be identified to SBC in the future. d. It was noted by Lorraine Tait that future funding for pot-hole repair may come from the SBC emergency response budget for resilient communities under the control of Jim Fraser the emergency planning officer. e. The SBC programme of works for this year which would include the resurfacing of South Street in Gavinton has not yet been received by the CC. SH to contact David Richardson to pursue this. 	FR KA SH
9	<p>Update on the Adoption of Red BT Phone Boxes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SH has received a contract from BT to formalise the adoption of the phone box at Polwarth. Copies have been given to KD and AS to read and sign. b) SBC wish BT to retain the phone in the phone box at Fogo as part of the resilient communities project and therefore the phone box is not available for adoption. 	SH KD AS
10	<p>SBC current policy on health and social care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) FR was absent from the meeting and so this briefing was unavailable. 	FR
11	<p>Broadband Update</p> <p>An update note on community broadband prepared by Tim Jackson was circulated to all CC members. The decision by the CC to withdraw from Community Broadband Scotland has now been formalised. Areas with substandard access to fast broadband may benefit from the R100 broadband project. TJ and KD met with Callum Kerr MP to discuss the promotion of superfast broadband in rural areas. There was discussion of dark-fibre ducts with the capacity for fibre-optic cable. Such cables exist within gas pipelines that cross the Scottish Borders through the Lammermuir hills and pass relatively close to the GFPCC area. It may be possible in the future to access this fibre-optic system and by digging trenches -extend the fibre cable to provide super-fast broadband with speeds higher than most other areas of the UK. This project would be labour intensive and require significant investment however may have significant economic implications for those who work or depend on tourism within the Scottish Borders.</p>	KD
12	<p>Funding for Defibrillator</p> <p>Jean Coleman informed the CC that Gavinton Cinema Club wish to donate the sum of £100 towards the Gavinton Defibrillator Fund. KD informed the meeting that the Gavinton Village Hall Committee will also be contributing to the fund although the exact sum has not yet been agreed upon. The CC would like to give thanks for these generous contributions.</p> <p>AS is organising sales of heart shaped shortbread biscuits following services in our local churches to raise funds for the defibrillator.</p> <p>It was suggested that Duns Football Club may wish to contribute to the fund as their junior players train in Gavinton. AS to pursue this.</p> <p>Application to the Blackhill Windfarm fund will be made in August.</p> <p>Cllr Donald Moffat suggested that we apply for a grant from the Area Forum - Quality of Life Fund. AS to contact Linda Cornwall to discuss this.</p>	AS

13	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Survey by the Scottish Government on improving parking in Scotland. This survey has been e-mailed to all CC members and they have been invited to participate. b) Police Report for GFPCC Area -March 2017 has been forwarded to all CC members. c) Judy Torrence informed AS that the plaque from Berwickshire Civic Society will be available in May 2017. 	AS
14	<p>Planning</p> <p>Current Planning Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Updated planning schedule was emailed by SH to all CC members prior to the meeting. b) One new application was noted, retrospective application for a satellite dish on a listed building at bog-end. No objection to this application was made at the meeting. c) KD has been contacted by Neil Bennet regarding planning permission for a building plot in Polwarth. The plot has been taken on by Fleming Homes who have applied for a non-material change to the planning permission. Neil Bennet is contesting that the changes constitute a material variation to the previously granted permissions. Scott Shearer of SBC planning department is currently reviewing this application. The CC are now aware of the situation regarding this planning application and will have the opportunity to comment if the application is returned to the planning stage. 	SH KD
15	<p>Dates of Meetings</p> <p>Next meeting will be the AGM at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 5th June 2017.</p>	
16	<p>The meeting closed at 8.30 pm</p>	

