



# GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall  
on Monday, the 29th April 2019 at 7pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	<b>Welcome and Introductions:</b> Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed Cllr Mark Rowley, Cllr John Greenwell, Cllr Donald Moffat, Amanda Stewart, Bryce Weir, Nigel McKnight and Carole Wright.	
2	<b>Apologies:</b> David Ward and Lorraine Tait	
3	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None	
4	<b>Approval of Minutes from Meeting 18th March 2019:</b> minutes were proposed by NMCK and seconded by CW – approved without amendment.	AS
5	<b>Matters arising from the minutes and not covered elsewhere in the agenda:</b> Update on improvements to parking at the football fields, Gavinton, postponed to next meeting after meeting with Richard Dobson of Duns FC.	
6	<b>Co-op Community Fund:</b> Liz Casey, member pioneer for Duns Co-op kindly attended the meeting to inform members about the Community Fund whereby 1% of the value of Co-op branded products sold in Duns is donated to community groups. Each year 3 local causes are selected for funding. Liz Casey wished to encourage the GFPCC and other local groups to submit an application for projects that would benefit the local community. In order to apply groups must have a separate bank account and a written constitution. Information on applications is available on the co-op website. AS to ask TJ to add link to the Gavinton.net funding page.	AS
7	<b>Treasurers Report</b>  CW gave an update on the CC account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The account balance as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 was £2052.24</li> <li>• A cheque for £545 was issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Scottish Border Website Design.</li> <li>• A cheque for 141.22 was issued at the meeting for dog waste dispenser installation costs.</li> <li>• A cheque for £10 was issued at the meeting for Gavinton Village Hall Committee to cover the FB course attended by AS.</li> <li>• £363.13 allocated for defibrillator costs.</li> <li>• A cheque for £33 was issued to CW at the meeting to pay for auditor/gardening gift.</li> <li>• This leaves an available balance of £961.89</li> </ul> The accounts are now completed and with the auditor, Angus Macmillan. The accounts will be circulated to CC members prior to the AGM.	CW

8	<p><b>Community Improvements and Maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on potentially dangerous trees at the football pitches in Gavinton. KD has contacted Darren Silcock to establish if the promised assessment of the trees has been carried out but is still waiting for a response to this enquiry.</li> <li>Update on potential funding for play equipment, Gavinton Village Green. DW to contact the equipment supplier to draw up a visual plan and determine costs. AS and DW to attend the Area Partnership meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to request funding for this project.</li> <li>Update on construction of passing places on single track road at Langton Field. BW contacted DS and met with construction workers on site to determine the positions of the passing places. The construction work is now complete.</li> <li>Update on stone chippings for the middle section of the footpath to the Ford, Gavinton. MR has contacted DS who has no discretionary budget for this work but will try to get funding from the small works budget and will report back to MR.</li> </ul>	<p>KD</p> <p>AS/DW</p> <p>BW/MR</p> <p>NMcK/MR</p>
9	<p><b>Poo Bag Dispensers for Football Fields and Fogo Road, Gavinton</b> BW kindly fixed the waste bins and dispensers into position. This project is now complete and already being well used by the community.</p>	AS/BW
10	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current summary of planning applications was forwarded to all CC members prior to the meeting.</li> <li>There have been no new applications within our CC area.</li> <li>3 applications have now been approved, the change of use of Kyleshill quarry to the storage and grading of second-hand inert materials, and the 2 applications relating to the alterations and change of use of Polwarth church to allow music and theatre productions.</li> <li>Tim Jackson is keeping the community web-page up to date with current planning applications linked to an interactive map.</li> </ul>	KD/TJ
11	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police report for April 2019 was forwarded to all members prior to the meeting.</li> <li>Communication from the Learning Community Partnership with information on Re-Tweed, Flourish Mental Wellbeing plan and a consultation on alcohol in public places was forwarded to all CC members.</li> <li>Information on the SBC review of the community council scheme was forwarded to KD. KD has offered to consult with the working group for the review and is waiting for a response.</li> <li>Invitation to Community Fund and Area Partnership Review – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 5pm at Whitsome Ark. CC members may participate in this review.</li> <li>Invitation to the Area Partnership Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm at</li> </ul>	<p>AS</p> <p>KD</p>

