



West Linton Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 9th Feb 2004 In the Village Centre at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Harrison, Graham Tulloch, Eric Small, Derek Lawson, David Small, Norman Erskine, Anne McKenzie, Colin Torrance

- 1) **Apologies:** Michael Pryor and Cllr. Neil Calvert.
- 2) **Police Matters:** Sgt Sedgwick reported two incidents in the area since the last meeting. A house had been broken into on Linton Bank Drive and a sum of money stolen. It was not thought this incident was related to the spate of break-ins late last year. A number of people were arrested after a disturbance in Cameron Square.
- 3) **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** These were approved; MH signed a copy for the record.
- 4) **Matters Arising (not on the agenda):** None.
- 5) **Planning Issues (WLCC Area):**
 - i) Conservatory; 6 Croft Square: **Support.**
 - ii) Demolition of existing & erection of new dwelling, Maidstone Cottage, Croft Road: **Support.**
 - iii) Conservatory, Redwood House, Deanfoot Rd: **Await Plans.**
 - iv) Erection of dwelling at Struan, Boggsbank Rd: **Appeal** has been lodged against refusal of planning permission.
 - v) Erection of dwelling on Boggsbank Rd: The Appeal has been upheld.
- 6) **Area Committee Meeting:** MH gave a brief report of the meeting, the highlight of which was a presentation by Anne Younger on the Eastgate Theatre, which is due to start its programme on 2nd March. There were no West Linton matters.
- 7) **Roads and Footpaths:** The A702 will be closed to HGV traffic next month to allow resurfacing work to take place.

A short discussion was held on the resurfacing of Main Street. It is hoped that this will take no longer than 5 working days during which the road will be closed to traffic between 7am and 4.30pm. It was thought that if work took place in the Easter holidays inconvenience could be kept to the minimum. NC had spoken to Craig Blackie (SBLocal) about potholes in Deanfoot Rd.

A wall in Croft Rd is in a poor state of repair and is giving cause for concern that it could collapse. GT reported that Elaine Nicol indicated that the steps and handrail at the White Bridge will be repaired before April.

The replacement "Stop" sign on Deanfoot road has not yet been replaced but it is on order.

MH to report broken light (#33) and on main road.

GT to contact Elaine Nicol about erecting sign on Roundabout to discourage HGVs inadvertently going down Dryburn Brae.

GT to discuss the safety issue on Deanfoot RD /School Brae with School Traffic Co-ordinator and the Traffic and Development Control Manager at SBC.

- 8) **Public Transport Issues:** Copies of the bus timetables will be posted in the P.O.
New bus stops with raised pavements should be finished by the end of the week.
- 9) **Greens and Swingpark:** Nothing to report.
- 10) **Environmental Issues:** The litterbin at the junction of Main Street & the A702 had been removed from the "Give Way" sign and not been replaced. **GT** to request a larger replacement to be resited at the Ewen Memorial, **GT** also to remind SBC of 3 new bins requested last summer.
- 11) **Publicity and Website:** Nothing to report.
- 12) **Christmas Lights:** £400 was spent and DL applied for and received a 75% (£300) rebate from SBC. The need for a Committee to be set up to arrange funding for the Christmas lights was again raised. The extended display takes an increasing time to setup/dismantle. Additional assistance has to be sought to ensure the lights can be put in place over one day. Requests for volunteers will be made on the web page and in the CC box - **GT**.
- 13) **Scottish Borders Community Council Network:** Nothing was agreed about CC voting on Planning Applications.
SBLocal: - A new initiative to effect rapid repairs and tidying of rubbish in Tweeddale was launched on 22nd Jan. Craig Blackie is in charge of a small squad of men who will respond to calls by residents.
- 14) **Village Centre:** - Plans are going ahead for room upgrade. Phil Todd, the Registrar, had spoken to MH about the draft lease and an agreement is almost finalised.
- 15) **Miscellaneous Correspondence:**
- i) Forestry Commission Annual Report: **Noted**.
 - ii) Butterfly Conservation Society: **Noted**
 - iii) Eco-friendly burials; **Noted**
 - iv) Pentland Beacon: **Noted**.
- 16) **AOCB:** A Local Contractor had asked about purchasing an Industrial Unit on Deanfoot Rd **MH** to investigate.
An action group against a salmon farm proposal on the Tweed has been formed but it was decided that this was not a matter for the CC.
The Reiver Project is coming to **WL** in a van on 19th March from 4-7pm, when there will be an opportunity for everyone to obtain information on drink and drug abuse.
Scottish Borders Housing Association are instigating Area Boards and requested interested parties to contact them.
- The 'Business Case' for a new school has been sent to the Scottish Executive and a decision is expected in March or April. The CC and interested parties in the community should prepare for the consultation period, which will start later this year.
- 17) **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 8th March 2004