



# GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall  
on Monday, the 21st January 2019 at 7pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	<b>Welcome and Introductions:</b> Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed Cllr Mark Rowley, Amanda Stewart, Bryce Weir, Nigel McKnight, Lorraine Tait and Carole Wright.	
2	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Moffat, Cllr Greenwell, David Ward & Ian Porter.	
3	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None	
4	<b>Approval of Minutes from Meeting 10th December 2018:</b> Minutes approved with no amendments.	AS
5	<b>Matters arising from the minutes and not covered elsewhere in the agenda:</b> None	
6	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b></p> <p>CW gave an update on the CC account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The account balance is £2104.32, of which £387.85 is 'ringfenced' for defibrillator costs.</li> <li>• The cheque for £138.29 for dog bag dispenser has been debited from the account.</li> </ul>	CW
7	<p><b>Community Improvements and Maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on proposals to improve parking at the football fields, Gavinton. AS to contact Richard Dobson of Duns FC to arrange a meeting with KD to discuss options and determine whether the CC can assist with the process and applications required. Once a plan has been agreed, KD to contact SBC planning department directly to discuss options for off-road parking.</li> <li>• Update on potential funding for play equipment, Gavinton Village Green. Cllr Greenwell kindly put AS in contact with Colin Banks, Locality Development Co-ordinator at SBC. A meeting will be arranged with Colin Banks, AS and DW for advice on equipment and routes to funding.</li> <li>• Update on construction of passing places on single track road at Langton Field. Latest estimate for the works to begin is now Mid-February 2019. BW to meet with Darren Silcock on site to confirm the number and positions of passing places, hopefully 3 passing places to be constructed.</li> <li>• Assessment of potentially dangerous trees at the football pitches in</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">KD/AS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AS/DW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KD</p>

	<p>Gavinton. DS confirmed that the trees were assessed 1 year ago and found to be sound. However, since that assessment a large part of one of the trees has fallen into the road. DS has agreed to have the trees inspected in the next few weeks and will report back to KD who will report back to CC.</p>	
8	<p><b>Poo Bag Dispensers for Football Fields and Fogo Road, Gavinton</b> Following discussion on the number of dispensers required and the best locations it was decided that 3 dispensers are needed to be placed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the village green beside litter bin</li> <li>• At the football pitches</li> <li>• At the bottom of Main Street/Crimson Hill beside the litter bin</li> </ul> <p>BW confirmed that there are currently 4 bins in Gavinton. However, a further bin should be purchased to be placed beside the dispenser at the football fields.</p> <p>AS to purchase 2 further dispensers and 1 litter bin. BW to purchase posts and cement required for fixing the dispensers and bin into position.</p>	AS/BW/DW
9	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Planning Summary There have been no new planning applications and no decisions made on pending applications since our last meeting. KD noted that we have a new planning officer at SBC, Cameron Kirk. KD has contact details if required.</li> <li>• Website Tim Jackson has agreed to maintain and update the CC website. TJ will also use the webpage to show-case his interactive maps showing local walks, planning applications, local amenities and places of interest. Johnny Nicholson currently hosts the website for the CC free of charge. CC propose to ask JN to help TJ create a new updated home page for the CC website with more prominent links to the FB page and prominent live news items. CC agreed a budget for this work of around £100 with a cap at £200.</li> </ul>	KD
10	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police report for December 2018 was forwarded to all members prior to the meeting.</li> <li>• Following consultation with CC members KD has completed the SBC CC insurance policy documents and will submit this to SBC on our behalf. KD sent a copy of the policy documents to Ann Roberts of the Village Hall committee, there is the possibility in future of combining the CC insurance with insurance for the village hall to save money.</li> <li>• Information on a consultation on the campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park was forwarded to CC members.</li> </ul>	AS  KD
11	<p><b>Councillor Update</b> MR requested a bench from SBC on our behalf to be placed at the bus stop at Polwarth. This bench has now arrived and is fixed in place. The CC agreed that this was a welcome addition to the new bus stop and hope that</p>	MR

	<p>it will be well used.</p> <p>MR wished to draw our attention to an event taking place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7pm at Borders College. The Rural Affairs and Connectivity Committee wish to hear views from the public on the South of Scotland Enterprise Agency.</p> <p>MR informed the CC of an event in Duns on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the extra-care housing development of 50+ homes to be built at Todlaw. This event will be held in the Volunteer Hall between 10-12 am.</p> <p>BW queried MR on the progress being made on the integrated joint board to support social care. MR confirmed that SBC must find £4.5 million of savings in this year's budget and therefore it is becoming increasingly difficult to fund discretionary items such as community grass cutting with an increasing demand for social care. MR felt that although it has been a difficult process to integrate the 2 mindsets from NHS and SBC that the joint board is making slow progress.</p>	
12	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>KD has now included AR on the circulation list for the CC to allow information to be shared between the CC and Village Hall Committee.</p> <p>KD was informed by DS that the council will cut down a dead cherry tree at the entrance to the cemetery in Gavinton.</p> <p>Nigel raised the issue of the condition of the footpath to the ford in Gavinton. SBC have placed stone chippings at the top and bottom of the path but not in the middle section which becomes very wet and boggy. MR to enquire with SBC if more chippings may be placed on this section of the path.</p>	<p>KD</p> <p>KD/DS</p> <p>NMcK/MR</p>
13	<p><b>Dates of Meetings</b></p> <p>Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 29<sup>th</sup> April and 10<sup>th</sup> June (AGM) 2019.</p>	
14	<p><b>The meeting closed at 8.03 pm</b></p>	