



**GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
Minutes of the Meeting held at Gavinton Village Hall
Monday the 7th March 2022 at 7pm

Item	Comment	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairperson Keith Dickinson welcomed, Carole Wright, Bryce Weir, Lorraine Tait, Amanda Stewart & Barry Van Der Boer 	
2	Apologies: Cllr John Greenwell, Cllr Donald Moffat & Cllr Mark Rowley	
3	Declarations of interest: None raised	
4	Minutes of the meeting 24th January 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 24th January 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheque for £23.98 issued to Neil Gilmour to cover cost of batteries for emergency equipment box. Cheque for £40 issued to Gavinton Village Hall for cost of rent for CC meetings. Cheque for £17.92 issued to SBC to cover the cost of insurance for the defibrillator. Balance of CC account £1946.88 General funds £1300.14 Covid support funds £646.74 	CW
7	Plans for CC Elections KD indicated that the deadline for our election is 6 th June by which time the new committee should be formed. Therefore, the process of collecting nominations should be completed before the next CC meeting on 18 th April. The number of nominations received will determine if a ballot is required. A notice with information about the upcoming election and nomination process will be posted on village notice boards and on the community webpage and Facebook page. KD will circulate election information via e-mail to all Cothill & Polwarth residents and to resilient community volunteers. KD will forward election information to William Mohieddeen of SBC for publicity through SBC social media channels. Nomination forms will be available in the atrium of the village hall, on the community webpage and from all CC members. Forms to be returned to AS, at The Auld Kirk, Gavinton. Nomination forms will be sent to Cllr Mark Rowley who has kindly offered to act as returning officer. Nominations will	KD/TJ/AS/ All

	be open from 18 th March until 8 th April 2022 allowing 10days for SBC to check the process prior to our next CC meeting.	
8	<p>Eastern Borders Green Routes</p> <p>Tim Jackson kindly joined the meeting to update us on plans for an active travel route between Tweedbank and Reston via Duns to Eyemouth and Coldingham. Greener Melrose is the lead organisation representing communities along the route and TJ has been representing the CC working within this group.</p> <p>A comprehensive feasibility study, funded by South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE) is currently being carried out by Atkins consultants and is due for completion by 31st March 2022. This study will focus on route options between Earlston and Reston, using the disused railway track where possible with an extension to Eyemouth and Coldingham. The study will also explore sources of funding to allow implementation of this proposal.</p> <p>SBC wish to gather views of local residents on the proposed active travel route and have set up a survey on their webpage. TJ has publicised this survey and made the link available through the community webpage and Facebook page and asked all CC members to complete the survey and circulate this information.</p>	TJ
9	<p>Place Making in Berwickshire</p> <p>KD advised the CC that he is involved in an SBC community led activity in relation to planning future facilities for Berwickshire such as housing, medical centres, schools etc. It is hoped that this will allow a 'bottom up' approach to planning with decisions made at community level through Berwickshire Area Partnership meetings.</p>	KD
10	<p>Platinum Jubilee Celebrations</p> <p>KD circulated information prior to the meeting to AS & Donald Rae (Chair of Gavinton Village Hall Committee) detailing plans from 'A Heart for Duns' on local activities planned to celebrate the platinum jubilee in June 2022. Activities are planned for Thu/Fri and Sunday of Jubilee weekend and it was suggested that Gavinton may wish to plan activities for Saturday 4th June to allow residents to enjoy other local events.</p>	KD
11	<p>Community Improvements and Maintenance- Current</p> <p>a) Update on problem of overhanging shrubbery in Gavinton. JG was unable to attend the meeting and therefore this update was unavailable. AS to e-mail JG for an update.</p> <p>b) Issue of parking at entrance to The Glebe, Gavinton B. VDB offered to keep this issue under review and report back to the CC if problems persist.</p> <p>c) Upgrade of Gavinton Play Park MR messaged prior to the meeting to say SBC took a paper on playparks and that Gavinton was positively referenced as a candidate for regeneration. AS to email MR for clarification on whether the refurbishment of the playpark will go ahead.</p> <p>d) Resilient Community Response to Storm Arwen/ SPEN compensation KD, Neil Gilmour and Donald Rae completed a successful application to the Blackhill Community Windfarm Fund to obtain a generator for the Gavinton Village Hall. The windfarm have committed to funding £3500 towards the generator with the village hall pledging £500 and the CC up to £1000. This will be a great</p>	<p>BW/JG/AS</p> <p>AS/ B.VDB</p> <p>AS</p> <p>KD/DR/NG</p>

