



**GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
Minutes of the AGM held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, the 5th June 2017 at 7pm

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions: Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed Cllr Donald Moffat, Cllr John Greenwell, Cllr Mark Rowley, Amanda Stewart, Steve Hunter, Jean Coleman, David Ward, Bryce Weir, Carole Wright, Kirsten Arthur and Terry O’Gorman	
2	Apologies: Lorraine Tait	
3	Declarations of interest: None	
4	<p>Chairmans Report</p> <p>A copy of the chairman’s report was circulated to all CC members prior to the meeting. Keith Dickinson noted that following the election of 8 new members to the community council in May 2016 – the council has now been operating very effectively at full strength with 10 members. Keith recorded his thanks to all members of the CC for their individual contributions which are greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Our 3 SBC councillors, Frances Renton, Donald Moffat & John Greenwell have attended many of our meetings and provided helpful guidance and useful contributions to our discussions. Keith Dickinson wished particularly to extend his thanks to Frances Renton who supported our CC over many years first as a community council member and later as an SBC councillor. KD will write to Frances Renton with a formal note of thanks on behalf of the GFPCC. Following recent SBC elections her place as one of our SBC councillors has been taken by Cllr Mark Rowley, KD welcomed Cllr Mark Rowley on behalf of the CC.</p> <p>A copy of the annual planning summary was circulated to all members. We have tracked 18 planning applications since the 24th May 2016; 15 new applications and 3 existing ones. All can be viewed at the Gavinton.net website or on SBC website. It was noted that the Inchmoor wind farm planning application had been withdrawn. We are still awaiting work commencing on the road junction at Gavinton (Main Street/A6105) which must be completed before the West Gavinton development can begin.</p> <p>The CC has made major efforts over the past year to tackle the issue of road maintenance and potholes. Meetings have been held with senior SBC officers and SH prepared a map of our CC area showing the location of potholes. As a result David Richardson of SBC has informed us that £100,000 has been allocated to the resurfacing of south street in Gavinton. Darren Silcock of SBC, who is in charge of temporary and emergency road repairs, received our list of potholes which have now been repaired with the SBC jetpatcher. Darren Silcock also informed us that SBC provided a budget of £25,000 to improve drainage on the football fields at Gavinton, this work has now been completed. KD recorded his thanks to SH for his efforts in this area over the past year.</p> <p>Jean Coleman & Lorraine Tait have done a great job with resilient communities planning. We now have a plan in place, stores and equipment held at various locations throughout the CC area and co-ordinators have signed up for SBC alerts. KD requested that more volunteers are required and anyone willing to help should contact Jean or Lorraine.</p>	KD

	<p>Former CC chair John Marjoribanks, has been working to encourage a twinning relationship between Gavinton and Villeneuve-au Chemin in France. The CC are keen for this twinning project to be advanced with Gavinton hosting visitors from Villeneuve-au Chemin later this year. John agreed to form a twinning committee and if possible arrange future reciprocal visits and pursue other potential benefits including connections with French language students from the GFPCC area.</p> <p>GFPCC continue to represent the views of the community on a wide variety of topics both directly to SBC and other statutory bodies and indirectly through the Berwickshire Area Forum and Scottish Borders Community Councils Network.</p> <p>Late in 2016 a newly developed Gavinton.net website became live thanks to a team including Danny Airlie, John Robertson, Jonny Nicholson and Keith Dickinson. KD will update the website. Gavinton community have also set up a Facebook page managed by AS & DW.</p>	
5	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual abstract of accounts was circulated to all CC members prior to the meeting. • Current balance of the account - £735.73 • The community council annual support grant from SBC has not yet been received. CW contacted SBC to ask whether, subject to receipt of annual accounts and minutes stating that the CC agreed to the SBC code of conduct, we would be receiving a grant this year. CW was advised that this would be the case however no payments were being made at present as the SBC budget was still to be approved. • Cllr John Greenwell kindly offered to check whether this information was correct and whether SBC annual budget had been approved. • Formal agreement of the accounts was proposed by Bryce Weir and seconded by Steve Hunter, KD signed the accounts. 	CW
6	<p>Proposals for amendment of the CC constitution No amendments were proposed</p>	
7	<p>Election of office bearers No CC members wished to contest the positions and current office bearers were happy to continue in their positions. Jean Coleman proposed: KD -Chair KA -Vice-Chair CW -Treasurer AS -Secretary This proposal was seconded by Terry O'Gorman.</p>	KD
8	<p>Appointment of auditors Angus McMillan was appointed as auditor</p>	
9	<p>Agreement to abide by the Scottish Borders Code of Conduct for Community Councillors All members agreed to abide by this code of conduct.</p>	
	<p>Other General Business</p>	
10	<p>Minutes of the GFPCC Meeting 24th April 2017 Minutes approved with no amendments</p>	AS
11	<p>Matters arising from the minutes and not covered elsewhere on the agenda</p> <p>Presentation on SBC current policy on health and social care by Frances Renton was removed from the agenda as FR will not be available to give this briefing. Cllr John Greenwell has recently joined an SBC subcommittee on health and social care integration and has kindly offered to give this briefing to the GFPCC at the next meeting.</p>	AS
12	<p>CC Vacancies Jean Coleman wishes to stand down from the CC in September 2017. The CC will</p>	

