

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Zoom Meeting Monday, the 7th December 2020 at 7pm

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions:	
2	Apologies: Ann Lindsay, Lorraine Tait, Cllr John Greenwell	
3	Declarations of interest: None raised	
4	Approval of minutes from last meeting 2 nd November 2020: • Minutes were approved with no amendments	
5	Matters arising from minutes - not covered elsewhere in the agenda:	KD
6	 Treasurers Report CW gave an update on the CC account: Balance of the account £2868.54 One cheque was issued - £50 to Scottish Borders Web Design for amendments to the community website. £921.22 ringfenced for resilient community activities for the covid-19 response. £345.24 remains ringfenced for defibrillator costs Balance for general expenditure £1602.08 	CW
	KD is still to claim for the last 3-months Zoom subscription and will sign up for an annual subscription when the next special offer becomes available.	KD
	CW circulated information to CC prior to the meeting to inform them of the switching offers available from RBS to move the CC bank account to either the Co-op Bank or Metro Bank with free banking and £1250 offered as an incentive. These incentivised Switch offers are available until 28 th February 2021. Cllrs Moffat and Rowley assured the committee that these offers were genuine and knew of other organisations switching accounts to take advantage of these offers. KD felt that the online banking provided would be a great advantage to the CC. CW felt that the application procedure for the Co-op bank was more straightforward and so will begin	CW

	the application process on behalf of the CC and pass the application form to all account signatories to complete before submission.	
7	Community Improvements and Maintenance	
	a) Review of SBC grass cutting and maintenance of vegetation on roadside verges.	JG
	b) Update on problem of overhanging shrubbery in Gavinton.	BW
	As BW & JG were absent from the meeting items 7a and 7b were not discussed.	
	 c) Improvements to parking area at the football pitches, Gavinton. AS felt that parking at the football fields had now become a significant issue once again with tournaments held on Saturdays & Sundays most weekends and evening training continuing. Cars are parked on both sides of the road making it difficult for both cars and pedestrians to safely pass, in addition the verges at the roadside are being churned up as cars park on wet grass. AS suggested that the CC could provide the football club with cones which they could put out before tournaments and training sessions to ensure that cars park on only one side. The CC felt that this was a good idea. KD to provide AS with the e-mail contact for Craig Blackie at SBC to request cones. d) Maintenance of Hedges at the football fields, Gavinton KD received a request from Thomas Darling from Ladyflat Farm to request that the Leylandii hedge at the bottom of the football fields be cut back as they are affecting drainage in the arable field behind. KD contacted Cllr John Greenwell. John Blackie and Neil Hastie of SBC with this request. KD also spoke to Mark Dickson of Duns FC who offered to find out if the football club could help with this. 	AS/KD
8	Planning KD prepared a planning summary prior to the meeting which was available on the web-page and e-mailed to CC. • There were no new planning applications for our CC area and no new planning decisions made.	KD
	Details of all planning applications are available on the community webpage.	
9	Correspondence	AS
	 Scottish Borders Police Multi-Member Ward Plan for Mid-Berwickshire October 2020 & Mid-Berwickshire police report November 2020 forwarded to all CC prior to the meeting. KD felt that the new area wide format for police reports was an improvement giving a wider picture of issues in our surrounding area. SBC information on improved recycling figures circulated to CC. 	KD

	 Questionnaire from Phillipa Gilhooly of SBC on the 20mph speed limit trial sent to KD to complete on behalf of the CC. KD responses are available on the CC website. South of Scotland Response and Recovery- BAVS Covid-19 survey and invitation to Zoom discussion of the Borders response to Covid-19- Wednesday 9th December at 1.30pm was forwarded to all CC. KD encouraged CC to attend the meeting if they were able. Information and link to the Berwickshire Area Partnership Meetingheld 3rd December- was circulated to all CC. KD attended the meeting and reported that there was agreement for the formation of a subgroup to consider the future and operation of the Berwickshire Area Partnership. KD also reported that some 15 applications (valued at £125k) were received for funding from the Berwickshire Community Fund (valued at £26K)- no consensus could be reached so all decisions on funding were deferred, with the hope of reconvening the meeting in the next couple of weeks. 	KD KD
10	Councillor Update	
10	Cllr John Greenwell was absent from the meeting and therefore this update was unavailable.	JG
	Cllr Mark Rowley had to leave the meeting early to attend another meeting and was therefore unable to give an update.	MR
	Cllr Donald Moffat Cllr Moffatt agreed with KD that the recent Berwickshire Area Partnership meeting was not a success taking 2hr or more with very little achieved. DM informed the meeting that a recent issue with overgrown hedges in Duns resulted in SBC contacting the owner of the property and giving the ultimatum that either the hedge was suitably cut back or SBC would carry out the work and send the bill. This information may be relevant to community maintenance issues in Gavinton.	DM
11	Any Other Business	
	No issues were raised	
12	Dates of Meetings	
	 Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall if possible, at 7pm on Monday 25th January, 8th March, 26th April and 7th June (AGM) 2021. Meetings may be held over Zoom when it is considered necessary. 	
13	The meeting closed at 7.36 pm	
13	The meeting closed at 7.50 pm	