



# West Linton Community Council

**Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008  
In the Village Centre at 7.30pm**

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

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

**1. Apologies:** Anne McKenzie & Anita Thomas

By special request of the Chair, John Mackie read a personal statement outlining the details of how the result of the resident survey came into the hands of Mr Coyle, the owner of North Slipperfield who is currently applying to develop that estate and has three planning applications before SBC. Mr Mackie stated that it was he who had inadvertently divulged the results to the Mr Coyle's agent. He apologised to MH for any embarrassment caused, stating he had the highest regard for her and the vast amount of work she carries out in the community's name. Unfortunately Mr Mackie felt he could do nothing less than submit his resignation of the community council. Mr Mackie left the meeting.

In Mr Mackie's absence MH stated she would like to discuss this matter with the remainder of the community council in private at the end of the meeting.

**2. Police Matters:** Sergeant Alastair Bruce read out the July report which is appended to this minute. The report was disturbing in that there were a number of house break-ins and thefts from gardens in the village. It is hoped these crimes would end in successful prosecutions.

The Police have started their summer drink/drive campaign which will run for two weeks commencing 14<sup>th</sup> July.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** There were a few changes required to the June 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 and were informed that there would be no full discussion at tonight's meeting on the North Slipperfield plans as there would be three information gathering events held by the cc in the coming week. After these events the cc would meet to formulate a response.

**6. Planning Issues (WLCC Area):**

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[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) [08/00873/FUL](#): Mr & Mrs G Marshall, Baddinsgill Cottage, West Linton. Alteration and extension to dwellinghouse. **Support.**
- ii) [08/00549/FUL](#): Mr & Mrs Krabbendam, 11 The Smithy, West Linton. Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse. **Not supportive**, inappropriate design.



- iii) [08/00958/FUL](#): Mr I Anderson, Land South West of Carnethy, Medwyn Road, West Linton. Residential development. **Not supportive**, inappropriate design.
- iv) [08/00986/FUL](#): Mr G Robinson-Kok, Cairnton, Carlops Road, West Linton. Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse. **Support**.
- v) [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). **Not supportive**. Out of scale, drainage concerns and privacy issues.
- vi) [08/01037/OUT](#): Mr & Mrs MacPherson, Land East of Achnacree, Linton Bank Drive, West Linton. Erection of dwellinghouse. **In principle support**, however must be in keeping with surrounding properties and drainage and sewerage issues addressed.
- vii) [08/01080/REM](#): Mr J Coyle Redundant Farm Buildings South of Farmhouse, North Slipperfield Farm, West Linton. Erection of dwellinghouse. **Held over** for further discussion.
- viii) [08/01081/FUL](#): Mr J Coyle, Land North East of North Slipperfield Farm, West Linton. Erection of shooting lodge with internal facilities and car parking. **Held over** for further discussion.
- ix) [08/01082/FUL](#): Mr J Coyle, The Stables, Keeper's Cottage and Redundant Farm Steading, West Linton. Construction of new access road, change of use from stables to form dwellinghouse, alterations and extensions to Keeper's Cottage and erection of four dwellinghouses. **Held over** for further discussion.
- x) [08/01067/FUL](#): Jean E Bell, Disused Stable South of Robinsland Cottage, Deanfoot Road, West Linton. Change of use from stable/store to dwellinghouse. **Incorrect application**.
- xi) [08/01107/FUL](#): Jean E Bell, Former Granary Parlour and Byre, West of Robinsland Cottage, Deanfoot Road, West Linton. Change of use from redundant agricultural buildings to form three dwellinghouses. **Incorrect application**.
- xii) [08/01088/FUL](#): Mr R Jones, 3 Deanfoot Gardens, West Linton. Extension to dwellinghouse. **Held over** to August.
- xiii) [08/01119/FUL](#): Mr And Mrs A Shields, Land West Of Mulberry Cottage, Mowbrays Slap, West Linton. Erection of dwellinghouse. **Held over** to August.
- xiv) [08/01134/FUL](#): S & N Pub Enterprises, Gordon Arms Hotel Dolphinton Road, West Linton. Erection of timber decking with balustrade, 2 No patiola awnings with quartz lighting bars and formation of new access door. **Held over** to August.

b) **Planning Decisions** – [07/02354/OUT](#): Whitemoss application withdrawn.

c) **Planning Related Matters** - none

7. **Area Committee Meeting:** It was announced the facility at the Red Cross Hall would change from a Lunch Club to an Enhanced Day Care Centre.

