

**West Linton Community Council**  
**Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 14th June 2004**  
**In the Village Centre at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Margaret Harrison, Graeme Tulloch, Eric Small, David Small, Norman Erskine, Anne McKenzie, Michael Pryor

**In attendance** Cllr. Neil Calvert.

**1)Apologies:** Derek Lawson

**2) Police Matters:** Sgt Sedgwick reported that there had been 5 crimes reported since the last meeting.

15/05: The theft of a “whacker plate” worth £1500 from the Manor Garage

31/05: A car parked in the Main Street was scratched along the length of the right side.

2/06: A break-in at the bowling club when the fruit machine was vandalised and £150 taken.

03/04 June. Theft of washing from Cruadh in the Main Street.

13/06 A serious calculated break-in at the bowling club occurred when £900 from the fruit machine, alcohol and safe contents were taken.

All of these crimes remain unsolved although there are some leads on the bowling club incident, which appeared to be a professional break-in.

**3) Minutes of Previous Meeting:** These were approved. A copy for the record was not available and will be signed at a later date.

**4) Minutes Arising (not on the agenda):** MP expressed his desire to go onto the Hall committee organised by CT and will contact CT personally.

**5) Planning Issues(WLCC Area):**

i) Erection of 3 dwelling houses: Manor Garage, Main Street: CC to recommend Wet Dash rather than Dry Dash as specified. Otherwise approved.

ii) Replacement windows; Ettrick, Main Street: CC to recommend Sash and Case as opposed to dual turn and narrower window frames as opposed to those specified.

iii) Erection of Conservatory: Tan House, Upper Green: Support.

iv) Partial demolition and erection of extension: Steven Cottage, Christina Howieson Close, Main Street: Mr E Small left the table and was given 5 mins by the Chair to speak on his proposal. The property at present is semi-derelict and Mr Small plans to renovate and make the property habitable for letting. This involves raising the roofline, demolishing the back wall, which is unsound, and extending the cottage to include a new kitchen and bedroom.

Mr B Wild was then given leave to talk for 5 mins about his objection to this extension.

The main objection was one of overshadowing as Mr Wilde's house backs directly onto Steven Cottage. The new extension could obliterate the outlook of 1 and a half windows resulting in the possible loss of 30% light from the house. The North facing velux windows appear to look directly in to the first floor rooms of Mr Wildes House first floor rooms. Mr Wilde feels that the extension is on too big a scale and should be reduced.

The CC support the idea in principle but take into consideration Mr Wildes concerns and feel that the extension could be modified in some way to the satisfaction of both parties. However photographs of the 2 houses were not presented and it was difficult for the CC to judge both sides fairly. It was felt that this should be discussed further once the situation was clarified by looking at both properties.

v) Reconstruction of Club House and 28 dwelling houses and relocation of maintenance shed: Rutherford Castle Golf Club (Manor Kingdom Group): This is a development of large houses and a new Club House . This was discussed at length but would appear not to comply with any new build regulations. The design of the new Clubhouse appeared to be very poor: Against.

vi) Correspondence on Greenlaw: Refusal of planning permission: Noted.

vii) Correspondence on house to rear of Linton Hotel, Upper Green: Construction differences to those approved: MH read out a letter from Mr B Frater, SBC, which states that the house does not comply with the original approved plans at 12 points, including aesthetic and constructional areas. eg no damp-proof course. An architect has been employed to improve the facade of the house and ensure compliance with building regulations.

Letter from Mrs. S. Black: Noted.

**6) SBC Housing in the countryside Policy Questionnaire.** MH has posted questionnaire with CC Comments as discussed at the previous meeting.

**7) Area Committee Meeting:** MH reported that the meeting had been held in Broughton and Mrs Frances Stewart had talked about in-house care. This addresses the problems of lifelong care of the elderly in the home.

**8) Roads and Footpaths:** MH spoke about the mismanagement by AMEY of the A702 road closure in May and is to write a letter of complaint to the Scottish Executive on the traffic management before and during the project.

MH reported that the hole in the road by the Graham Institute had been fixed.

The village main street will be resurfaced during the first 2 weeks of July, but the road will only be completely closed to HGVs; private cars will be allowed to use the road in a convoy system.

GT had been notified that the slope from the white bridge to Chapel Brae was a bit steep for wheelchair use.

**9) Public Transport issues:** MH to write to Amey about a litter bin by the bus stop.

New Bus Stop Location: These will be located next to Cedar Cottage and Between Lynhurst and Ravenswood on the A702.

**10) Greens and Swingpark:** MH has ordered the new bark for the village playarea.

**11) Environmental Issues:** MH to ask Mr Blackie and SB Local to re-turf the concrete on the old recycling area. The CC decided to enter "Scotlands Floral Gateway" Competition this

year and MH is to enlist the help of SB Local to tidy up the village. ES suggested that the corner of Gifford place could be smartened up as part of this project.

**12) Reports of meetings attended :** MH attended the Focus meeting on 24th May at 6pm. Mr B Frater chaired the meeting. Planning applications have increased by 12% since last year and the meeting was mainly concerned with the impact of this on the council planning department.

**13) Miscellaneous Correspondence, including:**

- i) CC grant for next year confirmed.
- ii) Eastgate theatre programme: Noted.
- iii) New Ways awards: Noted.
- iv) Notification of military flying activity: Noted.
- v) Friends of the Pentlands New Constitution and Newsletter: Noted
- vi) Offenders Scheme Leaflet: Noted.
- vii) Summary of development and land use change in the community, A Resume: Noted.
- viii) CAB Leaflet: Noted.
- ix) Respect pamphlet: Noted.
- x) National Survey on School Holiday Dates: Noted.
- xi) Postwatch: Noted.
- xii) Correspondence from Mr Bond: noted and MH to respond.

**14) AOCB** MH congratulated the Whipman Committee for a fantastic Whipman week. It was noted that SB Local did a great job of clearing up after the festivities.

**15) Date of Next meeting:** Monday 12th July.