	therefore require to elect a new member. AS to contact Pauline Bolson to determine the election procedure.SH to indicate our desire to seek nominations for membership of the Community Council, including dates, in our next article in the Berwickshire News.	
13	<p>Community Improvements and Maintenance</p> <p>a. Issue of bus shelter at Polwarth KA emailed FR prior to recent elections for assistance in identifying a safe location for a bus shelter at Polwarth with no response. KA has now been trying to further this issue for 1 year with no progress. Cllr Mark Rowley has kindly offered to make enquiries on our behalf with SBC to see if a safe location can be identified.</p> <p>b. SBC programme of works – including S.Street resurfacing. Cllr John Greenwell informed SH that SBC have not yet finalised the plans for the programme of works and that it should be available within the next week. AS to contact David Richardson of SBC to request a public consultation on the resurfacing works to be carried out on S.Street, Gavinton.</p>	KA SH
14	<p>Update on the adoption of the red BT phone box at Polwarth</p> <p>KD has read the agreement for the sale and purchase of telephone kiosks supplied by BT. KD signed this agreement at the meeting, AS witnessed the signature. CW provided the cheque from GFPC to pay for the adoption of the phone box. AS to send the signed agreement and cheque to BT.</p>	KD
15	<p>Funding for defibrillator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Coleman submitted a resilient communities' application on our behalf for a defibrillator from the British Red Cross. Cllr John Greenwell will pursue this application with Kevin Sewel of SBC to see if it was successful. • Keith Dickinson will submit an application for funding from the Blackhill Wind Farm in August. • KD and AS to meet with Rosie Letts on Thursday the 8th June to discuss using her late husband Charlie Letts name in fundraising for the defibrillator. Once a decision is made on the name of the fund – SH will announce fundraising for the defibrillator in the Berwickshire News. • AS to apply to the SBC quality of life fund for funding for a defibrillator. • The Gavinton Village Hall Committee have informed us that they will be making a donation to the defibrillator fund, the amount will be agreed at their next meeting – 6th June 2017. • Lesley Redden will contact Duns FC (Juniors) to request a donation. • The current balance of the defibrillator fund is £177.70. Funds have been donated from Gavinton Community Cinema £100, Dr & Kirsten Arthur £30 and £47.70 from sales of heart shaped biscuits. • BW suggested fundraising during Reivers week when the common riding comes to Gavinton – Maureen McLoughlin whose husband Alistair recently passed away from heart problems intimated to Bryce that she would like to help in fundraising possibly by contributing to a raffle. The CC appreciates this kind offer. 	AS
16	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) Stuart Tennant provided a focused community policing report which was circulated to all CC members prior to the meeting. AS to contact Stuart Tennant to discuss parking at the football fields particularly on a Monday evening as a local issue causing disruption and disturbance.</p> <p>b) 20mph members bill. CC discussed whether as a group we would be in support of this private members bill. There was a mixed response with concern that new speed limits would be irrelevant if not correctly policed. Others felt that 20mph limits imposed in areas of Edinburgh had</p>	AS

	<p>significantly reduced driver speeds in key areas. CC members were encouraged to participate in this online consultation. KD to give an official response to the consultation on behalf of the CC reflecting the variety of views expressed during the discussion. The CC reflected that reducing driver speeds is important in saving lives, and the need for traffic calming measures on Main St. Gavinton. It was suggested that signs could be placed at either end of the village on Main St. that flashed to say slow down if drivers were exceeding the 30mph limit. Cllr Moffat has kindly offered to contact Robbie Yates, Brian Young or Gary Holding of SBC to determine if it is possible to obtain these traffic calming signs for Gavinton.</p> <p>c) Non-executive appointment opportunity NHS Borders. CC members were invited to apply for this position and all relevant information was forwarded to members prior to the meeting.</p>	
17	<p>Planning Current Planning Summary</p> <p>a) Updated planning schedule was emailed by SH to all CC members prior to the meeting.</p> <p>b) One new application was noted-Land at Stackyard west of Hardens Farm, a new application has been registered for a dwelling house and garage. CC members may view this application on the website.</p>	SH
18	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BW has been trying to organise those households nearest to flower planters in Gavinton to adopt & maintain them. This process is currently ongoing. • BW raised the issue of the need for passing places on the single-track road leading from Gavinton to Duns. Darren Silcock of SBC had previously offered to apply for funding for passing places from the small schemes budget. SH to pursue this and determine if any application for funding has been made. 	
19	<p>Dates of Meetings Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 14th August, Monday 25th September, Monday 6th November and Monday 11th December 2017.</p>	
20	<p>The meeting closed at 8.30 pm</p>	

