



West Linton Community Council

Draft Minute of Annual General Meeting

Held on Monday 12th November

In the Village Centre at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Harrison, Graham Tulloch, John Mackie, Eric Small, Anne McKenzie & Kenny Love.

In attendance: Councillors Catriona Bhatia & Neil Calvert.

1. Apologies: David Small, Tom Davidson and Cllr Willie Archibald

Annual General Meeting Matters:

Chairman's Report –Margaret Harrison read her report for 2007: the full script is appended to this minute.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was unavailable.

Election of Office Bearer's – The following office bearers were elected:

		Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Mgt Harrison	Graham Tulloch	John Mackie
Vice Chairman	Eric Small	John Mackie	Margaret Harrison
Secretary	Graham Tulloch	Anne McKenzie	Kenny Love
Consultations Secretary	Kenny Love	Graham Tulloch	John Mackie
Treasurer	Derek Lawson	Margaret Harrison	Eric Small

2. Police Matters: Sergeant Alastair Bruce read out the November. In addition to the items covered in his report Sgt. Bruce informed the CC of the Borers wide "Safer Scotland" anti-knife campaign. Over 1200 people (100 in the Peebles area) had been stopped and searched but no knives had been discovered.

Sgt Bruce highlighted the excessive speeds recorded on the A702 through the village. The periods of attendance by the police was short but this enforced the problem. GT informed the meeting that he had been in contact with BEAR (Scotland) on the proposed remote speed monitoring. As yet he did not have a date for the possible commencement of this programme.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minute for October 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.

5. Open Floor Questions – None

6. Planning Issues (WLCC Area) including:

a) Planning Applications

- i) [07/02123/FUL](#): Mr and Mrs A Bell, Ardanaiseig Station Road, West Linton. Installation of oil storage tank. **Support** with reservations: no roots of mature tree to be damaged in the running of fuel pipes.
- ii) [07/02057/FUL](#): John and Joan Wignall, Greenside Cottage, Lower Green, West Linton. Extension to dwellinghouse. **Support**



- iii) [07/01948/FUL](#): Mrs Kerry Abernethy, Land North East of Whinny Knowe Farmhouse, West Linton. Erection of dwellinghouse with stables and riding school. **Support**
- iv) [07/01968/FUL](#): Mr Keith Russell, Hawthornbank, Main Street, West Linton. Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse. **Support** but concern over the loss of garage space on Main Street.
- v) [07/02185/FUL](#): Mr and Mrs Lyon, 3 Howieson Place, West Linton. Erection of conservatory. **Support**

b) Planning Decisions

- i) None

c) Planning Related Matters

- i) Manor House, Main Street, has had new windows installed without planning permission and do not match originals. Braemar, Main Street, new windows are not in keeping with the conservation area. Both these are to be reported to Enforcement Officer SBC.
- ii) Scrutiny Committee – Notification to SBC of commercial property needs in the village. A survey of local businesses on the level of interest will be undertaken by ES and reported to GT.
- iii) Good response from village to the Robinsland development Public Meeting. Over 100 people were present in the Graham Institute on 29th October to hear SBC officials comment on the rationale behind the road design. All Councillors were in attendance. It is hoped a high number of letters would be sent to SBC by residents to show the level of concern within the village for the current plan.
- iv) Glenrath farm application to be withdrawn is not for Blythbank.

7. Area Committee Meeting: Main topic of interest for west Linton area is the closure of the A72 at various locations for resurfacing work over a three week period. A presentation was given on how to apply for Lottery funds.

8. Roads & Footpaths: Street lights are out on the Loan. There is a sunken cover on Deanfoot Drive and there is a hole at the Fire Station/Gifford Place on Main Street – MH to inform SBC. GT to contact BEAR re trench on A702 at Rutherford Castle.

9. Public Transport Issues: None.

10. Environmental Issues: A letter of gratitude had been received from residents commenting on the improvements arranged at the Rumbly Tam area. A hand rail will be installed at a later time and MH will supply low growing shrubs to reduce weed growth. SBC had met with John Ingles on the location of the bulbs for the ground opposite Broomlee Road.

Scottish Floral Gateway score sheets had been provided for the first time. These will allow us to determine which areas need improving for next year, although with a score of 84% there is little room for improvement.

11. Christmas Lights: Costs had been obtained and funding was being sought. The collection boxes should be put out –DS. Additional bulbs for the old system should be purchased as a contingency of the new units being unavailable - DL.

12. Reports of Meetings Attended: Association of Scottish Community Council network. MH attended the “What will happen to planning in the future” meeting.

13. Miscellaneous Correspondence, including

- i) Mr Bond had written to MH indicating his desire to resign from the CC. This was



accepted.

- ii) Second letter from Mr Bond – **noted.**
- iii) Meeting to discuss SBC Structure Plan alterations on 28th and 7th Dec – **MH/AM/JM** to indicate their availability.
- iv) NHS Borders Food & Nutrition Strategy - consultation
- v) NHS Scotland Better Health Better Care - discussion document
- vi) NHS Borders – Annual Report: Patient Focus
- vii) Borders Womens Aid – information poster
- viii) Shields & Co – Mowbrays Slap
- ix) Elder Voice – newsletter
- x) Borders party – Edinburgh City Region consultation
- xi) Community Safety partnership – Violence Against Women “White Ribbon Campaign”
- xii) Paul Binns – copy of letter to Cllr Calvert re speed restriction on Station Road – **a speed check will be carried out**
- xiii) SBC Local Plan acknowledgement
- xiv) SBC – Flood Management call for evidence
- xv) SBC – Tweeddale Citizen of the Year
- xvi) SBC – Wind farms, community benefit info
- xvii) SBC – Open Spaces seminar
- xviii) SBC – Trading Standards: Newsletter
- xix) SBC – Consultation / comment: Area Committees

13. AOCB: JM to request a progress report from Colin Torrance on the SCARF initiative. The CC congratulate and thank SocialiZe for the wonderful fireworks display on 3rd November.

14. Date of Next Meeting possibly 10th December 2007 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre – to be advised.

Actions:

MH to inform SBC - sunken cover on Deanfoot Drive and a hole at the Fire Station/Gifford Place on Main Street

GT to contact BEAR re trench on A702 at Rutherford Castle.

ES to survey local businesses on the level of interest for new industrial units in the village. Report findings to GT.

DS to put out the Christmas collection boxes

DL Purchase additional bulbs for the old Christmas lights system as a contingency of the new units being unavailable



POLICE REPORT

WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

November 2007

Since the last Community Council meeting on 8th October, a total of 25 calls have been received by police regarding incidents in the West Linton area.

This is broken down as follows –

2 x Alarm activations (all false)

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

11 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

1 x reported crime

In mid October an incident was reported to police whereby a male allowed his dog to attack a cat in St Mungo's Lea, West Linton, resulting in the cat being killed. Police enquiries into this crime revealed that the person responsible had also been within a number of gardens in the St Mungo's Lea area without reasonable excuse.

A 38-year-old man from the Penicuik area has since been detected for this and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

The information sign on Lower Green had orange paint sprayed onto it during the month. Fortunately this was not permanently damaged. Police enquiries into who was responsible are continuing.

Over the last month several police road checks have been carried out on the A702 in West Linton targeting speeding motorists. In total 33 drivers have been caught exceeding the speed limit, with the highest recorded speed being 49 mph within the 30 mph area.