

## GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall on Monday, the 10th December 2018 at 7pm

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions: Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed Cllr Mark Rowley, Cllr John Greenwell, Ian Porter (Community Policing), Amanda Stewart, Bryce Weir, Nigel McKnight, Lorraine Tait and David Ward.	
2	Apologies: None	
3	Declarations of interest: None	
4	Community Council Membership Julie Chalmers-McKenzie, our most recently co-opted member is moving away and sadly must stand down from the community council. This leaves us with 7 elected members and 1 co-opted member leaving a vacancy for 1 further co-opted member. CC members were asked to encourage anyone they feel may be interested in joining the CC to come along to the next meeting. KD indicated that he may stand down from his position as Chairman of the CC at the May 2020 election.	KD/AII
5	<b>Approval of Minutes from Meeting 1</b> st <b>October 2018:</b> Minutes approved with 1 amendment to item no. 13 -final bullet point- Trees adjacent to the football fields in Gavinton, wording to be changed by deleting "very old and rotten" and to read "trees are considered to be potentially dangerous and require assessment".	AS
6	Matters arising from the minutes and not covered elsewhere in the agenda: None	
7	<ul> <li>Treasurers Report</li> <li>CW gave an update on the CC account <ul> <li>The account balance is £2242.61, of which £387.85 is 'ringfenced' for defibrillator costs.</li> <li>The cheque for £70 for rent of Gavinton Village Hall has been debited. The three payments due from SBC have now been credited to the account: <ul> <li>£60 contribution towards environmental enhancement.</li> <li>£70 hall hire re-imbursement</li> <li>£630 annual support grant</li> </ul> </li> <li>BW commented that some volunteers who provided flowers for the planters in Gavinton have not yet been reimbursed and will provide receipts or details of purchases and costs to CW in the near future.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	BW
8	Community Improvements and Maintenance  • Update on the issue of bus stops at Polwarth	MR/AS

	The hard standings for the bus stops are complete and the signs have been erected. It was decided that the CC will discuss shelters for the bus stops at the meeting in March when Men's Shed may be more established and able to assist with this project.  • Update on proposals to improve parking at the football fields, Gavinton.  KD has been trying to contact Darren Silcock to discuss this issue however at the time of the meeting had no response from Darren.  KD to continue to pursue this issue with Duns FC and Darren.  • Update on potential funding for play equipment, Gavinton Village Green. David Ward has been surveying the young people who attend The Learning Space, he will report back on 2-3 pieces of equipment which would be suitable. DW to continue his survey with the young people living in the village. AS and DW to meet in the New Year to discuss requirements and costs. Cllr Greenwell indicated that the funding officer from SBC would be happy come out for a meeting to discuss different areas of funding. KD queried the possibility of funding from the developer's contribution for the proposed housing development in Gavinton. JG and MR to enquire as to whether there is access to money from the developer's fund. The Localities Bid Fund was discussed as a possible source of funding, AS and DW may submit an application if time allows.  • Update on vehicles crossing the village green to access parking BW discussed this issue with Darren Silcock and was informed that a representative of SBC would visit and speak to the resident in question. The CC felt that this low-level intervention was an appropriate first step and we will continue to monitor this issue and pursue it further in future only if necessary.  • Update on re-surfacing of South Street, Gavinton The CC reported that residents were happy with the work being carried out with the road re-surfacing works complete and the work on replacing/repairing the cobbled areas on-going and due to be completed in the next couple of weeks.	KD AS/DW JG/MR BW KD/All
	<ul> <li>Update on construction of passing places on single track road at Langton Field.</li> <li>BW to meet with Darren Silcock on site to determine the exact positions of the passing places with the works expected in January 2019.</li> </ul>	BW
9	Police Enforcement of Speed Limits on Main Street, Gavinton Ian Porter from Community Policing was welcomed to the meeting by KD. Ian Porter confirmed that following on from the traffic survey he has carried out hand held speed gun detection on 2 occasions on Main Street. On these days only one motorist was stopped for driving at 38 mph and a warning was given. Ian Porter and colleagues will try to continue speed checks on Main Street particularly during the problem times highlighted in the traffic survey. CC felt that high visibility of police officers during speed checks would help to deter motorists from speeding through the village. Ian also confirmed that he had deployed the pop-up cardboard policeman on Main Street during October to act as a deterrent. The pop-up policeman is rotated around different locations and may return to Gavinton again in the future. BW queried recent thefts in Duns and surrounding areas. IP advised keeping properties and vehicles securely locked. If residents view any suspicious activity, they should call 101 with this information and give	KD/IP

