



West Linton Community Council

Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 8th October In the Village Centre at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Harrison, Graham Tulloch, John Mackie, Eric Small, David Small, Tom Davidson.

In attendance: Councillors Willie Archibald & Neil Calvert.

1. **Apologies:** Anne McKenzie, Kenny Love, Robert Bond and Cllr Catriona Bhatia
2. **Police Matters:** Sergeant Richard Latto read out the September report a copy which is appended to this minute. Sgt. Latto stated that the police now have a positive line of enquiry regarding damage to a vehicle on Broomlee Crescent. He also intimated that in the lead up to Bonfire Night Community Police Officers will be visiting Schools to remind pupils of the dangers of fire and fireworks. Police will also be visiting retail outlets to enforce legislation on the sale of fireworks (no sales to under 18 year olds).
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minute for September was approved and signed by MH.
4. **Matters Arising (not on the Agenda):** Updates on the outstanding actions listed on the Action Register were received and noted.
Tar area at play park – MH stated she had raised the issue of £5,700 funding to replace the tar with a rubberised material with SBC Local. Unfortunately she was informed by SBC's Craig Blackie & Jim Hogg that there was no budget available to undertake the work.
Village road/street signs – most crests had now been replaced with the correct version of the village crest.
Following a meeting to discuss the potential link road between Robinland Drive & St Andrews Close/Broomlee Crescent with Jeremy Purvis MSP had sent a letter to all affected residents to inform them they had until 7th November to lodge comments to SBC.
5. **Open Floor Questions** – None
6. **Planning Issues (WLCC Area) including:**
 - a) **Planning Applications**
 - i) [07/01855/FUL](#): M Pratt, Former workshop garage adjacent, Lyneholm, Croft Road, West Linton: Formation of dormer extensions – **Majority did not support** dormer on the side overlooking gardens and houses to the south and agreed it should be returned to a velux window as per the original plan, there was **support** for the dormer to the north.
 - ii) [07/01823/FUL](#): Mr and Mrs A Cramb, 11 Dryburn Park, West Linton: Alteration and extension to dwellinghouse – **Support**.
 - iii) [07/01948/FUL](#): Mrs Kerry Abernethy: Erection of dwellinghouse with stables and riding school, land north east of Whinny Knowe Farmhouse, West Linton – **Request plans**.

Planning Decisions

- i) [07/00896/OUT](#): Mr N Forsyth: Erection of dwellinghouse land south of Lindean, Croft Road, West Linton Approved with conditions including the requirement for



2 nose-in parking spaces on the site & no felling or working within the canopy of trees on the site.

- ii) [07/01099/FUL](#): Mr R Nicol, Land north of Dunvegan, Station Road, West Linton. Erection of dwellinghouse – Pending re agreement on payment of developer's contribution and production of a Flood Risk Assessment.

b) Planning Related Matters

- i) A public meeting is to be held during late October to inform residents of Robinsland Drive & St Andrews Close/Broomlee Crescent of the plans outlined in the Robinsland Housing Development Brief and how they can lodge comments / objections. **MH** to request that SBC send a technical representative to provide advice on possible road accesses & layouts. **GT** to arrange date when Graham Inst is free & advertise this in the press and locally, also to request that **Jeremy Purvis** send another letter to residents as offered at earlier meeting.
- ii) Robinsland – Area zoned in the Local Plan for possible Industrial Development has now been recommended by the Reporter to be re-zoned for housing. **CC** **against** this proposal and will send a letter to this effect to SBC and urge residents to do likewise.

