



**GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, the 1st October 2018 at 7pm

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions: Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed Cllr Mark Rowley, Amanda Stewart, Bryce Weir, Nigel McKnight, Lorraine Tait, David Ward.	
2	Apologies: Cllr John Greenwell, Carole Wright, Julie Chalmers-McKenzie, Ian Porter (Community Policing).	
3	Declarations of interest: None	
4	Approval of Minutes from Meeting 20th August 2018: Minutes approved with no amendments.	
5	<p>Matters arising from the minutes and not covered elsewhere in the agenda</p> <p>Nigel McKnight queried the dates on the Gavinton War Memorial 1914-1919, AS investigated and found that many communities selected the date for the end of the 1st World War as 28th June 1919 when the Peace Treaty of Versailles was signed.</p> <p>KD contacted SBC planning department re: solar panels for the Gavinton village hall on behalf of Nigel McKnight and the village hall committee. KD and Ann Roberts completed the pre-application planning process for SBC. The outcome showed that it was unlikely that solar panels would be permitted on the roof of the village hall as they would be highly visible within the conservation area. Mark Rowley suggested considering solar panels for the area of flat roof above the village hall and suggested meeting with a renewable energy consultant to consider all technologies available. KD to e-mail Ann Roberts and NMcK to discuss this further.</p>	<p>NMcK/AS</p> <p>KD/NMcK</p>
6	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>CW was unable to attend the meeting but circulated an update on the CC account prior to the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The account balance, as at the last bank statement dated 31/8/2018, was £1552.61, of which £387.85 is 'ringfenced' for defibrillator costs. • There is one cheque outstanding, £70 to Gavinton Village Hall for rent. • SBC has advised that three amounts are due to be credited to the account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £60 contribution towards environmental enhancement. • £70 hall hire re-imburement • £630 annual support grant • Once all the above transactions have processed, the account balance will be £2242.61. 	CW

7	<p>Community Improvements and Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the issue of bus stops at Polwarth Cllr Mark Rowley is pushing for the bus stop signs to be put up now that the hard standings are complete. MR has also asked Darren Silcock if a bench could be obtained and placed at the bus stop. MR also contacted DS to enquire as to whether the community justice team have the capacity to construct bus shelters. Update on proposals to improve parking at the football fields, Gavinton. KD contacted John Marjoribanks for information on ownership of the land comprising the football fields. JM confirmed that investigations were carried out into this matter in 2010. Langton estate bequeathed the football ground to Langton Parish Council, SBC are the legal successors to the parish council. Nuala KcKinlay, chief legal officer with SBC has accepted that the land of the football fields is either owned by or the sole responsibility of SBC. Our 3 Councillors, Mark Rowley, John Greenwell and Donald Moffat have offered to meet with Nuala McKinley to try to bring the matter to a conclusion. Additionally, as the addition of parking may require planning/change of use consent it was suggested that an on-site meeting with council planning officers may be beneficial. Update on potential funding for play equipment, Gavinton Village Green. Cllr John Greenwell was unable to attend the meeting and therefore his update was unavailable. AS to contact JG with the information from Nuala McKinley that SBC accept the position that they own the land comprising the football fields and they must also own the land comprising the village green as it was given to the Langton parish council in the same bequest. As 'The Learning Space' is situated in Gavinton, AS suggested that play equipment suitable for young people with disabilities should be made available in the Gavinton park. MR suggested looking at the new parks recently completed by SBC at Galashiels, Hawick and Oxtan for ideas on suitable play equipment. DW to advise on suitable play equipment for young people with disabilities. Update on vehicles crossing the village green to access parking Cllr John Greenwell was absent from the meeting therefore his update was unavailable. Discussion of the issue of grass cutting by SBC BW commented that grass cutting has been more frequent and there are no issues at present. CC to review this issue again in spring 2019. Update on construction of passing places on single track road at Langton Field. There is no update available at this time. KD to seek update from Darren Silcock. 	<p>MR</p> <p>KD</p> <p>JG/AS/DW</p> <p>JG</p> <p>KD/All</p> <p>KD</p>
8	<p>Discussion of Outcome from Traffic Survey, Main Street, Gavinton</p> <p>KD has interrogated the database of traffic counts from the recent traffic survey on Main Street, Gavinton. There were few cars travelling at speeds in excess of 35 mph however a pattern of speeding vehicles was observed. The highest numbers of speeding vehicles travelling eastbound from Monday to Thursday were between 5-6 am. Most speeding vehicles travelling west were observed between 6-7 am, 2-3 pm and 5-6 pm from Monday to Thursday. On Friday's speeding vehicles were detected between 2-3 pm. KD to contact the police with this information and request that speed limits be enforced particularly between 5-6 am (East) and 5-6 pm (West).</p>	<p>KD</p>

