



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, the 18th march 2019 at 7pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions: Acting Chairperson David Ward welcomed Cllr Mark Rowley, Cllr John Greenwell, Amanda Stewart, Bryce Weir, Nigel McKnight and Carole Wright.	
2	Apologies: Keith Dickinson and Lorraine Tait	
3	Declarations of interest: None	
4	<p>Approval of Minutes from Meeting 21st January 2019: two amendments were requested by NMCK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 7 - assessment of potentially dangerous trees at the football pitches, wording to be changed from “since that assessment 1 of the trees has fallen down” to “a large part of one of the trees has fallen into the road”. • Item 12- AOB – wood chippings for footpath to the Ford to be changed to stone chippings. 	AS
5	Matters arising from the minutes and not covered elsewhere in the agenda: None	
6	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>CW gave an update on the CC account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The account balance is £2052.24, of which £363.16 is ‘ringfenced’ for defibrillator costs and £150 is ‘ringfenced’ for materials to fix poo-bag dispensers and bin. • • The cheque for £452.08 for 2 dog bag dispensers and 1 waste bin has been debited from the account. • £400 credited to the account for improvements to the Gavinton.net webpage. • CW requests that any outstanding expenses be forwarded to her so that accounts for the financial year may be finalised. 	CW
7	<p>Community Improvements and Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on potential funding for play equipment, Gavinton Village Green. <p>DW has surveyed the young people attending The Learning Space to determine the play equipment that would improve the Gavinton play park. The preferred option was for a wooden trim trail, and a see-saw. The young people wished the football pitch to remain. DW to contact the equipment supplier to draw up a visual plan and determine costs. DW to discuss plans with the Gavinton Village Hall</p>	AS/DW

	<p>Committee. AS and DW to meet Colin Banks, Locality Development Co-ordinator at SBC for advice on routes to funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on construction of passing places on single track road at Langton Field. <p>Earliest estimate for the works to begin is now after the beginning of the new financial year 2019. DS confirmed that SBC have asked him to prioritise the roads Capital programme for 18/19 and complete the works that they are committed to completing in this financial year. BW to pursue the site meeting with Darren Silcock to confirm the number and positions of passing places. Cllr Rowley to contact DS to determine a start date for the works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on improving the condition of the footpath to the Ford in Gavinton. <p>MR has contacted SBC to request that stone chippings be placed on the middle section of the path.</p>	<p>BW/MR</p> <p>NMcK/MR</p>
8	<p>Poo Bag Dispensers for Football Fields and Fogo Road, Gavinton</p> <p>AS has purchased 3 poo-bag dispensers and 1 waste bin. BW to purchase materials and fix these dispensers and bin into place.</p> <p>AS to contact DS to arrange emptying of the new waste bin placed at the football pitches in Gavinton.</p>	AS/BW
9	<p>Funding for Improvements to Gavinton.net webpage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KD and TJ have obtained £400 in funding from the Blackhill Wind Farm to fund an update to the community website. Johnny Nicholson will be asked to create a new updated home page for the CC website with more prominent links to the FB page and prominent live news items. A new online booking system for the village hall will be included along with interactive community maps. 	KD/TJ
10	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police report for February 2019 was forwarded to all members prior to the meeting. Consultation on community resilience & local business was forwarded to all CC. A survey on community engagement in town planning was forwarded to KD to complete on behalf of the CC. Information on nominations for Scottish Borders Adult Learners Awards was forwarded to all CC members. Briefing for CC on changes to operation hours of waste services – recycling centres was discussed. Changes to operating hours and working practices are designed to save money. It was noted that the Duns recycling centre will be closed on Thursdays. 	<p>AS</p> <p>KD</p>
11	<p>Councillor Update</p> <p>Cllr Greenwell wished to emphasise the importance of Area Partnerships. Data has been collected for the Area Partnership and an action plan for Berwickshire should be released April 2019. Area Partnership meetings are open to community councils and other community organisations. Funding is available from Area Partnership for community projects such as the</p>	JG

	<p>improvements to the Gavinton playpark. DW and AS to attend the next meeting, speak to the officers regarding funding and put a bid in. The next meeting will be on 2nd May 2019.</p> <p>Cllr Greenwell mentioned some of the successes of the Integrated Joint Board on Health including Craw-wood Hay Lodge in Peebles to prevent issues over delayed hospital discharge and obtaining 7 beds in Queens House, Kelso, for dementia patients.</p> <p>Cllr Rowley spoke about the Forum on community plants and grass cutting. CC attending this meeting were given a map showing areas of grass that are the responsibility of SBC for grass cutting. AS to contact Jason Hedley of SBC to obtain a map for the GFPC.</p> <p>Cllr Rowley discussed the Borderlands Growth Fund with £350 million available for large infrastructure, digital and educational projects across 5 local authority areas.</p>	<p>DW/AS</p> <p>JG</p> <p>MR</p>
12	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>AS suggested that the 2 Facebook pages maintained by the CC and the Village Hall Committee should be combined so that all local information is distributed through a single source and that only one FB link is required on the web-page. The Village Hall Committee agreed to this at their last meeting. The CC were in agreement. AS to contact Emma Lindsay to discuss merging the two pages.</p> <p>AS wishes to attend a course run by BAVS on running a community FB page. The cost of the course is £20, the Gavinton Village Hall Committee will pay £10 if the CC will pay the remaining £10. The CC agreed that they were happy to contribute £10 to pay for the course.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>AS</p>
13	<p>Dates of Meetings</p> <p>Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 29th April and 10th June (AGM) 2019.</p>	
14	<p>The meeting closed at 7.52 pm</p>	