There was an update on dog fouling in the area: the Council's stated method had changed to one of education to one of enforcement. Owners would now be given on-the-spot fines if they did not clean up after their pet. This was welcomed by the cc. As there was an increased budget for bins **GT** would seek additional ones for the village.

The Police report at the Area Committee Meeting discussed the "test purchases" (i.e. undercover underage alcohol purchasing initiative) being carried out throughout the area. To date a small number of outlets had been caught selling alcohol to children. This initiative would be continued and extended to the west Linton area.

Insp Sandilands of LBP gave his report to the effect that it had been a successful Whipman festival during the previous month. There had been a large seizure of Class 1 drugs at a farm near West Linton

8. **Roads & Footpaths:** Phase II of the footpaths has been completed although there are a couple of points requiring attention. These will be pursued. **NC** would request a guard for the up-side of the drain to reduce the possibility of blockages.



- 9. Public Transport Issues:** Mr Dickson presented a report detailing a number of scheduling problems with the buses that required investigation and assurance that they would not be repeated. NC suggested some of them maybe due to the road works being carried out for the trams in Edinburgh as he had been delayed on a recent journey. NC had agreed with GT previously to seek clarification on these problems.
- 10. Environmental Issues:** None
- 11. Reports of Meetings Attended:** None
- 12. Miscellaneous Correspondence, including**
- i) The SBC Local Plan will be published on July 30<sup>th</sup> unless otherwise instructed to do so by the Scottish Government.
  - ii) Various letters to be discussed in private
  - iii) The Friends of the Pentlands: An updated programme of events has been received.
- 13. AOCB:** MH has arranged to meet with named residents to show the Floral gateway judges around the village at 9:30am on July 29<sup>th</sup> 2008.  
A letter has been received from a resident complaining of the location of the bike stands in Raemartin Square.
- 14. Two items were taken in private.** One item was discussed and a course of action agreed. The second item was the resignation of Mr Mackie.  
Mr Mackie was seen as a valuable member of the community council who gave of his time freely and contributed greatly to the working of the community council. It was felt the efficacy of the community council would be much reduced without his presence therefore it was unanimously agreed that **MH** should approach Mr Mackie and ask that he reconsider his resignation.
- 15. Date of Next Meeting** 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre.

**Actions:**

**GT** to request additional bins.

**NC** would request a guard for the up-side of the new drain on the bowling green side of the Green.

**NC** agreed to seek clarification on the delayed buses problem.

**MH** to approach Mr Mackie to ask that he reconsider his resignation.



## **POLICE REPORT**

### **WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**July 2008**

Since the last Community Council meeting in June 2008, a total of 30 calls have been received by police regarding incidents in the West Linton area.

This is broken down as follows –

7 x Alarm activations (all false)

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

13 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

2 x Vehicular collision (minor)

3 x Reported Crime

Overnight between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008, a house was broken into in Roderick Place and items of property stolen. Police enquiries are continuing.

On 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008 a planned police operation led to the seizure of approx quarter of a million pounds worth of controlled drugs at a house at Easter Deans Farm, West Linton.

Overnight from the 20<sup>th</sup> into the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2008 a house in the Loan West Linton was entered and property stolen. Police enquiries are continuing.

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2008 a slip in theft occurred at the Coop, West Linton where a large quantity of cash was stolen. Police enquiries are continuing.

In the early hours of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008 an attempt was made to forcibly enter the shop at West Linton Golf Club. A male was later traced in relation to this and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

During July 2008 2 ornamental cart wheels have been stolen from a garden in Robinsland Drive, West Linton. Police enquiries are continuing.

Since the last Community Council meeting one call has been received regarding youths playing in St Andrews Close. Officers have been carrying out regular checks of the area, however no youths have been seen at these times.