

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, the 25th September 2017 at 7pm

Item	Comment	Action			
1	Welcome and Introductions: Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed Cllr Donald Moffat, Cllr Mark Rowley, Amanda Stewart, Bryce Weir, Terry O'Gorman & Lorraine Tait.				
2	Apologies: Steve Hunter, Kirsten Arthur, Carole Wright, David Ward.				
3	Declarations of interest: None				
4	Minutes of the GFPCC Meeting 14 th August 2017 Minutes approved with no amendments.				
5	Matters arising from the minutes and not covered elsewhere on the agenda Keith Dickinson wished to record on behalf of the CC our great regard for Ellen Curran who recently passed away. Ellen contributed greatly to the community council, village hall committee and community cinema. Her many years of work greatly enhanced the life of the village and surrounding area. KD to write to Ellen's family to express our condolences. Keith Dickinson also wished to thank Jean Coleman as she retires from the community council for all her work with the CC including the many years that she was vice-chairperson. Thanks, were also given for Jean Colemans contributions to the resilient communities' project. KD to present JC with £30 gardening vouchers as a thank-you gift from the CC.	KD			
6	Treasurers Report CW was absent from the meeting but circulated the treasurers report to all CC members prior to the meeting. • The current balance of the CC account is £1687.43 • Cheque to be paid to KD for £6.34 to cover website fees.	CW			
7	 CC Vacancies SH put an article in the Berwickshire news and KD put an item on the website advertising the co-opted position for the community council. Neither advert has produced any enquiries thus far The CC will continue with 9 members however if any members know of anyone who may be interested in joining the CC they should bring them along to the next meeting. 	KD/AII			
8	 Community Improvements and Maintenance Bus Shelter at Polwarth Cllr Mark Rowley has made enquiries with the bus operator with regard to placing a bus stop sign, this may be the responsibility of the operator rather than SBC. MR to further these enquiries and report back. Cllr Mark Rowley has enquired with SBC about the possibility of placing a bus shelter at Polwarth but was informed that there is currently no budget available for bus shelters. MR investigating whether a bus shelter could be made by the criminal reparations department through a scheme whereby we provide the wood and they build the shelter. The area of grass verge currently used for the bus stop is not big enough for a shelter and so an alternative area must be identified. Re-surfacing of South Street, Gavinton 	MR KA			
	 AS contacted David Richardson for an update on plans for the re-surfacing of South Street, Gavinton. The planned resurfacing has been delayed by 3 	AS			

	 months due to lack of available resources to develop the design for the works. Work is now scheduled for Jan-Mar 2018. AS to contact David Richardson to confirm the date for the public meeting to be held as part of the desogn process. Passing places for single-track road from Gavinton to Duns KD reported that our local SBC Councillors voted in favour of funding from the Small Schemes budget for the passing places at the recent Localities Committee meeting and the required funding has now been approved. Steve Hunter met with Darren Silcock of SBC to discuss the possible positioning of the passing places. Funding has been secured for the construction of 2 passing places. There is a current planning application for a dwelling on land west of Langton Birches, this is on the same stretch of road on which the passing places are to be sited. KD has commented on this planning proposal on behalf of the CC. The CC have no issue with the design of the building but concerns over access to the site, safety and site-lines. This stretch of road has very poor-quality edges, if construction was approved the frontage would require to be improved and drained. KD suggested that the planners speak to Darren Silcock as this potential development may have an effect on the location of the passing places referred to above. 	KD/SH
9	 Update on Plans for the Red BT Phone Box at Polwarth KA was unable to attend the meeting but sent a message to the CC that there is broad support in Polwarth for a community book exchange in the old phone box and that she has gathered a small group of interested people to help organise this. 	КА
10	 We have now received the defibrillator from the British Red Cross. The CC sends thanks to John Fraser and Kevin Sewell of the resilient communities committee for getting it from the British Red Cross. MR suggested that postcards showing the location of the defibrillator be printed and posted through doors in the GFPCC area to ensure that everyone will know that we have a defibrillator and its exact location in case of emergency. MR suggested that we organise a community familiarisation day so that as many people as possible from Gavinton and the surrounding areas (including the Duns FC junior coaches) will know where the defibrillator is located and be confident in using it if necessary. It was decided that such an event could be held at Gavinton Village Hall on 	KD
	 a Saturday with tea & cake to encourage attendance. Colin Baxter will be contacted to arrange demonstration of the defibrillator. 1st responders from Duns & fire brigade may also be invited to help familiarise people with using the defibrillator. AS to organise purchasing the heated cabinet in which the defibrillator will be stored and charged and to purchase specialised electrodes for the defibrillator so that it may be used on children if required. AS reported that the balance of the defibrillator fund now stands at 	AS
44	 £717.70. This money will be used for purchase of the cabinet & additional electrodes. AS to send a list of donors to the defibrillator fund to KD so that they may be formally thanked through the news page on the community website and through an article to be submitted to the Berwickshire News. 	AS/KD
11	 SBC current policy on health and social care Cllr John Greenwell was absent from the meeting and therefore the update on health and social care integration from the Joint Integration Board was unavailable. 	JG

