



GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting
Held at Gavinton Village Hall
Monday the 12th of January 2026 at 7pm

| Item | Comment | Action |
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| 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, Tony Huggins-Haig, Yvonne Huggins-Haig, Julie Preston, Paul Whitfield, Bethan Williams & Katie Massie | |
| 2 | <p>Apologies: Cllr Donald Moffat</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Declarations of interest: None raised</p> | |
| 4 | <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2025 Minutes were approved with no amendments</p> | AS |
| 5 | <p>Matters arising from the minutes and not covered elsewhere in the agenda- none raised</p> | |
| 6 | <p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Transactions on the bank account since the last meeting 17th November 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheque for £138.09 to NG for battery & charger for generator Cheque for £70.56 to AS for dog waste bags <p>Current balance of the account £393.10</p> | CW |
| 7 | <p>Community Improvements and Maintenance – Current</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Repair to stone wall and Lych gate- Fogo Kirk. Update from John Douglas & Johnathan Jones, SBC. Meetings have been held with the heritage officer along with contractors to try and agree a way forward. Listed building consent is required, JJ to pass this to architects to follow up. The costs of this project are likely to be significant and JJ is waiting to hear from Ray Cherry in relation to possible funding options. It is hoped that SBC will be in a position to carry out some works in the spring. AS to follow up.</p> <p>Bus Shelter – Duns Rd, Gavinton- removal of undergrowth to allow access. NG confirmed that this work has now been carried out. Item can be removed from the agenda.</p> | AS NG |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBC bulk refuse collections YHH noted that residents from Turnbull Court in Duns were being told that there would be no bulk collections before March 2026. YHH to forward information to JG to follow up. | YHH/JG |
| 8 | <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 Street, Gavinton. NG confirmed that one potholed area of Main Street, Gavinton had now been repaired twice by SBC but that the tar had once again come away – JG offered to investigate using the jet patcher/pothole pro to provide a more lasting solution. JG to follow up on the plan to repair the sections of Main St and Maitland Road identified during the site visit between BW and SBC roads officer.</p> <p>b. Parking at the Gavinton football pitches. CC to continue to monitor.</p> <p>c. Resilient Communities – additional/replacement salt bins. The original salt bin offered by YHH was found to be damaged however an alternative may be available. YHH to send details to NG so that transport can be arranged. A replacement battery and charger was purchased for the generator. NG & JH identified the battery fault during their monthly check. The generator is now fully functional and ready if needed. NG has been offered a salt spreader by SBC resilient communities’ team and was informed that they are reviewing funding to see if it may be possible to replace the resilient community store.</p> <p>d. Potholes on Hardens Road KM confirmed that signing and lining for the Hardens Farm corner on the Hardens Rd was now complete. It is hoped that this will improve road safety at this site. AS sent thanks to Philippa Gilhouly. THH conformed that SBC had spent 4 days laying hardcore at the road edge of a 100m stretch of the Hardens Rd – it is hoped that this may support the road edges and prevent further breakage. It was noted that as there is no tar on the hardcore – this may wash away over time. CC to monitor.</p> <p>e. Walking route Gavinton to Duns.</p> <p>f. Vandalism in Gavinton Natasha Stockman confirmed that the Gavinton sign at the West end of the village could not be cleaned and must be replaced. The new sign has been ordered and will be replaced as soon as possible.</p> | <p>JG/BW/NG</p> <p>YHH/NG</p> <p>NG/BW/JH</p> <p>NG</p> <p>KM/AS</p> <p>THH</p> <p>AS</p> |

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| | <p>fallen over in sections and the wooden supports are rotten. CW to forward information to JG to follow up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CW noted that the bottom step of the Hunters Bridge at Fogo on the North side has become dislodged. JG to determine if SBC maintains this bridge. • It was noted that the 2 benches at either side of the Hunters Bridge are in poor repair – JG to provide the contact for the criminal justice workers who may be able to renovate the benches. • NG was asked by a Gavinton resident whether an additional streetlight could be installed on the path to the bus stop in Gavinton. It was felt that the cost of this work would be prohibitive. | <p>CW/JG</p> <p>AS/JG</p> <p>NG</p> |
| 17 | <p>Dates of meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of next meeting, Monday 9th March 2026 – 7pm Gavinton Village Hall • Future meetings will be held at 7pm on 20th April, 8th June (AGM) 17th August, 28th September, 16th November and 11th January (2027). | |
| 18 | <p>The meeting closed at 8.40pm</p> | |