



# West Linton Community Council

## **Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2005 In the Village Centre at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Margaret Harrison, Graham Tulloch, Eric Small, Derek Lawson, David Small, Anne McKenzie, Michael Pryor.

**In attendance:** Councillor Neil Calvert.

1) **Apologies:** There were no apologies.

2) **Police Matters:** Report given by Sgt. Andy Sedgwick.

Two individuals have been charged with a number of break-ins and attempted break-ins that occurred from the beginning of 2004. An individual has also been charged with the theft of a quad-bike.

4 Crimes were reported for December:

9th Dec: 2 pupils were engaged in a fight after leaving the school bus. A teenager has subsequently been charged with assault.

10th-12th Dec: A car on Deanfoot Rd., outside Shielfmuir had its windscreen wipers vandalised.

14th Dec: A complaint was made by Co-Op staff that a customer was abused by a group of teenagers loitering outside the shop. This was part of an ongoing process with particular teenagers. 2 youths of 13&15 years have subsequently been charged with a breach of the peace.

18th-19th Dec: Floodlights at the back of St Andrews Church were smashed.

GT read a letter from the Chief Constable to inform the CC that Sgt. Alan Crawford from Hawick station had been promoted to Inspector and will take up the vacant post in Peebles.

3) **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** These were approved with only two minor amendments; MH signed a copy for the record.

4) **Minutes Arising:** ES reported the weeds around the village centre had been cleared and a number of small potholes had been filled.

5) Following paras 5.1 and 4.2.b of the Constitution Mr T Davidson was co-opted onto the Community Council to replace Mr N Erskine.

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

- i) Parkview Cottage Upper Green (New house): Woodcock: Formation of gravel surface to form access drive. Retrospective: **Opposed** to gravel width and direction of new drive. After much discussion, it was decided to request a site meeting with the council and Andrew Evans to discuss the options for access to the house. Two suggestions for compromise were raised i) Possible gravel replacement with sunken drive to allow grass to grow through and be of reduced width, ii) remove gravel drive and replace with sufficient for footpath and make a cut at edge of Lower Green to allow vehicular parking. Both options also call for the removal of the wooden edging posts.

- ii) North of North Slipperfield Farm (MAP Chartered Architects Ltd.): Erection of shooting Lodge & associated Gamekeepers house, garages and kennels: **Strongly Opposed.** Contrary to Tweeddale Local Plan Policy 8, Building in the Countryside. No economic need. Concern was also expressed regarding access, would conflict with farming and increased traffic on the access road is unsuitable would be a concern for public safety as the road is also used by many walkers and cyclists in the community and bisects the golf course.
- iii) North of North Slipperfield: Erection of Farmhouse and associated garages and kennels.: **Strongly Opposed.** Contrary to Tweeddale Local Plan Policy 8, Building in the Countryside. A farmhouse already exists at North Slipperfield. Similar concerns to above application regarding access were also voiced. This location is also isolated and is on a raised site which would have a detrimental visual impact.
- iv) Millennium Bridge across the Lyne: MH informed the CC that £6,800 had been awarded by WREN for construction of the bridge. This means that funding is in place and construction can commence. The present plan for the bridge will cost 18,800 with £6,800 from Wren, £5,000 from lottery funding, and £7,800 from the Alice Hamilton Trust. SBC have undertaken to provide maintenance for the bridge.

After lengthy discussion and debate the **proposal** "The Community Council submit the amended plan as presented by the Chair for planning consent" was put forward.

Proposed Mr C Torrance

Seconded Mr E Small.

**Motion Carried 6-1.**

Mr D Small voted against the motion and proposed that all the plans and costings should be provided for the wider community so that everyone was fully aware of the new plans and costs. It was decided that this could be achieved by putting all details on CC notice board and web site if the application was accepted by SBC.

- 7) **Area Committee Meeting:** A site visit to the proposed new construction by Mr Owens is to be arranged.

The 20mph scheme to be introduced on School Brae full time has been approved.

Dog fouling situation also discussed.

Footpath extension to Broomlee Centre has been agreed.

Waste Management Scheme: Kerb side uplift of recyclable waste will commence before the end of the calendar year.

Excessive damage for repair caused to parkland by organisations will be charged.

Scottish Water will upgrade the village facility by 20% of its present total.

- 8) **Roads and Footpaths:** There was concern at SBC with the porosity of the surface on part of Main Street. This has been repaired with a more compact surface to reduce the possibility of water flow into houses.

Visitor centre is to be altered to bring it up to modern accessibility standards: work to be completed before the end of March, part of the pavement will also be upgraded during the same exercise.

The white lines at the Linton Hotel and bookshop will be reinstated.

MP reported repeat offending of dog fouling on School Brae usually early in the morning before the children walk to school. It is hoped that the offender is caught and reported.

- 9) **Public Transport Issues:** Mr M Dickson reported that the West Linton bus now leaves from Stand 9 at Waterloo Place Edinburgh. There has been a good response to the new bus stops.

**10) Christmas Lights:** The CC thanked Mrs Wilson for her kind donation of the Christmas Tree this year.

A vote of thanks was also given to everyone who helped put up the lights. A new set of lights will be needed for the tree next year. £ 20 to be given to all households that donated electricity for the lights.

**11) Miscellaneous Correspondence:**

- i) SB Local letter to report of success: **Noted**
- ii) Scottish Water Winter Warmer: **Noted**
- iii) Elder Voice : **Noted.**
- iv) SBC : Tweeddale Citizen of the year. **Noted.**

**12) AOCB:** Nominations for citizen of the year were called for.

GT gave MH a copy of the updated Community Emergency Plan and would pass an additional copy to ES. He asked that they read it and give him a note of any changes or additional contact names for equipment/skills for the final version.

**13) Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2005.