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12	 Update on road signs to reduce traffic speed on Main Street, Gavinton Cllr Donald Moffat reported that flashing signs to warn drivers to slow down 	
	cost around £4000 each and that there is currently no budget for this. DM	DM
	suggested that funds could be sought from the Localities Committee.	
	 DM suggested contacting Police Scotland to organise covert operations at 	
	particular times of the day when speeding is an issue to apprehend the	
	 worst offenders. The committee felt that advice should be sought from both Police Scotland 	
	and Garry Haldane who is involved in traffic management for SBC.	
	Speeding is not the only traffic issue affecting Gavinton. Parking at the	
	football fields on a Monday evening and on weekends when football	
	tournaments are held was also identified as a danger to both traffic and	
	 Pedestrians. KD and BW to meet with Garry Haldane in Gavinton to discuss ways to 	KD/BW
	 KD and BW to meet with Garry Haldane in Gavinton to discuss ways to improve road safety in Gavinton. 	
	AS to contact Stuart Tennant (community police) about parking issues	AS
	around the football fields.	
13	Health & Social Care Localities Plan- update on consultation meeting	KD/DV4
	 KD and BW attended a consultation meeting on plans for the integration of health and social care in Berwickshire. This consultation involved 	KD/BW
	completing a yes/no questionnaire to show support or concern for the	
	proposals. KD and BW felt that the questions were worded specifically to	
	weight responses towards a yes response thereby showing support for the	
	health and social care localities plan. BW and KD also thought that the	
	questions were broad in nature allowing no discussion of the details of the plans. It was felt that such a questionnaire would fail to correctly inform the	
	planning process. KD and BW felt that this was a false consultation	
	process.	
	 KD has submitted comments reflecting the views discussed above in 	
	response to the consultation on behalf of the CC.	KD
	 KD to contact JG to ensure that the CC views on the consultation process are taken forward. 	IND.
14	Discussion of future news-items for the web-site	
	 KD requested any news items for the web-site to keep it current. 	KD/AII
	AS to clarify with BW all those involved in looking after the flower tubs in	AS
	Gavinton and forward to KD for inclusion as a news item on the web-site.	
15	Correspondence Consultations on Police Scatland Survey Scatland's Law Emission Zones	AS
	 Consultations on Police Scotland Survey, Scotland's Low Emission Zones, Climate Change & Scottish Borders Community Plan were forwarded to all 	
	CC members.	
	 All community councillors were encouraged to read and respond 	All
	individually to these consultations.	
	Police Report for GFPCC area August 2017 was circulated to all CC members prior to the meeting.	
	members prior to the meeting.	AS
16	Planning	
	SH was unable to attend the meeting but sent KD the latest planning	
	summary. There are no new planning applications to discuss at this time.	KD/SH
	 There are no new planning applications to discuss at this time. Local Development Plan 2: KD reminded members that a "Drop-in session" 	110/011
	and "Workshop" had been planned to take place on Duns on 5 th October as	
	part of the planning process for the next Development plan. Details can be	
	found on the SBC website.	

17	Other Business CW circulated a message to CC members prior to the meeting in relation to the maintenance of the path at Fogo. The grass has now been cut and the area tidied. CW is querying who at SBC is responsible for the upkeep of this area and how often it should be attended to. This message from CW has been forwarded to Cllr Moffat who has offered to help identify the person within SBC responsible for the maintenance of this path.	CW
18	Dates of Meetings Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 6 th November and Monday 11 th December.	
19	The meeting closed at 8.40 pm	