



# West Linton Community Council

## **Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005 In the Village Centre at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Margaret Harrison, Eric Small, Graham Tulloch, Derek Lawson, David Small, Anne McKenzie, Colin Torrance, Michael Pryor and Tommy Davidson.

**In attendance:** Councillor Neil Calvert.

**1) Apologies:** -

**2) Police Matters:** Sgt Bruce gave the following report:

Between 1500 hrs 29/04/05 and 1200 hrs 30/04/05 a car badge was stolen from a Mercedes while it was parked unattended in Main Street, West Linton.

About 0020 hrs 08/05/2005 four males were observed by witnesses in Main Street, West Linton conducting themselves in a disorderly manner. They were thereafter, seen punching windows at the Graham Institute (5 window panes smashed) before making off.

Between 1130hrs 07/05/05 - 1530 hrs 08/05/05 persons unknown damaged a ford transit van whilst parked in Main Street, West Linton by kicking same. Panel work on this new vehicle is dented. Enquiries at locus revealed this incident to be linked to the incident at Graham Institute.

Between 2000hs 07/05 and 1400 08/05 person(s) unknown damaged the wing mirror of a Renault Scenic by unknown means.

Two persons have been detected for possessing controlled drugs within the West Linton area. A fifteen-year-old youth has been detected for the vandalism to the tennis club, which occurred earlier this year.

An incident at the School Crossing Patrol was discussed where a driver initially stopped but then drove through the crossing whilst the Patrol person was signalling for children to cross. Sgt Bruce confirmed this was illegal and the only crime in Scotland that does not need corroborating witness to prosecute. He would pass this report on and may have the crossing monitored by the Police. **This was a very serious crime and not one that we would want repeated.**

**3) Minutes of Previous Meeting:** These were approved and MH signed a copy for the record, a copy of the amended minutes of the February meeting was also signed.

**4) Matters Arising:** Cllr. Calvert still to meet with Chief Superintendent C. Common.

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

- i) **05/00825/FUL Land north of Cosaig, Dolphinton (Loanhead Developments Ltd) Erection of 6 dwellinghouses with integral garages.** A discussion was held on the ridge height of the proposed houses and the size of the plot. Recommendation for houses to be 1 1/2 storeys in height and the number of houses be reduced to 5. A request also to create only one access road into the development to allow the buildings to be better positioned to increase the solar gain. **Conditional supported.**

**b. Planning Related Issues (decisions)**

- i) **05/00233/OUT** Erection of dwellinghouse with integral garage, garden of Dervaig, Boggsbank Road. Development contrary to Policies 3 & 18 of Tweeddale Local Plan (TLP) and Policy 115 of the Scottish Borders Structure Plan 2001-2011 and Policy 92 of the Tweeddale Local Plan 1996 in that the site occupies low lying land that may be liable to flooding. **Refused.**
- ii) **04/2326/OUT** Erection of shooting lodge and associated gamekeeper's house, garages and kennels. Development contrary to Policy 8 of the TLP 1996 and Policy H6 of the Approved Structure Plan 2001-2011, in that the site is outwith any recognised settlement or building group and that the need for the house has not been adequately substantiated. Furthermore, the existing track is not suitable to serve non-agricultural traffic. **Refused.**
- iii) **04/2327/OUT** Erection of farmhouse and associated garages and kennels. Development contrary to Policy 8 of the TLP 1996 and Policy H6 of the Approved Structure Plan 2001-2011, in that the site is outwith any recognised settlement or building group and that the need for the house has not been adequately substantiated. **Refused.**

**c. Planning Related Issues (meetings)**

- i) MH & CT attended a seminar by Planning Aid Scotland (PAS) in Edinburgh. Barry Fotheringham of SBC and a representative from PAS led discussions on legislation, processing and appealing against decisions. WLCC to become friends of planning and DL to write cheque for £10 membership.

- 6) Area Committee Meeting:** This was held at West Linton. Chief Superintendent C. Common gave a report on police procedures and the Forward Look for Policing in this area. He said that the Borders had a low crime rate and high rate crime solving. It was unfortunate that there was a low turn-out for this meeting from local residents.
- 7) Roads and Footpaths:** NC had met with Craig Blackie to discuss the construction of a path to the proposed bridge. The problem of drainage and the creation of a proper bridle path along the Ministers pool was also discussed. CB to come back with pricing. The notification of planning permission for 20MPH signs has been posted on Deanfoot Rd. NC to chase Amey about 20MPH limits on Main A702.
- 8) Public Transport Issues:** None
- 9) Environmental Issues:** MH to get in touch with Council about the removal of the posts on the Upper Green. A letter about the posts had been received from Christian Small.

There was a short discussion on the plans to build a poultry farm at Broughton. DS raised the issue of smell from the farm reaching West Linton. MH to ask for the environmental statement so that the CC can make an appropriate response to the proposed development.

Linton in Bloom: 30 Tubs, 6 Boxes and 1 basket to be planted. Volunteers are required. CC to fund £50 towards project.

Kerbside recycling: Information about recycling proposals sent to CC However its unlikely that the scheme will be available in WL until 2006.

Bicycle Stands: MH and NC met C Blackie to discuss the siting of 4 bicycle stands in the village. It was decided that the best site was at the side of the paper shop. **CB (SBLocal)** to price.

Floral Gateway: CC decided to enter again this year.

ES reported that strimmer had been returned.

#### **10) Miscellaneous Correspondence:**

- i) Borders Project for people over 60: Noted, (GT to post in box & web page)
- ii) SBCC Network AGM to be held in Melrose on 25th May: Noted
- iii) Community Council Handbook Update: Noted
- iv) Water Customer Consultation Panels: Noted
- v) Letter from Glen Roger – areas of Lyne Water adjacent to Broomlee to become a wildlife site.: Noted.
- vi) Invitation for the Chair to attend the installation of the Whipman.

**11) Meetings Attended:** see 5.c. above.

**12) AOCB:** CT reported that he had attended Co-operative AGM and that the company in this region is the most profitable in Scotland and that there was monies available to the local community for community based projects. The village school had already secured funding for sports strips.

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