

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, the 27th January 2020 at 7pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Introductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed Carole Wright, Lorraine Tait and Amanda Stewart 	
2	<p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr John Greenwell, Bryce Weir & David Ward 	
3	Declarations of interest: None	
4	<p>Approval of Minutes from meeting 16th December 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved with no amendments 	
5	<p>Matters arising from minutes - not covered elsewhere in the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keith Dickinson raised the concerns of a local resident that the discussions of the recent Jim Clark Rally as noted in the minutes were on the whole negative towards the rally and felt that we had failed to report on the positive news about fund raising from catering and parking that raised funds for the local primary school and village hall. Additionally, it was felt that the car parking issues on the Fogo Road prior to the Fogo stage were reported inaccurately. KD gave reassurance that the CC were not against the rally and instead were voicing the concerns brought to our attention. KD conceded that our discussions had failed to report on the positive contribution of the rally to the community through fundraising by Friends of Duns Primary School and Gavinton Village Hall Committee. KD also suggested that the main parking issues and disruption related to the “Splash” stage in Gavinton rather than the Fogo stage. KD contacted Tom Wilkinson to enquire about the future of the Fogo stage of the rally. Tom Wilkinson confirmed that the JCR committee were extremely pleased with the efforts made by Tom Darling and the Village Hall Committee and pleased to see revenues going to good local causes. TW confirmed that the Fogo stage has been identified as a possible substitute if SBC do not grant the road closures as identified on their consultation period documents. As a result of changes to regulations the rally can now take place over a wider area than in the past, hence the inclusion of new stages further afield than Duns, nevertheless TW took the view that the rally will always focus on Duns and is likely to include the Fogo stage next year. KD voiced the concern of a local resident over the cancellation of the Gavinton Village Hall childrens xmas party. Whilst KD had to report that the xmas party is organised by the village hall committee rather than the CC he felt it might be useful to contact Donald Ritchie to determine how the CC might work better with the 	<p style="margin-left: 20px;">KD</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">KD</p>

	village hall committee and combine their efforts on certain issues.	
6	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>CW gave an update on the CC account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £19.91 cheque for plants still outstanding. • £149.96 cheque issued for payment of planters and soil at Fogo church. • £100 cheque issued for Scot Borders web design. • Current balance of the account £1839.37 • Available balance £1224.26 • £345.24 remains ringfenced for defibrillator costs 	CW
7	<p>Community Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KD was supplied with a description of work carried out by Scot Borders web-design at a cost of £100. A cheque was issued to cover this cost. • KD suggested that we should pay an annual honorarium to Scot Borders web-design rather than paying for individual tasks. This payment would be in support of all the work Jonny Nicholson has done for the community website. JN now hosts the community website for free so that we no longer pay £87.11 per year to Fast Host and additionally JN helps TJ with various tasks related to running the webpage. • KD suggested £100 per year for goodwill, services and hosting the webpage. The CC were in agreement. • KD reported that TJ requested that we pay an annual fee for an online calendar plug-in to allow the calendar on the webpage to function for hall bookings and events. • It was noted that £19.19 is paid annually for the domain name. • It was agreed by the CC that £200 should be 'ringfenced' from our annual budget to cover costs associated with the community website. • TJ has continued development of the interactive maps section of the webpage. KD and TJ to meet with a Scottish Government Geographical Information Services (GIS) specialist to discuss options to encourage other CC's in Scotland to do likewise. • KD reported an attempted fraud involving his name and using e-mail addresses and names of community councillors taken from the website. KD and TJ to remove personal e-mail addresses of CC from the webpage. Future e-mails will be sent to info@gavinton.net address and forwarded to the relevant community councillor. 	<p>KD</p> <p>KD/TJ</p> <p>KD/TJ</p> <p>KD/TJ</p>
8	<p>Community Improvements and Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on potential funding for play equipment, Gavinton Village Green. Councillor Parker confirmed that he is hoping to have Gavinton play park added to the list of future upgrades once the current programme of works is complete. He hopes to report back on this issue in 6-8 weeks once the member discussions are concluded. • Review of SBC grass cutting and maintenance of vegetation on road-side verges. BW is still trying to arrange an on-site meeting 	<p>AS/DW</p> <p>BW</p>

	<p>with Neil Pringle to discuss these issues.</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. Planters and soil were purchased and are now in place on grassed area in front of Fogo church and are ready for planting. KD to contact potential volunteers to help with planting and maintenance to let them know all is ready. Inspection of trees adjacent to football pitches Gavinton. SBC tree survey determined that these Sycamore trees are in a state of advanced die-back probably due to root damage during lay-by construction with a risk of branch failure onto road and ultimately whole tree failure onto the road. High priority has been given to the felling of these trees. 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 was unable to attend the meeting but reported that he has been in contact with the dog education officer who confirmed that cctv cannot be used and that new signs will be sent to try and prevent dog fouling. Update on road inspection following Jim Clark Rally. Jason Hedley, Chief Officer of Roads at SBC, contacted the CC to confirm that he would be happy to engage with the community council to discuss any issues. AS to forward this e-mail to BW for discussion of any damage to the roads following the Jim Clark Rally. 	<p>BW</p> <p>KD</p> <p>AS</p> <p>KD/AS</p> <p>BW</p> <p>BW/AS</p>
9	<p>Planning</p> <p>KD prepared a planning summary prior to the meeting There are 2 new planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmhouse at Crunklaw – application for internal and external alterations and alteration and extension to dwelling house. Cheviot View, South Street, Gavinton. Application for internal and external alterations and alteration and extension to dwelling house. <p>Details of all planning applications are available on the community webpage.</p>	<p>KD</p>
10	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police report for December 2019 was forwarded to all members prior to the meeting. Berwickshire Tree Survey, SBC report was sent to all CC members prior to the meeting. KD reported the attempted fraud using CC e-mail addresses to Ian Porter and to the 101 fraud office. CC annual insurance renewal was prepared by KD. CW confirmed that the renewal was accurate. KD to submit this on behalf of the CC. 	<p>AS</p> <p>KD</p> <p>KD/CW</p>
11	<p>Councillor Update</p> <p>None of our local councillors were available to attend the meeting.</p>	
12	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KD informed the meeting that the locality working group on health and social care integration are holding a meeting on the 30th 	<p>KD</p>

	<p>January in Eyemouth. KD is unable to attend but invited CC members to attend. The locality working group will also be making a presentation at the next Area Partnership meeting which KD will attend on behalf of the GFPCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS was approached by a resident in regard to a car that appears to be abandoned on the grass verge at Crimson Hill, this car has no MOT or road tax. AS to pass the details to Ian Porter. LT wished to inform the CC of a new pilot scheme which she became aware of through the Marie Curie fundraising group in which local people become trained as carers to help elderly people to return home as soon as they are able to prevent delays while home care is arranged. The scheme involved raising funds locally to train carers and then the NHS committing to paying their salaries for work in the community. LT to investigate this further and report back to the next meeting. LT may attend the locality working group on health and social care integration to enquire further on this project. 	<p>AS</p> <p>LT</p>
13	<p>Dates of Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall at 7pm on the 9th March, 27th April & 8th June (AGM) 2020. 	
14	<p>The meeting closed at 8.06 pm</p>	