



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Zoom Meeting
Monday, the 10th August 2020 at 7pm**

Item	Comment	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Introductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed Cllr John Greenwell, Cllr Donald Moffat, Cllr Mark Rowley, Carole Wright, Lorraine Tait, Bryce Weir, Ann Lindsay and Amanda Stewart 	
2	<p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None received 	
3	<p>Declarations of interest: Lorraine Tait declared an interest in the planning application 20/00754/FUL Erection of occupational health PTSD therapy centre – plot 1, land south of Langton Edge, Duns.</p>	
4	<p>Approval of minutes from AGM and general meeting 8th June 2020:</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"> • None Raised 	
6	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>CW gave an update on the CC account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance of the account £2424.81 • 2 cheques issued, one to KD £ 48.77 to cover payments of £19.99 for webpage domain name and £ 28.78 for 2 months subscription to Zoom, Second cheque for £32 issued to CW to cover cost of gift for the auditor £17 and gift of gardening vouchers for Moira Macmillan for looking after the planters at Fogo. • £1000 received from SBC in support of resilient community activities for the covid-19 response remain ringfenced for this purpose. • £345.24 remains ringfenced for defibrillator costs • Balance for general expenditure £998.80 	CW
7	<p>Update on resilient community response to Covid-19</p> <p>KD reported that as of 1st August there is no requirement for shielding to continue and KD was asked if we should stand down the resilient community response. KD e-mailed all the volunteers to ask if they wished their names to be removed from the volunteer list, only 2 of the 50+ volunteers did not wish to continue, one for reasons of poor health and another was moving out of the area, all other volunteers were happy to continue. KD did not feel it was appropriate to stand down the resilient community response as unclear what may happen over the coming winter</p>	KD

	<p>months. KD has forwarded messages of thanks from SBC to the volunteers and hopes when appropriate to get all the volunteers together in order to thank everyone properly for all their hard work over the last 4 months.</p>	
8	<p>Community Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBC have invited KD and TJ to share their experience of developing and using interactive maps on the webpage to co-ordinate the resilient community response with other CC. TJ has added a 3-minute video to the webpage demonstrating use of the interactive maps. The community web-page is reaching its 10G free storage capacity. If we exceed this capacity we must pay an annual subscription of £125 for unlimited storage. TJ is keen that development of the web-page should continue and not be constrained by storage issues. KD suggested that there could be some removal of old photos and historical minutes from meetings from the web-page to free up storage space. An external hard-drive could be purchased to store this information for future reference. KD to investigate how much storage capacity this would free up. CW and BW asked how many people were using the webpage, TJ should be invited to attend the next CC meeting to discuss which areas of the webpage receive the most views. MR suggested that money from the £1000 covid support grant could be used to pay for storage on the web-page as this is used to co-ordinate the covid-19 response. KD queried whether the payments to Zoom to cover CC meetings and resilient community meetings could be covered by the covid-19 £1000 grant. The CC felt this would be an appropriate use of funds. 	<p>KD TJ/KD TJ KD</p>
9	<p>Planning KD prepared a planning summary prior to the meeting which was available on the web-page and e-mailed to CC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 new applications were noted, application for replacement windows at Victoria Lodge, Main Street, Gavinton and external renovations to outside gates and doors to dwelling, Langton House, Main Street, Gavinton. A more substantial application was noted for development of an occupational health/PTSD therapy centre, plot 1, land south of Langton Edge, Duns. CC were invited to review this application and send comments to KD. <p>Details of all planning applications are available on the community webpage.</p>	<p>KD</p>
10	<p>Councillor Update Cllr John Greenwell:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JG informed the meeting that SBC were still advising against physical meetings, this will be reviewed later in the year. JG noted that Juliana Amarel has been appointed as the new CEO of BAVS and felt she will be a great asset to the organisation. <p>Cllr Donald Moffat Cllr Moffat informed the meeting that he had been dealing with issues for</p>	<p>JG DM</p>

	<p>individuals rather than the community and therefore had nothing to report to the CC.</p> <p>Cllr Mark Rowley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR noted that as schools returned on 11th August, Berwickshire High School has a new head teacher in place • MR has been working on the allocation of business support funding. • The South of Scotland Enterprise agency came into being on 1st April 2020 and will be of great importance during the tough economic times ahead. • KD queried the recruitment process for community representatives onto South of Scotland Economic partnership as he had applied and expected to hear back by 17th March 2020. MR informed the meeting that recruitment had been delayed by the covid-19 pandemic and that representatives should be informed of their positions in the next couple of weeks. <p>BW asked the councillors how well they felt SBC has been responding to the Covid-19 crisis.</p> <p>MR felt that SBC had coped well with some 300 council officers seconded from their usual roles to new positions required for the Covid response. Council employees have coped well despite the demands of home schooling, home working and issues around poor broadband. MR felt that the role out of Inspire Learning helped the young people stay engaged with their education during lockdown. MR felt there had been an inevitable interruption to services but that bin collection dates had remained the same and recycling centres had been reopened as soon as possible.</p> <p>JG felt that the workforce had been very flexible doing jobs they had never done before in order to keep services working.</p> <p>KD asked the CC for their opinion on ways that SBC could help support the resilient community response. KD felt that better exchange of information would help identify those in the community most in need of support.</p> <p>AS felt that more information was needed on school transport as high school children in Gavinton were supposed to travel to school using public buses despite the covid-19 pandemic. MR said he would e-mail further information on transport. AL felt that high school pupils from Gavinton were often overlooked in plans for school transport and that there had been a daunting amount of information sent out and that it was easy to miss key information.</p> <p>BW felt that SBC staff had not been deployed efficiently at the recycling centres with too many staff present most of whom had nothing to do. BW felt that these staff could have been doing other essential work in the community. BW was concerned that this lack of efficiency would lead to higher costs in the future and potential increases in council tax. MR noted that staffing at recycling centres was set by government guidelines and was out with SBC control. DM commented that recycling centres are all different sizes and layouts and therefore it was difficult for government guidelines to suit all centres.</p>	MR
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11	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KD introduced Ann Lindsay to the meeting, Anne is a volunteer for the resilient community response to Covid-19 and wished to attend the CC meeting to find out more about the work that we do. KD suggested that AL be co-opted onto the CC until elections, which are currently postponed, can be safely carried out. The CC were happy to co-opt Anne Lindsay onto the committee and this item will be added to our next meeting. • BW raised the issue of overhanging shrubbery on Main Street, Gavinton. It is unclear whether SBC have sent a letter to the residence regarding this issue which at present has not been attended to. • BW was pleased to report that Duns Junior Football Club had recently cut the grass on the Gavinton Village Green albeit he felt that this was the responsibility of SBC. KD confirmed that the Blackhill Community Windfarm Fund had provided funding for Duns Juniors FC to purchase a small ride on lawn mower to supplement the grass cutting by SBC on the football fields. KD had suggested that this mower be used on occasion to support the local community by cutting the grass on the village green when special local events were planned. All agreed that This did not remove the responsibility of grass cutting from SBC. KD to discuss with Duns Juniors FC to clarify this situation. 	<p>KD/AL</p> <p>BW</p> <p>BW</p> <p>KD</p>
20	<p>Dates of Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall if possible, at 7pm on Monday 21st September, 2nd November and 7th December 2020, 25th January, 8th March, 26th April and 7th June (AGM) 2021. Meetings may be held over Zoom when it is considered necessary. 	
21	<p>The meeting closed at 8.14 pm</p>	