



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, the 11th November 2019 at 7pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson David Ward welcomed Councillor John Greenwell, • Bryce Weir and Amanda Stewart 	
2	Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Mark Rowley, Lorraine Tait, Keith Dickinson, Carole Wright 	
3	Declarations of interest: None	
4	Approval of Minutes from meeting 30th September 2019: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes were approved with no amendments 	
5	Matters arising from minutes - not covered elsewhere in the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none raised 	
6	Treasurers Report CW was unable to attend but sent details of the account to all CC members prior to the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One cheque for £71.94 has been cashed for to pay for dog waste bags. • £17.92 has been paid for insurance on the defibrillator – not yet reimbursed to CW. • Notification has been received from SBC confirming that a £60 contribution from the environmental enhancement fund is on its way • £363.13 is ringfenced for defibrillator costs • Once all of the above is taken into consideration the available balance will be £1476.21 	CW
7	Community Improvements and Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on potential funding for play equipment, Gavinton Village Green. CC waiting for confirmation from Cllr David Parker to determine whether Gavinton park has been selected by SBC for refurbishment. JG suggested that we make a costed plan for the refurbishment and submit it to DP. DW offered to look into this. • Review of SBC grass cutting and maintenance of vegetation on road-side verges. The CC felt that the latest grass cutting was of better quality however they felt that grass had not been sufficiently maintained throughout the summer. JG to arrange for Neil Pringle of SBC to meet with BW in Gavinton to discuss areas of grass cutting and tree trimming that should be given greater priority. • Update on plans for pot-hole repairs and availability of Jet-Patcher. JG confirmed that the Jet-Patcher is at work through-out the 	AS/DW JG/BW

	<p>borders. BW concerned over the state of the roads that were used in the Jim Clark Rally. JG suggested contacting Darren Silcock to ask the conclusions of the road inspection that took place following the rally before the roads were reopened to the public and any plans for repair. AS to contact DS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on problem of overhanging shrubbery at 2 properties in Gavinton. BW to discuss this issue with Neil Pringle when they meet on-site in Gavinton. • Planters for Fogo church. This update was unavailable as KD and CW were absent from the meeting. • Inspection of trees adjacent to football pitches Gavinton. BW to discuss this issue with Neil Pringle when they meet in Gavinton. • Improvements to parking area at the football pitches, Gavinton. KD and AS to meet with the Chairman of Duns FC (Juniors) to discuss this issue. • Update on problem of dog fouling in Gavinton. KD has passed on the contact details for SBCs dog education officer to BW who will enquire as to the best way to prevent further incidents. 	<p>AS</p> <p>BW</p> <p>KD/CW</p> <p>BW</p> <p>KD/AS</p> <p>BW</p>
8	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police report for October 2019 was forwarded to all members prior to the meeting. 	AS
9	<p>Councillor Update</p> <p>Cllr John Greenwell wished to update the meeting on the Inspire Digital Learning Programme. Distribution of i-Pads in secondary schools in Selkirk, Earlston and Kelso is complete. Berwickshire will be the last school to receive this technology as new infrastructure is required for broadband – iPads are expected to be given out in mid-2020. So far, this new system of digital learning has been a success with a degree of collaboration between staff and students in setting up the new working practice. There will be a review of attainment levels next year to determine the effect of this new technology particularly on less privileged students.</p> <p>JG informed the meeting that SBC is now in ‘Purdah’ until after the general election. SBC will begin discussions on settling next years budget after December 12th. The budget must be complete by the 1st week in February.</p> <p>JG confirmed that the next inspection of Berwickshire High School is due to take place in March 2020.</p>	JG
10	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS raised the issue of car parking for the Jim Clark Rally. Despite assurances from the organisers that cars would not be parked in the lay-by at the football fields in Gavinton the drivers simply removed the no-parking cones and parked on both sides of the main road. This eventually led to gridlock and the police had to close the road and sort out traffic chaos. The 2 security men were stationed at the top of the road near to the church and could not control parking near the junction. Cars were parked on both sides of the main road to Gavinton and on both sides of the road along the length of the Fogo Rd. This problem should be discussed with race organisers before the next JCR in May 2020. BW confirmed that a member of the public had approached him with a complaint about cars speeding through the village on the weekend of the Jim 	AS/KD

	Clarke Rally.	
11	Dates of Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on the 16th December 2019 and 27th January, 9th March, 27th April & 8th June (AGM) 2020.	
12	The meeting closed at 8.17 pm	