



# GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall  
on Monday, the 19th August 2019 at 7pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	<b>Welcome and Introductions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed Cllr John Greenwell, Bryce Weir, Lorraine Tait and Carole Wright.</li> </ul>	
2	<b>Apologies:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Donald Moffat, Cllr Mark Rowley, Amanda Stewart &amp; David Ward</li> </ul>	
3	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None	
4	<b>Approval of Minutes from AGM 10th June 2019:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• minutes were approved without amendment.</li> </ul>	
5	<b>Matters arising from minutes - not covered elsewhere in the agenda:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• none raised</li> </ul>	
6	<b>Treasurers Report</b> CW gave an update on the CC account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The account balance was £2013.02</li> <li>• £10 was paid for the FB course attended by AS.</li> <li>• In July £700 was received from SBC, £630 annual support grant and £70 to cover the hire of the village hall.</li> <li>• £363.13 allocated for defibrillator costs.</li> <li>• Cheques were issued at the meeting - £54.60 was issued to BW to pay for plants.</li> <li>• A cheque for £70 was issued in respect of rental of the village hall for meetings April 2018 to March 2019.</li> <li>• Once these cheques have been debited the available balance of the account will be £1525.26.</li> </ul>	CW
7	<b>Community Improvements and Maintenance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on potential funding for play equipment, Gavinton Village Green. AS &amp; DW were unable to attend the meeting and therefore this update was not available. BW noted that locals, in particular the village hall committee, would like to have an input into potential plans and agreed to facilitate this involvement.</li> <li>• Update on stone chippings for the middle section of the footpath to the Ford, Gavinton. MR was unable to attend the meeting – JG to contact MR for an update on this item.</li> <li>• Review of SBC grass cutting. KD reported that he had asked AS to pursue this matter and that photos demonstrating the problem may have been sent. Neil Pringle (neighbourhood services manager-SBC) would be the contact for this matter. BW reported the infrequency and poor quality of grass cutting to the conservation</li> </ul>	AS/DW BW MR/JG

	<p>tent at the Kelso Show. JG to contact Neil Pringle ask him to get in touch with BW. It was noted that it would be useful to keep a note of grass cutting dates in future.</p>	JG/BW
8	<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>• Planning has been granted for dwelling house on land west of Hardens Hall and on land East of Langton Field on the Hardens road.</li> <li>• Planning application at Caldra Steading has been re-approved.</li> <li>• The application for replacement windows at Polwarth Mill has been approved.</li> <li>• A question was asked about the requirement for planning consent for large commercial signage. KD agreed to investigate with the SBC planners</li> <li>• KD reported that following the road realignment - the W. Gavinton development has now commenced. There have been some complaints that the visibility at this junction is still sub-standard. BW to provide photos and JG to contact Darren Silcock to see if any further verge clearance can be undertaken.</li> </ul>	KD  BW/JG
9	<p><b>Meeting with organisers of the Jim Clarke Rally</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KD and AS had held a meeting with the Jim Clarke Rally organisers and made the point that early and meaningful consultation should be held with Community Councils affected. No reply has been received as yet on queries raised at this meeting. Francis Renton may be a good contact in future. In the future there may be opportunities for the community to be more involved with this event for example with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ influencing the location of road closures</li> <li>○ arranging parking or</li> <li>○ providing refreshments</li> </ul> </li> <li>• KD has spoken to Anne Roberts about such opportunities and it is being left for the Village Hall Committee to take this forward if appropriate.</li> </ul>	AR/VHC
10	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police report for June &amp; July 2019 was forwarded to all members prior to the meeting.</li> <li>• SBC planned programme of works 2019-2020 was forwarded to all CC members.</li> <li>• Information on the Scottish Ambulance Service new system for emergency response was made available to CC.</li> <li>• SBC consultations on short-term lets, Scottish Borders food growing strategy, polling districts and places &amp; BT payphones were circulated to CC members who were invited to participate.</li> <li>• Information on drive-wise sessions for the over 65s was forwarded to all CC members and advertised on the web-page.</li> </ul>	
11	<p><b>Councillor Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Greenwell reported that Duns Primary School had received a very good report from Inspectors from the Department of Education.</li> <li>• It was noted that the recently completed renovations to the Jim</li> </ul>	

	<p>Clarke Rooms have been a great success and CC members were encouraged to go along and visit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In regard to the poor inspection report of Berwickshire High School JG reported that improvements had been made prior to the summer break. It is hoped that with these new policies in place things should improve. A return inspection should be expected in the next few months.</li> </ul>	
12	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CW noted that the CC had not yet received an invoice for the additional premium due for insurance for the defibrillator.</li> <li>KD attended a 'Fit for 2024' day regarding transport in the Scottish Borders, but there had been no feedback to date.</li> <li>BW raised the issue of road repairs, in particular the repair of pot-holes and the availability of Jet Patch equipment. JG to query this with SBC and determine what pot-hole repair plans existed.</li> <li>BW felt that grass at the roadside was not being cut. In particular, shrubbery and roadside vegetation is obscuring the view of oncoming traffic at the newly realigned main junction into Gavinton. JG understood that the grass verges were cut on a 20-day cycle. Neil Pringle would be the contact to determine this.</li> <li>Where there are problems reported in Gavinton with overhanging shrubbery, SBC can contact residents directly to ask them to cut back plants or can charge them a fee to carry out the necessary works. BW agreed to provide details to JG so this issue can be followed up.</li> <li>Concerns were raised over the SBC budget imbalance for social care with the deficit in the Borders area identified as being one of the highest in Scotland.</li> <li>KD queried funding for planters at Fogo church – CW advised that a maximum figure of £200 for 4 planters had been quoted but that no decisions had yet been made.</li> </ul>	<p>JG</p> <p>JG</p> <p>BW</p> <p>BW/JG</p>
13	<p><b>Dates of Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on the 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.</li> </ul>	
14	<p><b>The meeting closed at 8.35 pm</b></p>	