

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Minutes of the Meeting held at Gavinton Village Hall on Monday 10th of March 2025 at 7pm</p>
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Item	Comment	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Introductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chairperson Amanda Stewart welcomed Cllr John Greenwell, Carole Wright, Neil Gilmour, Bryce Weir, John Hughes, Morag Naylor, Emma Foster, Frances Renton and Tom Darling (both representing the Jim Clark Memorial Motor Club). Katie Massie joined the meeting later. 	
2	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Yvonne Huggins-Haig and Tony Huggins-Haig</p> <p>At this point Mr Barry Van Der Boer and partner joined the meeting. He wished to air a complaint but was not prepared to wait his turn. This complaint related to an email he claimed he had sent to AS regarding the matter of a trailer parked in The Glebe which had been raised at the last two CC meetings. AS denied receipt of the email which he was not prepared to accept. He said the email contents had come up at an altercation between he and the owner of the trailer. He became abusive and threatening and when asked by AS, supported by the other CC members and Cllr Greenwell, to leave the meeting he refused. He eventually left the meeting accompanied by NG.</p>	
3	<p>Declarations of interest: None raised</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of the meeting on 27th January 2025</p> <p>Minutes were approved with no amendments.</p>	MN
5	<p>Matters arising from the minutes and not covered elsewhere in the agenda</p> <p>None</p>	

6	<p>Jim Clark Memorial Rally 23rd to 25th May.</p> <p>Frances Renton and Tom Darling were thanked for attending the meeting. The arrangements were similar to those of the 2024 rally as regards spectator parking and access to the village. Mrs Renton agreed to provide 150 resident stickers, without the year on so that they could be reused in future.</p> <p>They had permission for up to 140 entries for the rally and hoped for 130.</p> <p>There had been a couple of issues last year and it was agreed that the gate to the field leading to the Ford would be opened so there was no scrambling over fences. NG asked that bales of hay be placed at the point where there had been an accident. FR to investigate what could be done there.</p> <p>AS to send FR the GFPC logo for the pamphlets</p>	FR FR AS
7	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>There were no transactions on the bank account since the last meeting on 27th January 2025.</p> <p>Balance of the CC Account:</p> <p>General funds £321.77</p> <p>CW said she was busy with the annual financials</p>	CW
8	<p>Community Improvements and Maintenance- Current</p> <p>a) Vehicle Speed - Main Street/Crimson Hill, Gavinton & Hardens Road</p> <p>NG reported that PC MacLeod had spent approx. 30 minutes with the handheld speed camera. Some drivers had slowed down when he was spotted. He had promised to return but had not done so to date. NG said that according to SBC records the average speed through Gavinton was 17.7mph. It was agreed this was only because of vehicles slowing down to turn into South and Main Streets.</p> <p>Mrs Massie confirmed that there were still no signs or road markings. YHH would be asked to continue to oversee the situation of road markings and warning signs on Hardens Road.</p> <p>b) Parking at the Gavinton football pitches</p> <p>Alison Payne of the Football Club had emailed AS to apologise that parking arrangements seemed to have reverted to old habits and she would ensure parking cones were put out. She also said that the coaches would be looking at the fixtures and arrange to stagger games when there more than one at Gavinton.</p> <p>AS reported she had received a call prior to the start of the CC meeting from her 15 year old son telling her that a parent had come to her home to complain about the parking cones which had been put out by the club. It</p>	NG YHH

	<p>was agreed this was completely unacceptable. AS to take this up with AP.</p> <p>b) Duns/Gavinton Community Led Planning</p> <p>AS had emailed Johnny Fisher, consultant involved with the Duns process, with the CC input regarding Gavinton. These were parking at the football pitches and a safe walking route to Duns. He had promised to circulate an updated version of the LPP.</p> <p>c) Gavinton Church Hall</p> <p>Emma Foster enquired if anyone knew where the septic tank was for Gavinton church, as a lorry had turned up when she was at the Hall to empty the tank. No one knew its whereabouts and it was suggested she contact Duns Parish. She also mentioned that it appeared that there was an SBC initiative to resurface the parking area at the Church Hall and to repair the railings.</p>	AS
9	<p>Community Improvements & Maintenance – issues to be kept under review and discussed only when appropriate updates are available</p> <p>a) Deterioration of road surface – Main St. Gavinton (JG/BW) JG to follow up.</p> <p>b) Update on GoFibre extension of fibre broadband network. Nothing to report</p> <p>c) Verges between the Crimson Hill exit and the turnoff to the Ford AS had circulated a link to the proposed Borders Greenway multi-use path. The path was now planned to go through the centre of Gavinton. AS suggested that this might be a better option than trying to get SBC to fund a path. It was suggested we ask Tim Jackson if someone could come to talk at the next CC meeting.</p> <p>d) Defibrillator for Fogo CW said she had heard nothing further from Fogo residents.</p> <p>e) Fallen trees on Charterhall Estate land (AS/JG) JG to take up the issue with SBC's Parks & Environment Manager. It was noted that the ash tree opposite The Old Manse was going to be removed this week.</p> <p>f) SBC Review of non-financial support to community councils (YHH) There has been a delay in setting up the working group for the review. YHH is the CC's representative.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>AS</p> <p>MN</p> <p>JG</p> <p>YHH</p>

