



**GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
Minutes of the Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
Monday the 8th November 2021 at 7pm

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed, Carole Wright, Bryce Weir, Victor Dempsey, Amanda Stewart & Jim Casey. 	
2	Apologies: Lorraine Tait	
3	Declarations of interest: None raised	
4	Minutes of the meeting 27th September 2021 Minutes were approved with no amendments	AS
5	Matters arising from the minutes and not covered elsewhere in the agenda None raised	
6	Treasurers Report Transactions since last meeting 27th September 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been no transactions KD gave CW an invoice from Johnnie Nicholson for £125 for website hosting costs for the community website.	CW
7	Community Improvements and Maintenance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review of SBC grass cutting and maintenance of vegetation on roadside verges. BW commented that although SBC cut the grass at the junction to the Duns Road the view of oncoming cars is still obstructed, and he has offered to cut & strim this area. Update on problem of overhanging shrubbery in Gavinton. JG was absent from the meeting – AS to email for an update on this issue. Improvements to parking area at the football pitches, Gavinton. AS and VAD met with Grant Keenan, Chair of the Duns Juniors Football Club to discuss possible improvements to the facilities at the football fields in Gavinton. GK provided a ‘wish’ list of improvements suggested by the coaches at Duns Junior FC which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> improved flood lighting, new changing facilities, ground levelling to allow an extra pitch/ 2 smaller pitches 	JG/BW/All BW/JG AS/KD/VAD JG

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3G pitch to allow training all year <p>Duns JFC were happy to incorporate & accommodate other ideas/organisations. GK obtained a copy of plans that were drawn up for improving the club house/changing facilities which he can share with the CC.</p> <p>KD suggested contacting Jenny Sutton (Development officer for Coldingham & Cove) to use their polling website to gauge community support for this project.</p> <p>KD suggested that there may be priorities and actions within the South of Scotland Regional Economic Partnership Strategy that would help access funding for improvements to this facility.</p> <p>VAD to develop a plan & programme for this project for the next CC meeting.</p> <p>d) Maintenance of Hedges at the football fields, Gavinton Correspondence on this issue has continued between Thomas Darling of Ladyflat Farm and SBC, including Neil Pringle. KD has written an e-mail to SBC in support of TD.</p> <p>e) Website Hosting Costs The CC previously agreed to ask Johnnie Nicholson to provide unlimited storage space to the community website when it became necessary. Additional storage is now necessary at an annual cost of £125. CW/KD to issue a cheque.</p> <p>f) Removal of Japanese Knotweed at riverside in Gavinton BW met with a council officer on-site to show the location of Japanese Knotweed. This was considered an issue for the River Tweed Commission to deal with. SBC officer to pass this information on.</p> <p>g) Issue of parking at entrance to The Glebe, Gavinton AS contacted Phillipa Gilhouly of SBC to request a single white line be painted on one side of the road entrance into the Glebe in Gavinton to control parking – as yet no response to this enquiry – AS to e-mail for an update.</p> <p>h) Update on enquiries into the change of speed limit A6105 Duns/Greenlaw Road KD contacted Phillipa Gilhouly for an update on this issue - SBC are waiting for the results of a review of speed limits in the Borders by Napier University. No decisions on permanent traffic regulation orders will be decided before the review is complete.</p> <p>i) GP Services in Duns KD was contacted by a local resident and asked to raise the issue of a lack of face-face consultations by GP's in Duns. Another resident contacted KD regarding their partner who has been in a general ward at Borders General Hospital for 17 weeks as there is no available provision for care home places for dementia patients. KD provided contact details for our local councillors, MSP and</p>	<p></p> <p>KD</p> <p>KD</p> <p>BW</p> <p>AS</p> <p>KD</p> <p>KD</p>
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	<p>MP. KD wished to consult our local councillors at the meeting but as no councillors were available to attend – KD to email to ask how to proceed on these issues.</p> <p>j) Berwickshire Area Partnership (BAP), Place Making KD informed the meeting of this Scottish Government/SBC initiative to get more community involvement in decisions that affect them. This will feed into investment decisions that impact on communities. In turn this may link into the Participatory Budgeting process to support and progress the 1% budget CoSLA commitment. KD is involved in discussion around implementation of this policy following the recent Berwickshire Area Partnership meeting. KD proposing that a short life working group be formed to make recommendations on the best way forward for Place Making in Berwickshire.</p> <p>k) Streetlights/Dark Skies proposal Local resident GP wrote to KD to propose that streetlights be turned off between 11.15pm and 6am to save electricity, allow dark skies to be seen and aid wildlife. CC agreed that in due course this issue could be put to the community using an online poll to determine the level of support for this proposal</p> <p>l) Purchase of Equipment for village maintenance Request by local resident was withdrawn.</p> <p>m) Upgrade of Gavinton Play Park Since the last meeting KD received an e-mail from John Greenwell alerting him to meetings taking place to consider priorities for play parks to be upgraded by SBC. KD e-mailed Cllr David Parker to emphasise the need for Gavinton to be included in the list of parks for an upgrade and offer CC help with any of the details and consultations with the wider community. Cllr Parker was very sympathetic towards the Gavinton project and offered an update in the next few weeks once the scheduled meetings are completed.</p>	<p>KD</p> <p>KD</p> <p>KD</p> <p>KD/JG</p>
8	<p>Planning</p> <p>KD prepared a planning summary prior to the meeting which was made available on the community webpage.</p> <p>KD noted that there were no new applications since the last meeting but that 4 applications had been approved.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steading Building East of Kirkburn House Cothill Duns Scottish Borders – erection of 2 dwelling houses. 2. Whinkerstones Farm, Charterhall – change of use of roundel and alterations to form studio. 3. Wellcroft, The Green, Gavinton – Alternations and extension to dwellinghouse. <p>KD reported that there appear to be no applications related to 4 Maitland Place.</p>	<p>KD</p>

	Details of all planning applications are available on the community webpage.	
9	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-Berwickshire police reports September and October 2021 forwarded to all CC prior to the meeting. • Development of new local housing strategy for the Scottish Borders, consultation circulated to all CC. • Scottish Community Councils Newsletter • Update on campaign for Scottish Borders National Park. • Eastern Borders Green Routes- update from TJ circulated to all CC. • Community engagement tour by South of Scotland Enterprise - Duns 9th Feb 222. • SCDC Participation and Engagement sessions. 	AS KD
10	<p>Councillor Update</p> <p>None of our councillors were available to attend the meeting.</p>	
11	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None raised 	
12	<p>Dates of Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall, at 7pm on Monday 13th December 2021. 24th January, 7th March, 18th April and 6th June (AGM) 2022. Meetings may be held over Zoom when it is considered necessary. 	
13	The meeting closed at 8.35 pm	