



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, the 16th December 2019 at 7pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed Councillor Mark Rowley, Bryce Weir, Carole Wright and Amanda Stewart 	
2	Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr John Greenwell and Lorraine Tait. 	
3	Declarations of interest: None	
4	Approval of Minutes from meeting 11th November 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 gave an update on the CC account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £17.92 has been paid for insurance on the defibrillator – CW has been reimbursed with a cheque- to be paid from the ringfenced defibrillator fund. • £60 contribution from the environmental enhancement fund was received on the 29th November 2019. • Current balance of the account £1839.37 • £345.24 remains ringfenced for defibrillator costs 	CW
7	Community Improvements and Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on potential funding for play equipment, Gavinton Village Green. AS to contact Cllr David Parker to determine whether Gavinton park has been selected by SBC for refurbishment. Cllr Mark Rowley suggested applying to the Berwickshire Community Fund with a fully costed plan. Applications should be in by March 2020. AS to contact Jan Pringle of SBC for advice on applications to this fund. • Review of SBC grass cutting and maintenance of vegetation on road-side verges. BW has been unable to meet with Neil Pringle, Mark Rowley to help organise on on-site meeting so that issues of grass cutting and verge maintenance may be discussed. • Update on road inspection following Jim Clark Rally. AS contacted Darren Silcock who confirmed that road sections used for the rally in our GFPC area were inspected prior to 	AS/DW MR/BW AS/KD/BW/MR

	<p>reopening to the public. DS reported that there was no oil or debris visible on the roads following the rally, rough areas on the road were identified but they were present before the rally. SBC asset team are aware of rough areas of road at the ford and Duns Mill but that there are no planned works scheduled to take place in this financial year. KD felt that the road surface at Crunklaw had been damaged by the rally and BW reported damage to road surfaces at Burnhouses Dean. KD encouraged CC members to photograph potholes and report them to SBC through the online reporting system. Additionally, it was felt by CC members that the overall maintenance of roads and repair of potholes by SBC was poor. MR offered to put us in contact with Jason Hedley, Chief Officer of Roads at SBC.</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. KD contacted Marilyn Hunter who has offered to help with plants once the planters are installed. CW suggested that 4 whiskey barrels be purchased to be used as planters. AS to ask Dane Sherrard and Tom Stewart if they are happy with the plan and if so whether they could order the planters and install in a suitable location. • 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. BW has tried to contact SBC dog education officer but so far with no success. BW to continue trying to make contact and get advice on this matter. 	<p>BW</p> <p>KD/CW/AS</p> <p>BW</p> <p>AS/KD</p> <p>BW</p>
8	<p>Planning</p> <p>Tim Jackson has suggested that meeting papers such as latest planning applications, agendas and minutes be made available to CC members through a link to the community web page rather than sending such documents as attachments. The CC agreed that this would be a good way to share information. AS to forward links to relevant documents along with reminders of upcoming meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for installation of package sewage plant at Nisbet Rhodes has been agreed. <p>There are 2 new planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition of derelict cottage at Langton lees Farm and application to erect a replacement dwelling and garage. • Outline planning consent requested for demolition of a large barn at Cothill and construction of 2 dwelling houses. 	<p>KD</p> <p>TJ/AS</p>
9	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police report for November 2019 was forwarded to all members prior to the meeting. It was noted that 2 house burglaries were reported in the Duns area. • SBC Consultation on the application and voting process used for Localities Bid Fund 2 – all CC members were invited to 	<p>AS</p> <p>KD/MR</p>

	<p>participate in this consultation. KD noted that he had attended a focus group on Area Partnership meetings – the issue of voting was discussed at this meeting. KD has received no feedback from this focus group – MR to enquire as to the outcome of this meeting and report back.</p>	
10	<p>Councillor Update Cllr Mark Rowley wished to highlight the funds available in the SBC Community Fund, with applications open until March 2020.</p>	MR
11	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KD met with Tom Wilkinson following the recent Jim Clark Rally. TW felt that the 'splash' stage of the rally had been problematic for a variety of reasons and he felt there had been too much disruption to the village of Gavinton. Although the 'splash' stage is popular with those watching the race it is not a challenging route for the drivers and is a relatively short stage. Planning for the next Jim Clark Rally will begin early in the new year. TW recommended to the JCR organising committee that CC in affected areas be contacted prior to deciding routes. 	KD
12	<p>Dates of Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on the 27th January, 9th March, 27th April & 8th June (AGM) 2020. 	
13	<p>The meeting closed at 8.20 pm</p>	