10	<p>Proposal for funding from Blackhill Windfarm for subsidised membership of Duns Swimming Pool (CW)</p> <p>CW reported that the funding application had been unsuccessful.</p>	CW
11	<p>Issue of trailer parked at The Glebe</p> <p>Emma Foster said that arrangements were in hand to remove the trailer. The matter was a dispute between neighbours and other authorities were involved. It was agreed that it was not a CC matter.</p>	
12	<p>Resilient Communities (NG)</p> <p>NG had raised a query about the salt bin near to the Church which didn't seem to be used but there was a need for one at the bottom of South Street. There has also been storm damage to the bin on the village green. JG had enquired about an additional bin and a replacement for the damaged one but not received a reply. He will follow up.</p>	JG
13	<p>Correspondence forwarded to CC prior to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mid Berwickshire police report for January 2025 ○ Review of the SBC Community Council Scheme and Community Handbook ○ SBC Budget Consultation for 2025/2026 ○ Scottish Government R100 Programme evaluation ○ Tweed Forum news update ○ Invitation to Army engagement event – 12 March 2025 ○ SEPA consultation – open until 30th March 	MN
14	<p>Councillor Update</p> <p>ClIr Greenwell said the SBC Small Schemes Fund budget had £8800 remaining and that any claim needed to be made this week or the funds would go back into Council general funds and not be rolled over. AS suggested that the Football Club might make an application for funding for gravel for its parking area. AS to contact the Club.</p>	AS
15	<p>Planning</p> <p>There were no new applications. Since the last meeting the following</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The application 21/01920/AMC had been withdrawn. 	AS/ YHH

	<p>2. The application for the erection of a dwellinghouse at the site of The Clachan, Main Street, Gavinton 23/01767/FUL was approved with conditions.</p> <p>3. The application for the formation of a concrete pad for generator and access on land W of Saturnia, Polwarth 24/00850/FUL was approved retrospectively.</p>	
16	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>1. AS had received a request to install a memorial bench. The suggested position alongside the other two benches on the Village Green was agreed. JH said he had also received a similar request to install a memorial bench which was also agreed.</p> <p>2. AS said she had been approached by a tv programme producer about the walled garden in Gavinton old Langton estate. It was suggested they be referred to the Duns Historical Society.</p> <p>3. NG said that as part of Keep Scotland Beautiful there would be a litter picking exercise on 28th to 30th March. On the 29th there would be a session to concentrate on the slope from Duns Road down to the stream beginning at 2pm. He would send details to AS to advertise on the GFPCC facebook page.</p> <p>4. BW said there were overhanging branches over the planter at the entrance to Gavinton opposite the football pitches. AS to check.</p> <p>5. Emma Foster reminded the meeting that the food larder was open every Tuesday and Thursday and they had been trialing opening on Thursday evening.</p> <p>6. BW asked Cllr Greenwell about the SBC budget. Council tax rates are to increase by 10%. Cllr Greenwell said that even with the increase there was a shortfall because of the changes to NI contributions announced in the last Budget and higher than anticipated salary increases.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>NG/AS</p> <p>AS</p>
17	<p>Dates of Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of next meeting, Monday 21st April 2025 – 7pm Gavinton Village Hall. <p>Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall, at 7pm on Monday 2nd June (AGM), 18th August, 29th September, 17th November 2025 and 12th January 2026.</p>	
18	<p>The meeting closed at 8.30 pm</p>	