	Whitsome Ark, DW and AS to attend to request funding for Gavinton play park.	
12	<p><b>Councillor Update</b></p> <p>Cllr Rowley encouraged CC members to attend Area Partnership meetings and wished members to spread this message to other community groups. The Area Partnership meetings should lead to the development of a community plan which reflects the community's priorities. Furthermore, as budgets are devolved to community meetings it is worthwhile for a wide a range of organisations to attend.</p> <p>Cllr Greenwell wished to discuss the recent inspection of Berwickshire High School. He was happy to report that the Learning Support area of the school received a positive evaluation however the school was found to have issues with leadership at all levels and significant issues with the behaviour of a small numbers of pupils. Cllr Greenwell reported that measures have already been put in place and hopefully improvements will be observed within the next 6 months. Berwickshire High School will be inspected again within the next 12 months.</p> <p>Cllr Moffat spoke about the recent Anzac day memorial held in the Lammermuirs to commemorate those men from the NZ air force that were killed in 1945 when their aircraft crashed in blizzard conditions having taken off from East Fortune. The unveiling of a memorial was attended by families of the deceased, the Honorary Consul of NZ and a representative of the NZ RAF. Cllr Moffat reported that it was a very touching ceremony with a piper and flypast from an RAF tornado and WWII aircraft.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>JG</p> <p>DM</p>
13	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>NMcK requested clarification on the rules regarding storage of wheelie bins in a conservation area, should they be left out beside the road or put away out of sight. BW contributed saying that some individuals leave bins permanently at the roadside and these often end up lying in the road during bad weather. MR felt there was unlikely to be a specific regulation regarding wheelie bins in conservation areas but that bins should certainly not be allowed to become a hazard in the road. KD suggested that in the first instance members of the CC could have a polite conversation with those individuals involved to see if there is somewhere for the bins to be put away.</p> <p>NMcK queried recent felling of trees by private individuals in the local area including 6 oak trees beside the single-track road at Langton Field and a tree at the roadside at Calder Farm. NMcK wondered if permission should have been sought from SBC to fell these trees. Cllr Greenwell to provide a contact within SBC responsible for tree preservation to try and answer his questions.</p> <p>CW requested funds for planters to be placed on the grassed area in front of the church at Fogo. CW discussed this with the church minister Dane Sherrard who has offered to come up with a proposal and costings. The CC were in agreement that the CC would be happy to help with funding this project.</p> <p>KD was pleased to report to the meeting the return of the Jim Clark Rally, however he directed a query towards our Councillors regarding</p>	<p>NMcK</p> <p>NMcK/JG</p> <p>CW</p> <p>KD/MR</p>

	<p>consultations on the approved route for the race. KD received literature through the post stating that in a recent consultation 98% of respondents were in favour of the Jim Clark Rally. KD is not aware of being invited to participate in any consultation and would have liked to comment on the route passing through Cothill which when the race began had only three houses now has 10 houses with 5 children and livestock. KD queried the suitability of this route and would have liked to suggest an alternative. In the 8 years that KD had been part of the CC they have never been consulted by SBC or the race organisers. MR confirmed that the consultation was carried out by the Scottish Government on draft legislation to allow road racing and the consultation received 98% approval for the local authority to close roads to hold the event. There was no consultation on routes. MR felt it would be appropriate to suggest to the SBC chief executive that organisers should consult with local communities in order to maintain public support for the race.</p>	
14	<p><b>Dates of Meetings</b>  Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on 10<sup>th</sup> June (AGM), 19<sup>th</sup> August, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> November and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and 27<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> April &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> June (AGM) 2020.</p>	
15	<p><b>The meeting closed at 8.37 pm</b></p>	