



# GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall  
on Monday, the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	<b>Welcome and Introductions:</b> Chairperson Kirsten Arthur welcomed, Amanda Stewart, Bryce Weir, Carole Wright, David Ward & Steve Hunter.	
2	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Mark Rowley, Cllr John Greenwell, Keith Dickinson & Lorraine Tait	
3	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None	
4	<b>Minutes of the GFPC Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018</b> Minutes approved with no amendments.	KA/AS
5	<b>Treasurers Report.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CW has given forms from the RBS to David Ward to enable him to become a signatory to the CC account in place of Kirsten Arthur.</li> <li>• The balance of the CC account is £1666.18</li> <li>• The only transaction from the CC account was payment to the electrician for fitting the defibrillator £121.97.</li> </ul>	CW
6	<p><b>Community Improvements and Maintenance</b></p> <p>Bus Shelter at Polwarth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A site meeting was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2018 to determine a safe location for bus stops to be erected. Attending the meeting were Cllr Mark Rowley, Amanda Stewart, Garry Haldane and John Dellow (SBC safety officers) and local residents Jacqui Bennet and Sue Sherrard. A safe location for a bus stop was identified on each side of the A6105 at the Polwarth junction. Technical drawings of the site were prepared and approved by SBC and a bill of quantities produced. Total costs for the 2 bus stops £5691.60. It was suggested that an application be made to the SBC Quality of Life Fund to cover costs.</li> </ul> <p>Update on meeting with Duns Football Club regarding parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KD and AS were invited to make a presentation relating to parking issues at the football ground at Gavinton at the Duns FC committee meeting on 31st Jan 2018. At this meeting safety issues around the volume of cars parking on both sides of the main road causing the road to become narrowed to a single lane and cars parking too close to the road junction were explained to the committee. Photos were circulated to demonstrate these issues.</li> <li>• The committee seemed well aware that there were problems regarding the numbers of cars with parents often parking and staying for the duration of the training/tournament. The committee have requested parents to park on only one side of the road on several occasions and have published this request in their newsletter, these requests have made no impact on parking.</li> <li>• KD suggested bringing parking onto the upper level of the football field, however the coaches were reluctant to lose this area of training ground.</li> <li>• It was suggested that parking could be located down the left-hand side of the football field, costs would be incurred in laying a suitable surface – it was agreed that this option should be considered further</li> <li>• KD offered the CC help in securing funding for a suitable parking surface to</li> </ul>	<p>MR/AS/KA</p> <p>KD/AS</p>

	<p>be established and for modifications to the ramp leading to the football field. He made the committee aware of funding opportunities through SBC and the Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund. The CC also offered to make a limited contribution. KD also informed the committee that David Seed had offered to discuss the removal of some of the hedging from around the football field in exchange for a contribution towards the establishment of off-street parking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaches suggested reducing the numbers training on a Monday evening and spreading the training sessions over a few nights through the week, they are currently training 150 kids on a Monday evening.</li> <li>• Richard Dobson, chair of the Duns FC committee said they would consider the issue in more detail and come back to the CC with firm proposals before easter.</li> <li>• AS suggested placing flower planters on the grass verge opposite the football field to prevent parking on both sides, Darren Silcock is investigating whether this is feasible and will report back.</li> </ul> <p>Update on potential funding for play-equipment, Gavinton Village Green</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This update was deferred to the next meeting as Cllr John Greenwell was unable to attend.</li> </ul> <p>Relocation of salt-bins in GFPCC area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SH will meet with Darren Silcock of SBC in early April to discuss the relocation of salt-bins and update at our next meeting. At this meeting SH will also discuss when the passing places on the single-track road from Gavinton to Duns are likely to be constructed and will enquire as to the likelihood of gaining funds from the SBC Quality of Life fund to finance the proposed bus stops at Polwarth.</li> </ul> <p>Update on the issue of vehicles crossing the village green to gain access to parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This update was deferred to the next meeting as Cllr John Greenwell was unable to attend.</li> </ul>	<p>JG</p> <p>SH</p> <p>JG</p>
7	<p><b>Update on the Gavinton Defibrillator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Craig Prentice of Scottish Fire and Rescue has offered to attend a community familiarisation day at the village hall in Gavinton and demonstrate how to safely use a defibrillator. He suggested the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> April as a suitable date. The CC agreed that the community familiarisation day should be arranged for Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> April. AS requested the CC members to attend if possible and help with providing teas/coffees and bring home baking. £404.65 remains in the defibrillator fund to help cover the cost of providing refreshments at this event.</li> <li>• AS to publicise this event with posters on village notice boards and using the community Facebook page and website.</li> </ul>	<p>AS</p> <p>AS</p>
8	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police report for January 2018 was circulated to CC members prior to the meeting. It was noted that the e-mail contact for community policing has changed to <a href="mailto:MidBerwickshireCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk">MidBerwickshireCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk</a></li> </ul>	<p>AS</p>
9	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>CW presented Kirsten Arthur with vouchers on behalf of the CC as a token of our thanks for her contribution to the work of the community council over many years. We wish her a very happy retirement.</p>	
10	<p><b>Dates of Meetings</b></p> <p>Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April &amp; Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018.</p>	
11	<p><b>The meeting closed at 7.22 pm</b></p>	

