



West Linton Community Council

Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 11th February 2008 In the Village Centre at 7.30pm

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

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

1. **Apologies:** Tom Davidson & John Mackie
2. **Police Matters:** Sergeant Bruce was unable to attend the meeting and GT had not received a copy of his report in time for the meeting. However it was available shortly after and is appended to this minute.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The corrected minute for December was approved and signed and the January minute was approved and signed by the Chairman.
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):**
may be viewed online at
http://eplanning.scotborders.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx
 - a) **Planning Applications**
 - i) [08/00020/FUL](#): Tweed Homes. Land West of Dryburn Park, Deanfoot Road, West Linton. Erection of ten dwellinghouses. Land designated as employment and a possible decision on re-designation is not expected until March at the earliest. Development of this nature is against Policy ED1 of the Finalised Local Plan “Protection of employment land” with the need for the developer to replace with the same size and quality, amongst others. **Against.**
 - ii) [07/02354/OUT](#): Mark & Sarah Hendrie: Land South West Of White Moss, Bogbank Road, West Linton. Erection of new dwellinghouse with country pursuits residential accommodation and upgrade of track. **Against.**
 - b) **Planning Decisions** – [07/01948/FUL](#): Mrs Kerry Abernethy, Land North East of Whinny Knowe Farmhouse, West Linton. Erection of dwellinghouse with stables and riding school. The decision to **approve** this application was taken. Congratulations were tabled to the local Councillors for supporting this application at the Committee stage.
 - c) **Planning Related Matters** – none.
7. **Area Committee Meeting:** No West Linton related topics were covered other than the planning application reported above.
8. **Roads & Footpaths:** A number of road defects were noted including:
A pothole in north side of Main Street at A702 junction.
Sunken manhole at the Clock
A request for drop-kerbs for Main Street pavements had been made by a resident to allow easier and safer wheelchair access.
GT reminded CC members and others that defects can be reported online directly to SBC at the web site <http://maps.scotborders.gov.uk/localview/>. He had favourable feedback from using this site himself.
MH to contact David Brown on these and other matters.



- 9. Public Transport Issues:** Mr Dickson distributed a sheet containing a note of the buses connecting the Peebles & Biggar buses at West Linton.
- 10. Environmental Issues:** It was noted that there is an increasing number of owners not cleaning up after their dogs. Not only is this unhygienic and potentially dangerous but it is also against the law. The Dog Warden visits the village unannounced and will serve fixed penalty fines to anyone caught. The Community Council urge dog owners and walkers to be responsible. A letter had been received from BCCF Environmental requesting that the CC complete the funding form for the footpath application. MH had spoken with SBLocal and had requested slabs be placed at the bench beside the bridge to reduce the wear on the grass. GT reported that the plot next to Struan was becoming a wilderness. He requested permission from the CC to write to the owners requesting that they tidy the site in a similar way to that at Mowbray Slap. This was **agreed**.
- 11. Christmas Lights:** Although three attempts had been made to dismantle the Christmas lights due to the weather this was still an outstanding task. A new date of Sunday 17th February at 10am was made and as many members as possible were requested to turn out to assist. It was hoped the weather would be agreeable to allow this.
- 12. Reports of Meetings Attended:** Renovations to the Graham Institute. Discussion ensued and it was decided that **GT** should contact SBC to put forward a small number of points for their consideration on the current plan.
- i) Suggest the proposed gent's lavatory could be reduced in size which would allow an increase in the space identified as an office.
 - ii) To split proposed office to create an office/store and a separate practice area
 - iii) To create wider doors at the proposed new store (old gent's lavatory area) to allow easy table & chair movement.
 - iv) Propose that any stage purchased should be compatible with that of the school.
- 13. Miscellaneous Correspondence, including**
- i) Dog Fouling literature: **GT** to request more copies to circulate around the village.
 - ii) A letter regarding ball games being played to the annoyance of residents was read out. A request for a "No Ball Games" sign for St Andrews Close was made. The CC did not feel that this would rectify the situation and **GT** was requested to contact Sgt Bruce to increase patrols in the area in order that the people playing with the ball were made aware of the nuisance they were causing. **GT** would also reply to the letter.
- 14. AOCB: None**
- 15. Date of Next Meeting** 10th March 2008 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre.

Actions:

GT to write to the owners of the building plot on Bogsbank Road requesting that they tidy the site.
MH to contact David Brown on various road related issues.
All to meet on Sunday 17th February at 10am to remove the Christmas lights.
GT should contact SBC on Graham Institute plans.
GT would obtain additional Dog Fouling literature and distribute around the village
GT would contact Sgt Bruce to increase patrols in the St Andrews Close area to reduce that ball games were creating. **GT** would also reply to the letter received on this matter.



POLICE REPORT

WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Since the last Community Council meeting on 14th January 2008, a total of 16 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)

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

5 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

3 x Vehicular collisions (all minor)

1 x Reported crime

Following a routine vehicle stop by police in the early hours of 16th January 2008, a 21 year old Penicuik man was found to be in possession of controlled drugs. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Later that same morning, two road traffic collisions closed the A702 road south of West Linton for some time. Thankfully there was no serious injury involved.

Police patrols carrying out a routine check on the A702 at 6.30 pm on 29th January 2008 stopped a van driver and found he had been drinking. The 29 year old male was arrested and charged with drink driving.