



West Linton Community Council

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

Present: Margaret Harrison, Eric Small, Derek Lawson, Tommy Davidson, David Small, Michael Pryor & Colin Torrance

In attendance: Councillor Neil Calvert.

1. Apologies: - Graham Tulloch & Anne McKenzie

2. Police Matters:

The police report for June 2006 (attached at the end of this minute) was read out by Sergeant Bruce. The report highlighted 4 reports of anti-social behaviour, Sergeant Bruce indicated that the police were considering deploying plain clothed patrols to deter this type of behaviour and coach the culprits on the errors of their ways.

Sergeant Bruce also stated that in the coming months they were to undertake a number of traffic initiatives on the A702 including speeding checks and car worthiness checks.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Subject to item 7(ii) being amended to also read that **GT** was to contact the Land Register to see who owns the partially demolished wall on the A702 near the Gordon Arms, the minutes were approved and **MH** is to sign a copy for the record.

4. Matters Arising: Referring to item 2 of the previous minutes **Cllr Calvert** stated that a safety barrier had now been erected at the Deanfoot / Dryburn Rd junction next to the play park

5. Planning Issues (WLCC Area):

Note: Plans may now be viewed on the Scottish Borders Council web site at:

http://eplanning.scotborders.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx

a) Planning Applications

- i. 06/011130/FUL: Caroline Villa, Blyth Sq West Linton. Replacement windows, front door & French doors – **Support subject to the windows having the same glazing and framing proportions top & bottom and the door design is to match existing.**
- ii. 06/01328/FUL: Firknowe, West Linton. Extension to dwelling house – **Support**

b) Planning Related Issues (miscellaneous)

- i Upper Green – The Community Council remind members of the public that they **are** entitled to walk on all parts of the Upper Green including the reinstated track.
- ii Struan Appeal – **MH** stated that the previous Community Council comments had been sent to SBC & The Reporter.



- iii Principle proposed change to planning decision-making process – For Household Applications SBC Planning Officers will determine without reference to Committee.

6. Area Committee Meeting: No West Linton applications considered.

Notification of proposed works:

- i. Pavement repairs proposed along Station Rd.
- ii. Patching works along Deanfoot Rd ongoing.
- iii. Medwyn Rd – 30 mile per hour restriction to be extended. Community Council requested that this proposed extension extend as far as the junction to Lyndale.

7. Roads & Footpaths:

- i Fire hydrant covers on A702 adjacent to Cottage Farm are low – **MH** to contact AMEY
- ii Parking on pavement – SBC to take the Community Council’s concerns to their Roads Safety Group. The Community Council are looking for a directive from Utility Companies to instruct drivers not to park on pavements. **Cllr Calvert** stated that such an instruction had already been rolled out to SBC drivers.
- iii White give-way lines need still need replacing at junction of golf course road and private section of road leading to golf course – **GT** to remind SBC
- iv White lines to help prevent vehicles parking, still need to be painted on the road outside the public toilets doors and the chemist shop – **GT** to remind SBC
- v A quote of £8,247 to provide a 120m length of new footpath between the two bridges, on the Bowling Club side of the burn, has been received. **MH** has applied for additional funding to finance this project.

8. Public Transport Issues: Proposed Bus Shelters between Broomlee Cres / Rd - **Cllr Calvert** confirmed that SBC have placed orders for the wooden structures.

9. Environmental Issues: **TD** reminded the CC that several parents had raised concerns over children falling and hurting themselves on the large tar area within the play park. **Cllr Calvert** confirmed he would arrange for SBC to breakout the tar and replace with turf.

It was pointed out that the gabions and boulders on the riverbank (Bogsbank Rd side) adjacent to West Lynn Cottage appear to be unstable.

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It was noted at a meeting **GT** had with officials from SBC that the wall at the memorial garden is bulging and considered to be dangerous. **SBC** will repair.

10. Meetings Attended: None

11. Miscellaneous Correspondence:

- i. North Tweeddale Paths – notes from recent meeting
- ii. Scottish Water – Letter re Enabling Development in Scotland



- iii. Boundary Commission for Scotland – Peeblesshire area, 5 wards into 2 wards with 3 Councillors for the Tweeddale West – Proportional Representation at next Election (May 2007)
- iv. SBC – Corporate Plan

12. AOCB

- i. Election for the Community Council – 8 nominees for 9 place therefore the Election is uncontested. The 8 consist of 6 existing Councillors and 2 new Councillors.
- ii. Nursery Provision – The CC has received a number of letters regarding the potential loss of this facility in the village. CC to pass these letters on to the Church. **Cllr Calvert** mentioned SBC may look again at the possibility of a Portocabin-type building at the former TAG Hut area being used to house the Village Nursery.
- iii. Annual allocation to CC is £600 and to receive this allocation the CC should not have more than twice this amount in the bank. SBC are to be informed that £1,000 of the bank balance is ring fenced for the new footpath project.
- iv. Christmas Lights – Inspection of lights/cables scheduled for Saturday 19th August. Regarding the provision of new connection boxes: DS to meet with an electrician to seek advice.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14th August 2006 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre



POLICE REPORT

WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

July 2006

Since the last Community Council meeting, a total of 18 calls have been received regarding incidents in the West Linton area.

This is broken down as follows –

2 x Alarm activations (all false)

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

6 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

4 x Reported crimes

1 x road traffic accident

3 x reports of anti social behaviour

During the afternoon of 29/06/2006 a vehicle was left unattended and insecure at, Halmyre Mains Livery Yard. Persons unknown entered the vehicle and stole a handbag and contents. Police enquiries are continuing.

Between 19/06/2006 & 20/06/2006 golf buggies at Rutherford Castle Golf Club were driven through picket and chainlink fencing, smashing it.

Damage also caused to 1st tee box, garden benches and plant pots and buggies.

Police Enquiries area continuing.

Between 1830 hrs, 16/06/06 and 0730 hrs, 19/06/06 the window to room 10, West Linton Primary School has had an attempt made to force it open with a screwdriver or similar instrument. The window locks held fast and no entry has been gained.