



West Linton Community Council

Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 14th January 2008 In the Village Centre at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Councillors Willie Archibald, Catriona Bhatia & Neil Calvert.

1. Apologies: Tom Davidson

2. Police Matters: Sergeant Bruce was unable to attend the meeting as he was attending a vehicle incident. GT read his report, a copy of which is appended to this minute. The CC was disturbed to hear of the racial incidents on one of the school buses. This is the first recorded event of such harassment in the village and the CC hope it would not be repeated.

It was also noted the excessive speed recorded through the 30mph zone during the recent Police radar checks (51mph!).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minute for December was approved with a change to item 7.c)i. To the effect that 'MH and JM attended a meeting at SBC HQ'. The Planning reference given for the window replacement at Braemar was incorrect. This should be struck from the record. No application has been received by SBC. The corrected minute would be signed off at the next meeting.

4. Matters Arising (not on the Agenda): Updates on the outstanding actions listed on the Action Register were received and noted.

A Planning Application is to be submitted for retrospective permission to paint the external stonework of The Old Bakehouse.

The SBC Enforcement Officer would attend the village to investigate the windows of Braemar, the old Linton Hotel and the Old Manor House.

5. Open Floor Questions – None

6. Planning Issues (WLCC Area):

may be viewed online at

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

a) Planning Applications

- i) [07/02435/FUL](#): Mr J Swan, 22 Dryburn Brae, West Linton. Erection of conservatory. **Support.**
- ii) [07/02354/OUT](#): Mr & Mrs Hendrie, (relating to) Land South West of White Moss, Bogsbank Road, West Linton. Erection of new dwellinghouse with country pursuits residential accommodation and upgrade of track. Request plans. (Erroneously assigned to Lamanca, Newlands & Kirkurd CC.)
- iii) GT had received an email from a resident concerned of the possible recommencement of works at Tarfhaugh Quarry. The CC has had no communication on this matter at this time.

b) Planning Decisions – none.

c) Planning Related Matters – none.

7. Area Committee Meeting: no report

8. Roads & Footpaths: **GT** would request Eildon Housing Association to supply a “St Mungo’s Place” sign as soon as possible.

MH would contact David Brown at SBC re Lyne View sign.

The CC was disappointed to see the condition of the A702 during the recent overnight snow fall. It had been hoped that the change from Amey would resolve incidents such as this (ice and packed snow on the road at rush hour) but it had not proved to be the case. A number of reports had been received from residents spending many hours attempting to drive to Edinburgh.

9. Public Transport Issues: A new timetable for the Service 93 between West Linton and Peebles to come into force on March 10th was distributed. It was noted the extension to the service to Sommerfield supermarket had not been accepted and that the link to the Edinburgh bus at lunchtime was now a 30 minute interval.

Mr Dickson provided information on the new Area Managing Director of First Bus and details of the expected interruptions to the bus services due to the Edinburgh Tram Line works.

10. Environmental Issues: None

11. Christmas Lights: Discussion on the offered store suggested that it would not be suitable and so another should be sought. The lights would be taken down on Sun 20th Jan. if one can be found. **GT** to check the insurance cover of the lights.

12. Reports of Meetings Attended: SCARF. JM reported the recent meeting had been successful and a number of Actions had been distributed to various attendees to be progressed by the next meeting on February 4th. Contact should be made with the Trustees of the Newlands Community Centre Trust to discuss issues they had come across.

13. Miscellaneous Correspondence, including

i) A meeting to discuss the proposed changes to the Graham Institute was arranged for February 6th. Users are encouraged to attend.

ii) **GT** to request DL send a cheque to renew membership of the Friends of the Pentlands.

iii) **MH** to pass funding opportunity notification to P Binns, North Tweeddale Paths

iv) Letter from Cllr Archibald in response to CC letter to him discussed.

v) Letters from Agent for Mrs Bell, Robinsland Farm, to near-by residents on change of use of industrial land and planning application for 10 houses for same. Noted.

vi) PACT – possible **funding** for elderly, sick or infirm individuals or young people under 25 years attempting to broaden their horizons. Noted (**Contact: Mr John Nice, 20 South Park West, Peebles EH45 9EF. 01721 724369**).

vii) SBC Budget & Spending priorities for 2008/09 meeting. Feb 4th Newtown St Boswells.

13. AOCB: None

14. Date of Next Meeting 11th February 2008 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre.

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POLICE REPORT

WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

January 2008

Since the last Community Council meeting on 10th December 2007, a total of 18 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)

6 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

2 x Vehicular collisions (all minor)

1 x Report of Anti Social Behaviour

Following a report of a fight outside a house in St Mungo's Lea, West Linton on Hogmanay, two males were warned regarding their behaviour.

During the last month, Police have carried out a number of static hand held radar checks on the A702 in West Linton. During these checks a total of 10 drivers have been detected for driving at excessive speed, with the highest recorded speed being 51 mph.

Over a number of weeks local police were carrying out enquiries into allegations of racial harassment which had been taking place on the school bus between West Linton and Peebles. As a result of these enquiries three youths have been cautioned and charged.