9	<p>Resilient Communities Volunteers are required for the resilient communities' project. Nigel McKnight to raise this issue at the Gavinton Village Hall Committee meeting on 2nd October.</p>	NMcK
10	<p>Poo Bag Dispensers for Football Fields and Fogo Road, Gavinton A number of options were discussed and a model of poo bag dispenser was selected for purchase. AS suggested that it would be appropriate for a council serviced waste bin to be provided at the football fields and at the Fogo Road. MR offered to enquire with SBC as to how a bin may be obtained. It was suggested that a dispenser should be available beside each of the bins in Gavinton, this would require the purchase of 5 dispensers and the poo bags. The CC felt that this would be an appropriate use of funds and that it helps to address the long running issue of dog mess. AS contacted our community police officer Ian Porter to ask if signs were available to encourage people to clean up after their dogs which carried the Police Scotland logo. Ian Porter made enquiries on our behalf and has advised us that Police Scotland have now approved the use of their logo in conjunction with the Scottish Borders Council for dog fouling signage. Ian Porter will contact us when signs are available. In addition, Ian Porter has conducted a patrol of the football pitches and will try to monitor this situation.</p>	AS MR
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police reports for August and September 2018 were forwarded to all members prior to the meeting. • CC members were encouraged to participate in the Scottish Borders Local Biodiversity Action Plan. • KD thanked those CC members who took part in the Community Action Team Survey on behalf of the CC. 	AS/KD
12	<p>Planning KD circulated the latest planning summary to all CC members prior to the meeting. The 3 new planning applications from the last CC meeting have now all been approved. 3 new applications were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 applications for extensions to existing farm building, Langtonlees Farm. • Change of use of former quarry to the storage and grading of second-hand inert materials, Kyleshill Quarry. <p>CC members were invited to review the details of these applications on the SBC website. Application for a residence at Langton Birches has been approved on appeal, KD and MR to get confirmation that this application has been successful as the SBC website has not yet been updated, then contact Darren Silcock to determine how this affects the construction of the passing places at Langton Field.</p>	KD/MR/All
13	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BW raised the issue of the re-surfacing of South Street, Gavinton. This work was originally scheduled for March 2018 and then deferred to October 2018. There is still no sign of the works beginning and no communication with residents regarding this issue. AS to contact Donald Scott of SBC to find out when works are due to start and to determine if further communication with residents is required. • BW raised the issue of the poor state of the verges and large holes by the single-track road from Gavinton to Duns. MR suggested taking photos of the verges and large potentially dangerous holes by the 	AS/BW BW/KD

	<p>roadside and add these to the SBC reporting website. BW offered to pursue this. KD to contact Darren Silcock to discuss the opportunities for using hardcore or type 1 aggregate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS raised the issue of the large trees at the road side next to the football fields in Gavinton. The trees are considered to be potentially dangerous and require assessment. In the recent storm one of these trees fell onto the main road into Gavinton, thankfully no cars were passing at the time or parked in the layby below. KD to contact Darren Silcock to request that these trees be assessed and made safe. 	<p>BW</p> <p>KD</p>
14	<p>Dates of Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 10th December 2018 and 21st January, 18th March, 29th April and 10th June (AGM) 2019. 	
15	<p>The meeting closed at 8.32 pm</p>	