



West Linton Community Council

Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 9th July In the Village Centre at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Harrison, John Mackie, Eric Small, Tom Davidson, David Small, Robert Bond and Kenny Love.

In attendance: Councillor Willie Archibald

1. **Apologies:** Graham Tulloch, Anne McKenzie, Councillor Catriona Bhatia, Councillor Neil Calvert.
2. **Police Matters:** Sergeant Bruce read out his June report, a copy which is appended to these minutes. Sergeant Bruce also presented a copy of a general monthly report issued to all Community Councils. **Sgt. Bruce** will email a copy and requested feedback from Community Councillors.
Advice was sought regarding inconsiderate parking of oil delivery vehicles which caused occasional traffic delays around the village. Sgt. Bruce suggested that the vehicles registration should be recorded and if two people are prepared to confirm witnessing the inconsiderate parking then the police could take action or at the very least the police would write to the delivery vehicle company.
MH confirmed that the Tweeddale Area Committee had agreed at their June 2007 meeting to commence procedures to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order in West Linton. If implemented this would mean an area for loading only (7am – 10am) outside the Co-op and an area of no waiting at any time outside the property immediately to the north of the Co-op.
It was noted that there can also be parking problems in the area of *The Bakehouse*. DS suggested that consideration should be given 6 new parking spaces at the Upper Green.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Item 5 (Christmas Lights) date reference deleted. The minute was then approved and signed by MH.
4. **Matters Arising (not on the Agenda):** Updates on the outstanding actions listed on the Action Register were received from various members of the Community Council.
It was suggested that the Whipman Committee should be asked to write to SBC to seek SBC's assistance in clearing litter etc after Whipman events.
Tar area at play park – **TD** to ask SBC to confirm the estimated cost for covering the tar with a rubberised material.
5. **Open Floor Questions** – None
6. **Planning Issues (WLCC Area) including:**
 - a) **Planning Applications**
 - i) [07/01099/FUL](#): Mr R Nicol, Land north of Dunvegan, Station Road, West Linton.
Erection of dwellinghouse – **Support**.
 - ii) [07/01204/FUL](#): Mr & Mrs Hogg, The Sheiling, Deanfoot Road, West Linton.
Erection of a conservatory – **Support**.



- iii) [07/01227/FUL](#): Mr & Mrs Spence, 7 Fergusson View, West Linton. Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse – **Support.**
 - iv) [07/00896/OUT](#): Mr N Forsyth: Erection of dwellinghouse land south of Lindean, Croft Road, West Linton – **Support.**
- b) Planning Related Issues (decisions) [07/00640/OUT](#):** Mr E Owens, Merrilee. Erection of dwellinghouse – This application was recommended for refusal by Officials but was supported by the Councillors on the Area Committee by a 3:2 vote. Consequently the application is now to be forwarded to the full Planning Committee for determination.
- c) Planning Related Issues (misc.)**
- i) **New Primary School.** TD said he had been unable to contact with the Project Manager for an update but would seek information for the next meeting.
 - ii) **Robinsland Proposed Housing - Development Design Brief.** TD reminded the CC that at the May meeting Cllr. Calvert stated he would raise the brief at the next Planning Committee and seek that it be rescinded. **MH** would ask Councillor Calvert to be asked to provide feedback at the next WLCC meeting. The potential village centre rat-run bypass had again been raised with Community Council members. Following discussion it was agreed that **MH** would contact Jeremy Purvis MSP to ask if he would facilitate a meeting between SBC Planning Officials, the 3 Tweeddale (West) Councillors, WLCC and villager's who reside along the route of the potential village centre rat-run bypass. It is hoped that such a meeting could take place in September.
- 7. Area Committee Meeting:** As stated in item 2 above the MH informed the meeting that the Area Committee had agreed to commence procedures to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order in West Linton. If implemented this would mean an area for loading only (7am – 10am) outside the Co-op and area of no waiting at any time outside the property immediately to the north of the Co-op.
- 8. Roads & Footpaths:** Riverside path contiguous to former Tin House site – Land ownership still to be established. **KL** agreed to visit the Land Register office to seek information on ownership of the riverbank between the white bridge and the A702 bridge. DS tabled a letter received from the owners of the new property next to the white bridge. It was noted that there were some discrepancies in the said letter relative to information WLCC had received from SBC. Following discussion it was agreed that **MH** would visit Mr & Mrs Bissett to discuss the contents of their letter. Rumbling Tam area (Upper Green): It was agreed that two large trees that were threatening the stability of the Rumbling Tam area should be removed. **MH** would arrange for the tree removal and would also arrange for SBC Local to clean-up the area.
- 9. Public Transport Issues:** It was reported to WLCC that cars were parking too close to the bus stop adjacent to the memorial garden. This had resulted in an occurrence of a wheel chair bound person not being able to board a bus. WLCC advised that if this happens again the bus driver should note the car registration, ask another person to witness the event and pass the information to the police. The Community Council ask vehicle owners to be more considerate and leave sufficient space when parking near the village bus stops.
- 10. Environmental Issues:** The seat for the Upper Green in memory of Mr Boal – MH stated that SBC had now ordered the seat and it was agreed it should be located next to the river on the bridge side of the Upper Green.