- 7. **Area Committee Meeting:** Brian Emerson, Head Business Improvement Unit, gave a presentation on the review SBC is undertaking on role of and the matters that should be considered / decided at Area Committee Meetings. Currently planning applications dominate the proceedings.
- 8. **Roads & Footpaths:** TD requested that as an interim measure 20m or so of drybound stone should be laid on the Bowling Club side of the new bridge. **MH** agreed to ask SBC Local to undertake this work.
DS informed the CC that the school/speed warning signs on the High Road (A702) are not functioning. This may have contributed to a car not stopping when directed to do so by the School Crossing Patrol. GT had been in contact with BEAR who were in the process of reactivating the warning signs.
A suggestion was tabled to make the Lower Green road one-way between the Clock and the Graham Institute and round to the church. This was discussed but the idea was not supported as it was thought this may encourage faster driving along the narrow road.
- 9. **Public Transport Issues:** To provide more time in Peebles it was suggested at the last meeting that the 10:25 service from WL to Peebles should return at 13:30 instead of 12:30. The bus company has agreed to implement this proposal.
It has also been suggested that this service should now be extended to the Sommerfield shop to assist people with heavy shopping bags. **Cllr Calvert** to raise this suggestion with the bus company
- 10. **Environmental Issues:** The Community Council would like to point out that people should not dump grass cuttings on the riverbank around the vicinity of Broomlee Crescent.
Slabs are required at the seat next to the new bridge and it is requested that the drainage on the church side of the Lower Green (near the river) should be investigated as it is very wet and marshy at times. **MH** to contact the Parks Manager (Fraser Dunlop) regarding these issues.
The new seat donated by relatives of the late Mr Boal has now been positioned at the Upper Green.
JM indicated there were a number of 'eyesores' around the village including the inside of the public toilets and the small garden areas at Leven Cottage, Teapot Lane, Mowbrays



Slap. It was recognised that the gardens are private areas, however the CC urged the owners/occupants to maintain these areas. **Cllr Calvert** to pass the name of the agent for the last to **GT** to follow up. **MH** to raise the remaining matters with SBC.

GT intimated that SBC will plant bulbs during November on the flat grassed river bank opposite Broomlee Road.

News Christmas Lights – Subcommittee reported that they are awaiting a price for installing power boxes. A container to store the lights has now been arranged.

11. Reports of Meetings Attended: **MH** reported on the meeting she attended on the review of SBC Services & Planning(Scotland) Act (**Refer attached report summary**)

12. Miscellaneous Correspondence, including

- i) Friends of The Earth – Planning training. Names to **GT**.
- ii) Socialize firework donation request. **Agreed to give £50.**
- iii) SBC Antisocial Behaviour Unit seminar, 21st Nov. Names to **GT**.

13. AOCB: It was agreed the site for additional bike stands should be the first parking space in Raemartin Square immediately adjacent to the chemist shop.

14. Date of Next Meeting 12th November 2007 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre.

Actions:

MH to request that SBC send a technical representative to public meeting to be arranged

GT to arrange date for public meeting & advertise this in the press and locally

GT to request that **Jeremy Purvis** send another letter to residents informing them of the meeting

MH agreed to ask SBLocal to undertake provision of drybound material for bowling green side of the new bridge.

Cllr Calvert to raise the suggestion of route extension to Sommerfield store with MacEwans.

MH to contact SBC Parks Manager re slabs at the base of the bench at the new bridge and the drainage on the church side of the Lower Green

Cllr Calvert to pass the name of the agent for the garden in Mowbrays Slap to **GT** to follow up.

MH to raise the condition of areas in the village with SBC.

All Names to **GT** for attendance at SBC Antisocial Behaviour Unit seminar, 21st Nov.

All Names to **GT** for Friends of The Earth planning training.



POLICE REPORT

WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

October 2007

Since the last Community Council meeting on 10th September 2007, a total of 20 calls have been received by police regarding incidents in the West Linton area.

This is broken down as follows –

4 x Alarm activations (all false)

5 x reports of other road traffic related problems (obstructions of the roadway etc)

7 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

2 x minor reports of Anti social behaviour

1 x Vehicular collision

1 x reported crime

Between 2000 hours and midnight on 14/09/2007, a Landrover motor vehicle was deliberately damaged by being scratched along both sides whilst parked in Broomlee Crescent, West Linton.

In the early hours of 15/09/2007 Police patrols detected liquor licensing offences at the Raemartin Hotel, which had been serving alcohol out with the permitted hours of its licence. A report has been prepared for the procurator fiscal.

On 19/09/2007 a joint SSPCA and Police investigation was carried out following a wildlife incident in the Baddingsgill area.

Following a routine police stop on the A702 road in West Linton on 22/09/2007, it was discovered that the driver of a Honda Civic motorcar had no licence or insurance. Police seized the vehicle, and the driver reported to the procurator fiscal.

Following a Road Traffic accident in the early hours of 07/10/2007, a 21-year-old female has been detected for drink driving.