	<p>resource for the resilient community response to future emergencies and for local events.</p> <p>e) Maintenance of Information Signs-Fogo KD noted that information signs at Fogo Kirk and at Hunters Bridge had been damaged by storm Arwen and were generally in a poor state of repair. KD is currently working on this project.</p> <p>f) Vehicle Speed – Main St Gavinton B.VDB wished to inform the meeting that the issue of vehicles travelling at excess speed at the east end of Main Street, Gavinton continues to be a problem and a source of concern for residents. MR was unable to attend the meeting but had previously offered to forward this concern to Phillippa Gilhooly of SBC and ask for the situation to be monitored. AS to contact MR for an update on this issue. The CC felt that it was important to collect information regarding speeding on Main Street. Gary Haldane of SBC should be requested to carry out a 2-week traffic survey. In addition, our concerns should be passed to community policing and an officer should be invited to attend our next meeting.</p>	<p>KD</p> <p>KD/ B.VDB/ MR/ AS</p>
12	<p>Community Improvements & Maintenance – issues to be kept under review and discussed only when appropriate updates are available.</p> <p>a) Review of SBC grass cutting and maintenance of vegetation on roadside verges. b) Removal of Japanese Knotweed at Riverside in Gavinton c) Update on enquiries into the change of speed limit A6105 Duns/Greenlaw Road d) Replacement of Defibrillator cabinet-Gavinton e) Improvements to Gavinton football pitches</p>	
13	<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 no new applications had been received but that decisions had been reached on 3 current applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Erection of dwelling house, land East of Thistle Brae, the Hardens, Duns was approved with conditions. 2. Erection of dwelling house, land north of Woodend Farmhouse, Duns was refused. 3. Replacement windows and doors, 4 Maitland Row, Gavinton was approved. <p>Details of all planning applications are available on the community webpage.</p>	<p>KD</p>
14	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-Berwickshire police report January 2022 forwarded to all CC prior to the meeting. • Update on Eastern Borders Green Routes from TJ forwarded to 	<p>AS</p>

	<p>all CC prior to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of Queens Green Canopy and Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022 circulated to all CC. • Charterhall Estate Forest Plan – proposed amendment circulated to all CC – no comments received. • Jim Clark Rally Consultation – forwarded to all CC and available online until 9th March 2022. KD commented that Francis Renton is available to meet with community representatives to discuss plans for the upcoming rally. • News release from SBC- Budget for Recovery – circulated to all CC. <p>The above correspondence is available on the community webpage.</p>	
15	<p>Councillor Update None of our SBC Councillors were able to attend the meeting.</p>	
16	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BW raised the issue of funding for the replacement flag-pole for Gavinton village green. The current flagpole is now rotten and unusable. The CC felt that it would be appropriate for CC funds to help with the replacement of the flagpole which will be required for Jubilee celebrations in June 2022. • BW raised the issue of abandoned cars in Gavinton. A black Skoda Fabia was abandoned in South Street, Gavinton – police were made aware and the car was removed. There is currently an abandoned Fiesta at the junction of Main Street and the Fogo Road in Gavinton – police have been notified and a silver Corsa that has been left abandoned in the Glebe, Gavinton for the last 4 months. B.VDB offered to check if the car was taxed so that we may pass this information on to the police. 	<p>BW</p> <p>BW/B.VDB</p>
17	<p>Dates of Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall, at 7pm on Monday 18th April and 6th June (AGM) 2022. Meetings may be held over Zoom when it is considered necessary. 	
18	<p>The meeting closed at 8.50 pm</p>	