



West Linton Community Council

Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 10th March 2008

In the Village Centre at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Councillor Neil Calvert.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Willie Archibald, Catriona Bhatia
2. **Police Matters:** Sergeant Bruce read his report and highlighted the parking problem in the village and reiterated the previously repeated statement that anyone seeing illegally parked vehicles should contact the police with the details of where and when the incident took place and the make and registration number of the vehicle. The police will follow the matter up. Sgt Bruce also emphasized that it is also important to contact the police to highlight any “bad” parking as this is one method used to identify areas where the traffic wardens should be sent throughout the region. The Police Report is appended to this minute.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The corrected minute for February 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) [08/00254/FUL](#): Mr J Roberts. Cornerhouse, Deanfoot Road, West Linton. Replacement windows and door. **Support.**
 - ii) [08/00212/FUL](#); Linda Shand and Michael Cotter: Mendick Foot, Golf Course Road, Medwyn Road, West Linton. Formation of dormer windows. **Conditional Support:** the slates on the side of the dormer should match the existing roof.
 - iii) [08/00210/FUL](#); Stuart Ritchie: 1 St Andrew's Close, West Linton. Extension to dwellinghouse. Request an extension on the closure date and seek clarification on status of property.
 - iv) [08/00184/FUL](#); Mr and Mrs A MacDonald: Land South of Muirfield, Medwyn Road, West Linton. Erection of dwellinghouse. **Conditional Support:** that if any permission be given it should be for only one property and that it be in the centre of the plot and set back from the road.
 - b) **Planning Decisions**
 - i) [07/00640/OUT](#): Mr E Owens, Merrilee, West Linton, EH46 7AX. Erection of dwellinghouse – The appeal has been dismissed by the Reporter.
 - ii) [06/01396/FUL](#): Mr Andrew Downie, Greytiles, Station Road, West Linton: Erection of garage. Dormer windows passed by SBC without seeking CC’s comment as it was seen as not a material change to the plan.
 - iii) 07/01089/FUL. Braemar, Main Street, West Linton. Replacement of windows. This was not sent to the CC and the plan cannot be found on the Council web site.

- iv) Old Manor House - Retrospective planning application will be made for gable end additions and change of windows.
- v) Old Bakehouse - Retrospective planning application will be made for change of colour of quoins
- vi) "Linton Hotel" – Ongoing investigation in to the change of windows.

c) Planning Related Matters – none.

- 7. Area Committee Meeting:** Traffic Orders discussed (yellow lines). Advert including West Linton will be placed in the Peeblesshire soon.
- 8. Roads & Footpaths:** Bad parking at the top of the Lower Green was again discussed. Vehicles parked inconsiderately as to stop the Council lorries accessing the road to empty buckets etc. The same would be true for any emergency vehicle including the fire tender. **Drivers are asked to consider others when leaving their vehicles.**
TD will use the Councils web site (<http://maps.scotborders.gov.uk/localview/>) to highlight problems. **GT** commended the site to the members of the CC and residents; it is intuitive and easy to use, he also said that additional information should be added to allow the problem to be more easily located.
 From the floor, Mr Dickson commented on the perceived excessive speed of vehicles exiting the A702 on to Main Street. The narrowness of the road and lack of a pavement at this point made it dangerous for pedestrians particularly in the dark. **Again drivers were asked to consider others.**
 Mr Dickson also asked that the bus stop on the A701 be cleared of rubbish: although this was LNKCC's area Cllr Calvert agreed to request this be cleaned.
- 9. Public Transport Issues:** Mr Dickson reminded the CC that the new timetable for the service 93 to Peebles came in to operation on 10th March. **GT** would ensure the timetable was available on the village web site.
 The bus stop at the Memorial Garden is leaning at an angle: **SBC** will rectify.
- 10. Environmental Issues:** The application for the final tranche of Land Fill money for Phase 2 of the footpath project is due to go before the Executive Committee of SBC soon. **MH** to approach Kerr of Selkirk (the preferred contractor) and Craig Blackie (SBLocal) to discuss the final plan.
- 11. Reports of Meetings Attended:** None
- 12. Miscellaneous Correspondence, including**
- i) Letter from G Turnbull protesting on the location of the new cycle stands. CC will monitor usage.
 - ii) Cat Walk Review. **GT** would send members the URL to allow them to respond. He would also arrange for a copy to be placed on the CC web page.
 - iii) HLF: Community & Heritage Awards - noted
 - iv) Scottish Borders Awards - noted
 - v) Friends of the Pentlands programme of events - noted
 - vi) Scottish Health Council: Connect newsletter - noted
- 14. AOCB:** The Parent Council of the Primary School asked if their minutes could be placed in the CC box at the Post Office. This request was turned down as there is a lack of space and it could be seen as the CC views and opinions when that may not necessarily be the case.
 The need for an additional member was discussed and it was agreed that **MH** would place an 'advert' in the Peeblesshire for residents to offer their services.
- 15. Date of Next Meeting** 14th April 2008 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre.

Actions:

CC will monitor usage of new cycle stands.

GT would send members the Cat Walk review URL to allow them to respond. He would also arrange for a copy to be placed on the CC web page.

TD will use the Councils web site to report lighting faults.



POLICE REPORT

WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

March 2008

Since the last Community Council meeting in February 2008, a total of 24 calls have been received by police regarding incidents in the West Linton area.

This is broken down as follows –

3 x Alarm activations (all false)

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

11 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

2 x Vehicular collisions (all minor)

1 x Report of Anti social behaviour

On the evening of 17/02/2008, a male was arrested following a disturbance at Garvald Farm whereby a number of windows were smashed.

On 23/02/2008 police received a report of a group of males urinating in the street near to The Graham Institute. A search was carried out of the area for these males but they were not traced.

Throughout the last month a number of road checks have taken place in the area, most notably on Wednesday 05/03/2008, which resulted in 6 drivers being detected for using hand held mobile phones whilst driving.

Following a number of complaints from parents and the local school crossing patrol person regarding inconsiderate parking on the pavement on the A702 on a daily basis, police traced and warned the driver concerned.

Between 0330 hours and 2050 hours on 17/02/2008, the building site at Rutherford Castle was forcibly entered and the padlock on a fuel bowser forced. No fuel was stolen. Police enquiries are continuing.