	vehicle registration numbers if possible.	
10	Resilient Communities Nigel McKnight raised this issue at the Gavinton Village Hall Committee meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> October but there were no volunteers. KD to give NMcK the key to the resilient community's store.	NMcK/KD
11	Poo Bag Dispensers for Football Fields and Fogo Road, Gavinton AS brought along the poo bag dispenser purchased from CC funds for the CC to see. There was discussion on the purchase of further dispensers to be placed within the village beside existing bins and of the purchase of dispensers and bins to be placed at the Football fields and beside the Fogo Road. AS and BW to determine exactly where the bins in Gavinton are located and identify appropriate positions for the poo bag dispensers. AS will then order the appropriate number of dispensers and 2 additional bins. It was felt that there was space on the dispenser for a sticker encouraging people to Keep Gavinton Beautiful, and perhaps indicating that the dispensers were provided by the CC. DW suggested that the young people attending The Learning Space would enjoy designing this sticker/logo.	AS/BW/DW
12	Re-Launch of the Localities Bid Fund The process of applying for the localities bid fund begins on Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 with guidance available for applications. Applications can be submitted from 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 and for the following 3 weeks.	KD/AII
13	Salt Bins in Gavinton & Polwarth  The Village Hall Committee in Gavinton had noted that the salt bin located at the village hall was causing damage to the stonework. AS contacted Darren Silcock who passed this on to the road's asset section of SBC. The salt bin has now been moved to the grass verge opposite the village green. Residents of Polwarth requested a salt bin for the village green area. This information has been passed to David Richardson of SBC road assets section who will arrange an assessment to see if a bin can be placed in this location.	AS
14	<ul> <li>Planning</li> <li>KD to circulate the latest planning summary to all CC members.</li> <li>Updates on the 3 existing applications: <ul> <li>Application for dwelling house on Plot 3 land at Stackyard West of Hardens Farm has now been approved.</li> <li>1 application for extension to existing farm building, Langtonlees Farm has now been approved. The other application was a duplication and has therefore been withdrawn.</li> </ul> </li> <li>KD, acting on behalf of the CC, made enquiries into the use of outbuildings at Hardens Hall as dwellings. Peter Green the planning enforcement officer</li> </ul>	KD
	at SBC investigated and confirmed that everything is in order.  Tim Jackson has produced a plan for the Gavinton.net website to place the planning summary onto an interactive map of the area with the location of each application shown on the map. To view the details of a planning application simply click on the number next to the location on the map. This map is now live on the web-site and KD urged CC members to view this new system and provide feedback. Tim Jackson is producing further maps for the web site, a 2nd showing local amenities such as police stations and defibrillators, 3rd showing local walks and a 4th showing points of interest	KD/TJ/AII

	great source of local information. KD will circulate DRAFT maps to members and ask for feedback on them.	
15	<ul> <li>Correspondence</li> <li>Police reports for October and November 2018 were forwarded to all members prior to the meeting.</li> <li>Information on the re-launch of the Localities Bid Fund was forwarded to all CC members.</li> <li>Information on the update to the campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park, the Rape Crisis annual report and a consultation on unconventional oil and gas extraction were forwarded to CC members.</li> <li>Information on outdoor fitness equipment was passed from KD to DW.</li> </ul>	AS/KD
16	Any Other Business	
	Councillor Update Cllr Mark Rowley wished to bring the Main Issues Report for the SBC Local Development Plan to the attention of the CC members and encouraged them to review and comment. MR also wished to encourage members to participate in the consultation of Legislation for South of Scotland Enterprise. MR to forward the link to both sites to AS for circulation to the CC members.	MR/AS
	Cllr John Greenwell as champion of SBC equality and diversity group wished to highlight the campaign to eradicate violence against women and girls and he attended the recent march in Eyemouth. JG also wanted to update the meeting on the work being done for the ex-servicemen's breakfast clubs now being held at various locations throughout the Scottish Borders. These breakfast clubs have links to 1st Point who help ex-service personnel with post-traumatic stress. Attendance at these breakfast clubs is rising and attracting a range of age groups. JG wished to convey the great work being done by this organisation.	JG
	<ul> <li>NMcK raised the issue of the orange light at the side of the old bakery in Gavinton which is on 24 hours per day. DW has already contacted SBC to report this fault. JG offered to follow this up with SBC.</li> </ul>	NMcK/DW/J
	<ul> <li>NMcK raised the issue of the land on the former Borders railway from Reston to Greenlaw. The land is not walker friendly as it is too boggy. The CC discussed this issue however as this is not a core path with designated right of way there is no responsibility of maintenance by landowners.</li> </ul>	NMcK
	<ul> <li>AS was asked by a local resident to enquire as to whether Gavinton could be a 'Dark-Skies' village with the street lights turned off during designated times during the night to allow the stars to be seen. The CC felt that for reasons of safety and crime prevention most residents would prefer the streets to be lit at night.</li> </ul>	AS
	<ul> <li>CW enquired on behalf of residents of bog-end on how to get permission to extend an area of hedging along the verge at the roadside. The CC advice was that residents should seek the co-</li> </ul>	CW
17	operation of local farmer who owns the adjacent land.  Dates of Meetings	

	2019.	
18	The meeting closed at 9.11 pm	