



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, the 6th November 2017 at 7pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions: Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed Robert McCulloch-Graham, Cllr Donald Moffat, Cllr Mark Rowley, Cllr John Greenwell, Amanda Stewart, Carole Wright, David Ward & Kirsten Arthur	
2	Apologies: Steve Hunter, Bryce Weir, Terry O’Gorman.	
3	Declarations of interest: None	
4	<p>Robert McCulloch-Graham, Chief Officer Integration Joint Board.</p> <p>Robert McCulloch-Graham kindly agreed to attend the CC meeting to discuss concerns of GFPCC members over consultations and plans for integration of NHS and social care services.</p> <p>Keith Dickinson explained that the CC has been keen to engage with the NHS and SBC on integration of health and social care but felt that there was a lack of confidence in the process with the public consultation lacking in sufficient detail to properly inform the planning process. There is a need for a shift in emphasis from NHS acute care to health promotion and improving opportunities for people to stay within their own communities. Additionally, there is no mention in the consultation process of potential conflicts between agencies or problems around competition for resources with money being allocated to a shared objective. The CC would like to see a strategy developed based on local needs with clear and measurable outcomes.</p> <p>Robert McCulloch-Graham explained that he is reasonably new in post and keen to hear the views of local communities. He explained that the needs of our ageing population with increasing demands on both acute and social care services cannot continue to be met by the current system of NHS and SBC social care services at a time when less funds are available. Integration of these services is essential for the future although this is both ambitious and complicated. The IJB must decide how money from the NHS and SBC is invested in health and social care with money allocated according to the needs of each area. IJB will be responsible for all health and social care with the exception of acute hospital care.</p> <p>There is great community spirit in the Scottish Borders, it is the hope of the IJB that local resources both funded and voluntary can be employed to care for more people in the community allowing people to spend longer in their own homes and away from more expensive care. Caring for more people in their communities will allow acute hospital services to use their resources more efficiently. There is a need for consultation with communities to identify both the needs and local resources available. In the Scottish Borders there has been an increase in patients ‘stranded’ in hospital in the last 18 months with no safe destination for transfer. Additionally, the Borders have higher rates of hospital admissions as there are limited options for GPs concerned about patients. Money must be taken from acute services in order to develop places where people may recuperate until they are well enough to go home with a suitable care package. At a time of great pressure on acute services this is likely to be a slow process.</p> <p>The consultation process represents the stage that the IJB has reached thus far. The IJB must identify community resources and needs in order to develop a strategic plan. Strategy and resources will be allocated according to need.</p> <p>Cllr Donald Moffat raised the issue of the limitations of care in the community commenting that there are no care-homes in Duns although there are plans to build 44 sheltered housing units in Station Rd, Duns. Cllr Moffat also raised the</p>	

	<p>difficulties caused by the lack of available public transport in rural areas. Available facilities must be joined with the needs of a rural area.</p> <p>Cllr Greenwell commented that it is better to carry out care package assessments in a care home environment than in hospital.</p> <p>Cllr Rowley commented that consultations on community needs and voluntary resources should be carried out at the Localities Committee Meeting with representatives of 10 community councils present.</p> <p>Robert McCulloch-Graham replied that a community hub will be established in each of the 5 localities where people can be assessed locally. Berwickshire will have a lead person appointed to be responsible for the locality. In response to transport issues the IJB is considering the potential for the voluntary sector to provide transport. Integration of a transport hub is on-going to join up the bus network with NHS patient transport and 3rd sector volunteers. Robert McCulloch-Graham said that this was the 1st of many meetings he hopes to have with community groups around the Scottish Borders.</p> <p>KD thanked Robert McCulloch-Graham on behalf of the CC for attending the meeting and giving a clear over-view on the current progress made on integration of health and social care.</p>	
5	<p>Amendment to the GFPC constitution and standing orders</p> <p>KD has been consulting with Pauline Bolson on resolving issues within our constitution and standing orders. Re-wording section 2.7 and 4.1 of the standing orders would deal with issues of members not complying with the code of conduct for community councils. Section 2.7 should read:</p> <p><i>The Council may by resolution, suspend for the next meeting and/or the remainder of a meeting already in progress any member disregarding the authority of the chairperson of the meeting, or failing to abide by the SBC Scheme for the establishment of Community Councils- Schedule 3- Code of conduct for Community Councillors.</i></p> <p>Section 4.1 should read:</p> <p><i>The standing Orders may be amended at any meeting of the Council provided that previous notice of the motion to that affect has been given in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.1.</i></p> <p>The changes to the standing orders were proposed by KA and seconded by DW. Changes to the constitution, dated August 2014. It is proposed that paragraph 16.1 is modified. An extraordinary meeting is required to change the constitution to be held with a minimum of 1 months' notice. This extraordinary meeting will take place 30 mins prior to the next meeting of the CC on 11th December 2017. AS to notify all CC members of this meeting. KD to put a notice of this meeting on the website.</p>	KD/AS
6	<p>Minutes of the GFPC Meeting 25th September 2017</p> <p>Minutes approved with no amendments.</p>	AS
7	<p>Matters arising from the minutes and not covered elsewhere on the agenda</p> <p>Keith Dickinson has written, on behalf of the CC, to Ellen Currans family to express our condolences and express gratitude for all that Ellen contributed to the work of the community council and the wider community.</p> <p>Steve Hunter has written to KD to resign from the CC for reasons of poor health. KD has written to Steve Hunter to thank him for all his many contributions to the CC.</p>	KD
8	<p>Treasurers Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The balance of the CC account is £1687.43 (Sept 2017) • Cheque to be paid to Scottish H.A.R.T for £355 for defibrillator cabinet • Cheque to be paid to AS for £136.08 – reimbursement for purchase of paediatric defibrillator electrodes. 	CW
9	<p>Community Improvements and Maintenance</p> <p>Bus Shelter at Polwarth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Mark Rowley has determined that the Polwarth bus stop is listed on the national bus-stop database with hail & ride available at any point on this 	MR KA

