



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, the 14th August 2017 at 7pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions: Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed Cllr John Greenwell, Cllr Mark Rowley, Carole Wright, Amanda Stewart, Bryce Weir, Steve Hunter, Jean Coleman, Kirsten Arthur, David Ward, Terry O’Gorman & Lorraine Tait.	
2	Apologies: Cllr Donald Moffat	
3	Declarations of interest: None	
4	Minutes of the GFPCC Meeting 5th June 2017 Minutes approved with no amendments.	AS
5	Matters arising from the minutes and not covered elsewhere on the agenda Keith Dickinson wrote to Frances Renton on behalf of the community councillors thanking her for her many years of support and assistance to the GFPCC.	KD
6	Treasurers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current balance of the CC account is £1712.43 • The next allocation of funding for the CC has now been received from SBC, £630 Grant, £70 rent for Gavinton Village Hall. • £347.70 in donations for the defibrillator fund has been deposited in the CC account for safekeeping. 	CW
7	CC Vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Coleman is retiring from the CC in September 2017. We will therefore have a vacancy on the committee to fill. • KD spoke to Pauline Bolson to clarify the election procedure. At present an election for the GFPCC is held every 4 years although more frequent elections may be held as decided by the committee. We can co-opt up to 2 people onto the committee without the need for an election as a casual vacancy or specialist co-option. • The CC felt that it would be easier to co-opt a new member at this time rather than hold an election. SH will put an advertisement in the Berwickshire news requesting residents who are interested in membership of the CC should contact us. KD will discuss the position with applicants. • Our next election should be in May 2020. There was discussion over whether it would be more appropriate to hold elections to replace half of the committee every 2 years to maintain continuity. It was decided that we will wait to see the level of interest in the co-opted position before deciding on the frequency of future elections. 	SH, KD
8	Community Improvements and Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Mark Rowley has made enquiries within SBC regarding the possibility of a bus shelter for Polwarth but was informed that there is neither space or budget to place a shelter where the bus currently stops. MR will continue his enquiries on our behalf to try to identify a place that would be appropriate for a bus shelter and additionally request a bus stop sign. • AS contacted David Richardson in June 2017 regarding a public meeting to discuss the resurfacing of South Street, Gavinton. David Richardson was in agreement that a public meeting would be useful to the design and management of the project and confirmed that it was still his intention to hold one. David Richardson did not feel that the project was sufficiently 	MR KA AS

	<p>advanced to warrant a meeting at that time. MR informed the meeting that the resurfacing of South Street is now on the SBC schedule of works for October 2017. AS to confirm the schedule of works with David Richardson and request that a public meeting now be arranged so that residents may be part of the planning and design process in addition to understanding the extent and possible disruption that will be necessary to carry out the works.</p>	
9	<p>Update on the Adoption of Red BT Phone Boxes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The red phone box at Polwarth has now been adopted by the GFPCC. Kirsten Arthur to contact Neil & Jacqui Bennet, Sue Scott and Janie Seed to discuss possible ways that the community may make use of the phone box. It was previously suggested that the phone box be used as a book exchange. 	KA
10	<p>Update on Funding for the Gavinton Defibrillator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JC applied on our behalf to the British Red Cross for a defibrillator. KD has now received confirmation that Gavinton has been selected to receive a defibrillator from the BRC. We should receive the defibrillator within the next 2 weeks. The CC must still purchase the heated cabinet in order to safely store the defibrillator. £347.70 has so far been raised with offers of £100 from the Gavinton cinema and a donation from Gavinton Village Hall Committee still to come. Additionally, a fundraising raffle was held during Reivers week, AS to contact Sandra Brodie to confirm the amount raised. CC have been approached by the Berwickshire Housing Association in Duns offering potential funding for the defibrillator/ cabinet. The CC will determine if further funding is required before pursuing this kind offer. The CC will wait until the defibrillator is received before ordering the cabinet to ensure that they are compatible. 	KD AS AS,KD
11	<p>SBC current policy on health and social care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JG is currently on the SBC subcommittee on health and social care integration. Unfortunately, the meeting of this committee which was scheduled to take place prior to the CC meeting was postponed. JG cannot currently give more information on health and social care policy than has been published in the Health and Social Care Localities Plan Berwickshire. The next meeting of the sub-committee should take place in the next 2 weeks and so JG will hopefully have an update at our next meeting. 	JG
12	<p>Update on road signs to reduce traffic speed on Main Street, Gavinton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JG spoke on behalf of Cllr Donald Moffat who was making enquiries on our behalf with SBC but was unable to attend the meeting. DM had spoken to Garry Holden of SBC who suggested that flashing 30 mph or slow down signs which have a solar panel to reduce running costs may be appropriate. Funding for signs may be sought from the Localities Committee. JG will forward an e-mail with further information on road signs for Gavinton from DM to AS. Terry O’Gorman has kindly offered to pursue this issue and AS will pass all relevant information on to him. 	JG/DM AS/TO’G
13	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Social Care Localities Plan Berwickshire- Consultation. Documents for this consultation have been circulated to all CC members. All community councillors have been encouraged to read and respond individually to this consultation. BAVS are holding a meeting on this consultation paper on 30th August 2017, KD and BW will attend this meeting on our behalf. CC may forward their responses to this consultation to KD so that he may represent our views at the meeting. 	AS All KD/BW

