



West Linton Community Council

**Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 10th April 2006
In the Village Centre at 7.30pm**

Present: Margaret Harrison, Eric Small, Graham Tulloch, David Small, Michael Pryor and Tommy Davidson.

In attendance: Councillor Neil Calvert.

1. **Apologies:** - Derek Lawson, Colin Torrance and Anne McKenzie
2. **Police Matters:** Report for March 2006 (attached at the end of this minute) was read out by GT. The CC heard with dismay about another incident of drivers failing to stop at the school crossing patrol. It was hoped that the perpetrators would be caught. The detections and warnings issued by the Police during their recent campaign were noted.
3. **Minute of Previous Meeting:** These were approved and MH signed a copy for the record.
Matters Arising: A number of items were cleared up from the March minute, including:
The street lights illuminated permanently on Deanfoot Road, School Brae & Linton Bank Drive will stay on until the damaged lamp on Deanfoot Road is repaired to allow safe passage when it is dark.
Slope at new bridge: **GT** to pursue with SBLocal.
The replacement windows of the flat above the co-op were passed by officials in Peebles, although the WLCC did not receive copies of the plan.
GT reported the Right of Way through the Bank House property was not known by SBC; he has written to Mr Bond informing him of this with the address of the organisation to contact should he wish to take it further.
Cllr Calvert was in discussion with Fran Swift at SBC to arrange a meeting of the paths sub-committee.
Cllr Calvert reported the suggested replacement toy for the children's play park had been agreed by SBC and this will be installed in the coming months.
Whipman Stone – GT had raised the possibility of another base for the stone at a recent meeting where it was discussed, coolly.
4. **Planning Issues (WLCC Area):**
 - a) **Planning Applications**
 - i. 06/00522/FUL: Erection of dwellinghouse with integral garage (amendment to previous consent 02/02020/FUL): Garden ground of The Bungalow, Linton Bank Drive, West Linton.- **Support**
 - ii. 06/00538/FUL: Erection of hairdressing/beauty salon with flat above: Former workshop/garage adjacent Lyneholm, Croft Road, West Linton. - **Conditional Support. CC concerned over parking and would like to see sash & case windows in property.**
 - iii. 06/00490/LBC & 06/00490/FUL: Extension to form cellar/storage area and

formation of door from window: Raemartin Inn, Raemartin Square, West Linton
Support.

- iv. 05/02342/REM Garden ground of Struan, Bogsbank Road, West Linton: Erection of dwellinghouse with integral garage. Letters of objections from neighbours to proposal read out by MH. **CC not supportive of the application. The revised plan had been changed but not sufficiently for the CC to support. The property remains out of character with the surrounding properties and is regarded as over-development of the plot.**
- v. Discussion on the proposed Wind Farm at Auchencorth Moss. Whilst not against Wind farms per se, the CC regards this proposal as an inappropriate location, as do others. The CC are concerned that the primary route for construction traffic is through West Linton, via the A702, Dryburn Brae & Deanfoot Road. **MH** to compile objection to SBC for on pass to Midlothian Council.

b) Planning Related Issues (miscellaneous)

- i) Upper Green, Reinstatement of track. The Cllr. Calvert had been informed by the SBC Enforcement Officer that agreement had been made to reinstate a two-tyre track to the property. This will be completed as soon as the owner returns from abroad.
- ii) Agricultural Building, Deanfoot Rd. The SBC Enforcement Officer was aware the blockwork had not been removed and would ensure this was done in the next few months.

5. Area Committee Meeting: MH attended this meeting: The planning applications in the WLCC area discussed were:

- i) 05/02211/REM Dwellinghouse with integral garage in the garden ground of Tristran, Carlops Road, West Linton – **Approved with conditions**
- iv) 05/02258/FUL: Heathery Ha' Cottage, Carlops Road, West Linton: Extension to dwellinghouse: **Refused.**

6. Roads and Footpaths: An initial Action Plan on the creation of the paths to link with the new bridge was discussed prior to the sub-committee meeting.

The damage to the wall at the junction of Main Street and the A702 at the east side of The Gordon Arms was noted. **TD** to obtain estimate to make good.

TD will contact Scottish Water re the burst pipe in Raemartin Square.

There are several gullies blocked in the village, including Broomlee Cres., Raemartin Square and on Broomlee Road.

7. Public Transport Issues: – Public Transport Issues: – Mr Dickson reported that a Senior Citizen had been inappropriately charged to travel on a bus. This had been reported to the authorities to ensure it was a genuine error and not fraud.

The McEwan's bus number 100 route could not be altered at this time. However the contract was due for renewal soon and discussions could take place at that time to determine if this was possible.

8. Environmental Issues: A cheque for £50 would be sent to Linton in Bloom.

A date in May would be set aside to open the new bridge. Invitees would include

representatives from the funding bodies. **GT** will organise a plaque.
GT to check if the Borders Walking Guides are in the Gordon Arms.

9. Meetings Attended: MH attended a Planning & Building Standards Focus Group meeting, which Brian Frater led.

Changes to the management of the SBC Planning Department were explained. The pertinent points were: Two areas (East & West), development would be controlled by two managers who would take the decisions on whether to approve applications or not. If the Area Committees disagreed with the manager the application would be referred to the full Planning Committee. It is hoped that this will standardise decisions across the SBC area.

10. Miscellaneous Correspondence:

- i. Scottish Parliament: Public Petitions Committee meeting.
- ii. SBC: Lothian & Borders Outdoor Diary.
- iii. Scottish Borders Ambassadors Club.
- iv. SBC: Community Council Training Seminar 24 May.
- v. Strategy for Community Engagement Consultation.

11. AOCB: GT had received an application form from the British Heart Foundation, co-sponsors of the defibrillator for village, and was in discussion with Dr Scott on some of the details. MP agreed to take over the Treasurers post on the Bety Aitken Educational Fund from Mrs Black.

12. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 8th May 2006 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre.

POLICE REPORT

WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

April 2006

Since the last Community Council meeting, a total of 8 calls have been received regarding incidents in the West Linton area.

This is broken down as follows –

3 x road traffic accidents

2 x report of other road traffic related problems (animals on the road etc)

2 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

1 x Reported crime

On 15/03/06 a house under construction in Main Street, West Linton had a first floor window broken. Police enquiries are continuing.

On 29/03/06 a complaint was received from the local School Crossing Patrol Person regarding vehicles failing to stop for her on the A702 road.

A traffic intelligence report has been submitted.

Between Saturday 25th March and Tuesday 28th March, officers in the Peebles section carried out a planned road safety operation. This involved officers carrying out high visibility road checks at strategic points throughout the Peebles section, including West Linton. During this operation a large number of vehicles were stopped and checked with the following detections being made -

5 x drivers using hand held mobile phone

6 x drivers not wearing seat belts

2 x drivers warned regarding excessive speed

9 x drivers warned regarding minor moving traffic offences