11. Reports of Meetings Attended: DS & JM reported on the last meeting of the WLCC New Village Hall Sub-Committee they attended and indicated that the next meeting with the mentor is scheduled for Monday 23rd July in the Village Centre.

12. Miscellaneous Correspondence, including

- i) Planning Advice Note 81 – Community Engagement.
- ii) SBC Award 2007 Brochure.
- iii) Post-Watch Scotland publication.
- iv) Review of Community Councils by SBC – Information document.

13. AOCB:

- i) War Memorial & War Memorial Plaque – Community Council confirmed they are happy with the renovation work carried out by SBC & their contractors.
- ii) Loanend Housing Development, Dolphinton - Community Council agreed with the proposal to name the properties Nos 1 to 4 Loanend Park.
- iii) Christmas lights – DS is undertaking a survey of shop & house owners will allow brackets to be permanently fixed to their properties. The Community Council must consider where the new light fittings will be stored when not in use.

14. Date of Next Meeting 13th August 2007 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre.

Actions:

Sgt. Bruce to email a copy of the monthly newsletter CC members to provide feedback.

TD to ask SBC to confirm the estimated cost for covering the tar with a rubberised material.

MH to ask Councillor Calvert to provide feedback on the possible rescinding of the proposed Robinsland development road layout.

KL to visit the Land Register office to seek information on ownership of the riverbank between the white bridge and the A702 bridge.

MH to contact Jeremy Purvis MSP to ask if he would facilitate a meeting between SBC Planning Officials and other interested parties regarding the Robinsland & Broomlee connecting road.

MH will arrange to visit Mr & Mrs Bissett to discuss the points raised in their letter to the CC.

MH will arrange to removal the trees adversely affecting the Rumbling Tam area and would also arrange for SBCLocal to clean-up the area.



POLICE REPORT

WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

July 2007

Since the last Community Council meeting on 11th June 2007, a total of 19 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)

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

4 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

1 x Road Traffic Accident

2 x reported crimes

During the early hours of 2nd July 2007, whilst engaged in a road check on the A702 road in West Linton, police stopped a vehicle and found the driver to have no insurance. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal, and police seized the vehicle.

Between 0030 and 0900 hours on 2nd July 2007 a Rover motorcar was deliberately damaged whilst parked in Broomlee Crescent, West Linton. Police enquiries into this incident are continuing.

On 4th July 2007 a 45 year old man was arrested in Main Street West Linton for drink driving after failing a road side breath test.

On the evening of 4th July 2007 a 40 year old female was assaulted following an incident at the Creamery, Dolphinton, West Linton.

A 59 year old man has since been arrested in connection with this incident and a report is being prepared for the procurator fiscal.