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Report for GFPCC area July 2017 was circulated to all CC members prior to the meeting. 	AS
14	<p>Update on passing places for the single-track road leading from Gavinton to Duns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SH contacted Darren Silcock of SBC to discuss the possibility of constructing passing places however he was informed that Darren Silcocks department has no budget for passing places and that he was passing this request on to SBC network department. At this time SH has had no response to his enquiries from SBC network department. Cllr John Greenwell & Cllr Mark Rowley suggested that funding may be available from the Small Schemes budget via the Localities Committee. SH to contact Darren Silcock to request costings for passing places so that an application may be made to the Localities Committee prior to their next meeting if possible on the 7th September. 	SH
15	<p>Planning Current Planning Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated planning schedule was emailed by SH to all CC members prior to the meeting. One new application was noted, a retrospective application for a satellite dish at Bogend Cottages. It was noted that the application for a dwelling house west of Hardens Cottages has now been approved. 	SH
15	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve Hunter raised a question from a member of the public regarding the need for planning permission to site a shipping container in a residential garden. KD queried this with Scott Shearer of SBC planning department and confirmed that planning permission would not be required. Bryce Weir queried the method of reimbursement for those volunteers who have purchased plants and soil for the planters in Gavinton. Bryce will collect receipts and pass them to CW who will issue a cheque to cover costs. Additionally, Bryce will e-mail AS with the names of those who have volunteered. Recognition for their hard work can then be given via the website, FB page and newspaper. CW queried whether SBC are responsible for maintaining the path to the footbridge at Fogo which is currently very overgrown. The CC confirmed that this path is maintained by SBC. CW to contact Darren Silcock to request that the path is cleared. KD has received a national transport survey from IPSOS Mori and a consultation on transport for the Scottish Borders from Jacob Transport. KD will complete these consultations on behalf of the community council but requests that councillors contact him with any views on transport so that he may reflect these in his responses. KD informed the CC that the Area Forum is being replaced by the Berwickshire Locality Committee. This new committee will have greater funds and responsibilities and will attract the attendance of larger community groups. KD encouraged the CC members to attend future meetings of the Locality Committee. KD suggested possible sources of funding for future CC initiatives. These included the Blackhill Wind Farm Fund, Berwickshire Housing Association, SBC charitable bequests. KD requested any news items for the web-site in order to keep it up to date. 	SH CW AS CW KD KD KD KD/All

16	Dates of Meetings Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 25 th September, Monday 6 th November and Monday 11 th December.	
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting closed at 8.40 pm	

