



# West Linton Community Council

Minute of Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008  
In the Village Centre at 7.30pm

**Present:** Margaret Harrison, John Mackie, Eric Small, David Small, Anne McKenzie, Kenny Love, Tom Davidson & Anita Thomas.

**In attendance:** Councillor Neil Calvert.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Catriona Bhatia & Willie Archibald
2. **Police Matters:** Sergeant Alastair Bruce read out the June report which is appended to this minute. Discussion followed and it was **agreed** that **MH** would contact D Sharp at SBC re sign for the double yellow lines.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** There were a few changes required to the May minute. These will be amended and presented at the next meeting.
4. **Matters Arising (not on the Agenda):** The Actions register was updated.
5. **Open Floor Questions** – A number of residents from the Medwyn Road area attended to discuss the survey distributed by the community council. The cc was congratulated on carrying out the survey. Previous survey carried out some years ago and residents were assured by roads engineers that there were no legitimate reasons, including the installation of a 30mph limit, that there should be changes to Medwyn Road and Brian Frater had assured a meeting that there would be no change.  
The cc was asked why we had raised the spectre of change in this regard to which MH replied that it had been noted at a meeting with the owner of North Slipperfield that there would have to be an ‘upgrade’ if his planning proposals were to go ahead.  
It was agreed (later in the meeting) the results of the survey would not be used in any external discussions as the information was for internal use by the CC.
6. **Planning Issues (WLCC Area):**  
may be viewed online at  
[http://eplanning.scotborders.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application\\_searchform.aspx](http://eplanning.scotborders.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx)
  - a) **Planning Applications**
    - i) [08/00791/FUL](#): Mr Alistair Brown, Site of Former Railway Yard, Dolphinton, West Linton. Erection of cement silo (retrospective). **Strongly supportive**. The CC was also strongly against the proposed working time restrictions suggested by the environmental officer.
    - ii) [08/00806/FUL](#): H Kinghorn, 7 Dryburn Park, West Linton. Extension to dwellinghouse. **Supportive**.
    - iii) [08/00868/FUL](#): Mrs A Grant, Rowan Cottage, Upper Green, West Linton. Replacement windows. **Supportive**.
    - iv) [08/00873/FUL](#): Mr & Mrs G Marshall, Baddingsill Cottage, West Linton. Alteration and extension to dwellinghouse. The CC will **request the plans** for this application.



- v) [08/00549/FUL](#): Mr & Mrs Krabbendam, 11 The Smithy, West Linton. Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse. The CC will **request the plans** for this application.
- vi) [08/00958/FUL](#): Mr J Jackson, Tinto, 6 Roderick Place, West Linton. Erection of storage shed. The CC will **request the plans** for this application.
- vii) [08/00971/OUT](#): Mr I Anderson, Land South West of Carnethy, Medwyn Road, West Linton. Residential development. In principal **not supportive** as there was limited access, there would be increased traffic and it was over-development of the site.
- viii) [08/00973/FUL](#): Garvald Home Farm Ltd / Garvald Trust, Garvald Farm, Dolphinton, West Linton. Erection of 2 No cattle sheds. **Supportive.**
- ix) [08/00986/FUL](#): Mr G Robinson-Kok, Cairnton, Carlops Road, West Linton. Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse. The CC will **request the plans** for this application
- x) [08/00989/FUL](#): Dr & Mrs Begg, Howieson Hall, Station Road, West Linton. Alterations and extension to outbuilding and formation of link to dwellinghouse. **Supportive.**
- xi) [08/01035/FUL](#): Mr & Mrs R Lothian, Garden Ground of The Bungalow, Linton Bank Drive, West Linton. Erection of dwellinghouse with detached garage (amendment to previous consents 02/02020/FUL & 06/000522/FUL). The CC will **request the plans** for this application
- xii) [08/01037/FUL](#): Mr & Mrs MacPherson, Land East of Achnacree, Linton Bank Drive, West Linton. Erection of dwellinghouse. The CC will **request the plans** for this application.

b) **Planning Decisions** – The community council have been contacted by a number of residents concerned over the ground works on the garden ground next to Struan.

c) **Planning Related Matters** - none

7. **Area Committee Meeting:** There were no West Linton issues discussed.

8. **Roads & Footpaths:** Phase II of the footpaths is due to start on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The area will be required to be cordoned off. **GT** will produce an information notice for the village and **MH** will write to the Peeblesshire again.

A letter had been received from a resident and the points noted.

9. **Public Transport Issues:** The 3.25pm service 100 from Edinburgh is a small 33-seater bus and some residents are unable to travel on it as the seats are taken by people travelling within Edinburgh boundary. This will be monitored and discussed with MacEwans if necessary.

A bus travelling from Edinburgh to Manchester Airport will be stopping in West Linton and Biggar. **GT** to make information and timetable available.

The 5.40 service 93 from Peebles should make a return to Peebles however would be travellers were informed that it was only going as far as Broughton. **NC** will investigate.

10. **Environmental Issues:** The cc were disappointed to see a case of fly tipping at **Kaimes** corner however SBC removed the rubbish very quickly for which we are grateful.

11. **Reports of Meetings Attended:** **GT** gave a summary of the Data Protection Act seminar that he and **KL** had attended at Newtown St Boswells. The pertinent points for the cc are; the cc should register as a data Controller (there is still some discussion on this point); any breaking of guidelines is not a personal matter but an institutional one; no personal information should be released, including in minutes.

At the meeting with SBC officers to discuss the new school a time frame was indicated



which was commencing activities by the end of 2008/beginning 2009. There is no final design for the school but would likely be an amalgam of features from other schools built in the region.

**12. Miscellaneous Correspondence, including**

- i) Letter from a resident – Noted
- ii) Festival of Walking: 30<sup>th</sup> August – 6<sup>th</sup> September. This year the festival will be based in Galashiels.
- iii) SBC – Pilot street cleansing routine. This will be run until the autumn when it will be reviewed.

**13. AOCB:** MH, on behalf of the community council, congratulated the West Linton & District Pipe Band who will be appearing at the opening night of this year's Edinburgh Military Tattoo. MH also congratulated all those responsible for another successful Whipman Week.

MH will try to arrange a meeting with the Newlands Community Development Trust.

**14. Date of Next Meeting** 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre.

**Actions:**

MH would contact D Sharp at SBC re sign for the double yellow lines.

GT will produce an information notice for the village and MH will write to the Peeblesshire again to inform the village of the closure of the Lower Green for the ground works for the new path

GT to make information and timetable for Manchester Airport bus available.

NC will investigate the return route of the evening service 93.

MH will try to arrange a meeting with the Newlands Community Development Trust.



**June 2008**

Since the last Community Council meeting in May 2008, a total of 26 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)

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

11 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

1 x Vehicular collision (minor)

1 x Reported Crime

3 x Reports of Anti social behaviour

During the day on Sunday 18th May 2008, a Road Policing crew detected a motorist travelling at 112 mph on the Dolphinton Straight at Felton. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

As a result of a routine road check carried out on the A702 in West Linton in the early hours of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2008, a male was arrested after being found to be wanted on warrant.

During the evening of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008 (Whipman Friday night), a shed roof and wooden gate were deliberately damaged at West Linton Bowling Club. Police enquiries are continuing.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008 a large quantity was found to have been stolen from a secure steel container at South Slipperfield Farm.