	<p>route. MR has written to Borders Buses requesting a bus-stop sign. KD and KA agreed that a sign would be useful to identify the site for the bus stop. There is still no progress on identifying a safe site on which a bus shelter can be erected. MR has offered to arrange a site visit by a council officer who can advise on a safe location.</p> <p>Passing places for single-track road from Gavinton to Duns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darren Silcock has advised KD that construction of passing places should begin in early 2018. 	KD
10	<p>Update on the Gavinton Defibrillator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cabinet for the defibrillator has been ordered at a cost of £355, once delivered Scottish H.A.R.T will arrange for Scottish Power to install the defibrillator free of charge. • The paediatric electrodes were ordered at a cost of £136.08 and have now been received. • Fundraising for the defibrillator reached the total £917.70 we now have the sum of £426.62 remaining. Some of this money may be used to organise a community familiarisation day. 	AS
11	<p>Update on plans to improve road safety in Gavinton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Donald Moffat to arrange a meeting with KD and Garry Haldane of SBC to discuss road safety. Bryce Weir & Terry O’Gorman to be included in this meeting. 	KD/DM
12	<p>Consultation of the refurbishment of the ‘Old Bakehouse’ Gavinton</p> <p>DW reported to the meeting that The Learning Space SCIO is currently expanding its premises by renovating the neighbouring building which until the 1970s was the bakery in Gavinton which has been boarded up and unused since that time. Renovations will be sympathetic to the original purpose of the building. Original features such as the ovens with original metal doors and dampers, brickwork and the original bakers bench will be retained and carefully restored. Most of the works will be internal however the replacement of windows and doors and repairs to the roof will be carried out on a like-for-like basis so that the outward appearance should be unchanged. Once complete this additional space will provide a creative space for artwork, woodwork, film-making and a variety of other projects. Expansion of The Learning Space may allow for the employment of an additional learning practitioner in future so that more of our young people may benefit from this resource.</p> <p>The CC reacted favourably towards the renovation of this otherwise derelict building and were pleased that it will be put to good use helping young people in our local community. Cllr Mark Rowley commented that he has been following the renovations of the ‘Old bakehouse’ with great interest on social media. Cllr John Greenwell commented that The Learning Space is putting Gavinton ‘on-the-map’ within the Scottish Borders for the exceptional work with children and young people who would otherwise have difficulty accessing education. Cllr Greenwell hoped that the expansion would allow more young people of a wider age range to benefit from the services of The Learning Space.</p>	DW
13	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC members were invited to participate in a Community Council Workshop to be held in Edinburgh on 23rd Nov 2017. Details were sent out to CC members prior to the meeting. • CC discussed the localities bid fund, £91,000 has been set aside for Berwickshire with the first round of applications to be submitted by 1st December 2017. • Police Report for GFPCC area September 2017 was circulated to all CC members prior to the meeting. 	AS

14	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no new planning applications to discuss at this time although a number of previous planning applications have now been validated. • Planning application for a dwelling house on land west of Langton Birches has been refused. 	KD
15	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KD raised the issue of trust reorganisation for a variety of funds and bequests. The reorganisation will align the various funds geographically with the different localities. Other sources of funding such as wind farm or land fill funds will also be mapped out. This reorganisation should make future fund raising easier. • CW requested that the resilient communities committee be discussed at the next CC meeting. • CW has been trying to identify who is responsible for the maintenance of the paths around John Hunter bridge at Fogo and how often this maintenance should be carried out. CW contacted Darren Silcock of SBC after the last CC meeting but has had no reply. Cllr Donald Moffat made enquiries on our behalf and determined that the last work carried out on this area was by the criminal justice system. Cllr Moffat has offered to look into this further and try to determine who at SBC has responsibility for the upkeep of this area. • 	<p>KD</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CM/DM</p>
16	<p>Dates of Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 11th December. 	
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting closed at 9.05 pm 	

