



# West Linton Community Council

## **Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009 In the Village Centre at 7.30pm**

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

**In attendance:** Councillors Willie Archibald & Catriona Bhatia.

**1. Apologies:** Anne McKenzie

**2. Police Matters:** Sergeant Bruce read his report, a copy of which is appended to this minute. **MH** to check with Jim McQuillan the wording of the traffic order for the yellow lines at the co-op to ensure loading is allowed during the times stipulated and to request kerb markings for the double yellows.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** A small change was requested to the November minute: "...SBC's unwillingness to allow sub-letting on any land granted ..." for "...the clarification of SBC sub-letting on any land granted..."

**4. Matters Arising (not on the Agenda):** **MH** contacted SBC re request last month for street names at Rutherford Castle. These are not in the WL area; however we have suggestions if required.

**Clarification:** "TD to request by-pass", this is only a scoping plan at this time. There is not a plan to build a village by-pass at this time and therefore a route has not been identified.

The CC was concerned with the style of reporting in the Peeblesshire News which sensationalised the HMIe report of the village Playgroup. Cllr Bhatia said that SBC would work with the managers of the group to raise the standards found less than perfect but assured the CC there were a number of positives in the report also.

Cllr Bhatia informed the CC that a temporary replacement School Crossing Patrol had been found to cover for the full-time person during forthcoming absence. The CC and SBC recognise this is a vital post for the safety of children crossing the A702.

The consultation for the new school will commence in the coming weeks and will be advertised in the press.

The problem of irresponsible parking was raised. This was seen as due, in part, to the lack of alternatives. Following discussion during which a number of suggestions put forward to alleviate the parking in the village **MH** agreed to request signs be installed to point drivers to the Lower Green where parking is available and **DS** suggested a number of additional spaces could be created on the Upper Green to alleviate the parking at the Bakehouse, a vote was taken and the CC decided on a 2 in favour, 5 against with 1 abstention that no action would be taken on this matter at this time. **GT** agreed to pursue other possibilities. It was agreed that if these actions fail then additional double yellow lines to be installed on both corners of Deanfoot Road/Main Street and more stringent enforcement requested. **MH** to pursue.

**5. Open Floor Questions** – None

**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) [08/01975/FUL](#): Mr Morrison, Cairnbank, Station Road, West Linton. Erection of garage/boat store with granny annex over. **Support**
- ii) [08/01957/FUL](#): Mr and Mrs M Mackenzie, Ainsdale Lodge, Linton Bank Drive, West Linton. Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse. **Support**
- iii) [09/00014/FUL](#): Mr and Mrs Banner, 10 Robinsland Drive, West Linton. Extension to dwellinghouse. **Support**

**b) Planning Decisions** – SBC had taken a small number of decisions over the two months since the last meeting. GT has noted the decisions taken by the CC over the past 7 years and compared them to the decisions of SBC and the Reporter. We have had to examine 289 planning applications and have agreed with SBC on 239. This is a good average but it was noted that 2007/08 was the second lowest percentage agreement with SBC. It was hoped this was not a trend for the future.

**c) Planning Related Matters** – GT noted there were two applications within the village that had past the target date set by SBC to complete the planning process, one by almost 3 months. One other had only just received a decision some 5 months after the application was submitted. This situation was considered unfair to the applicants, their supporters and their detractors as lengthy delays put lives in limbo and cause undue stress to all concerned. It was hoped the process can be speeded up in the coming year.

**7. Area Committee Meeting:** No WL matters

**8. Roads & Footpaths:** The Minister's Pool area of the river path has been damaged and made narrow which may be a danger to users. CC will investigate. The A702 at the Mauricewood Road junction would be closed between February 6<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> to allow Scottish Water lay pipes across the road.

**9. Public Transport Issues:** The bus to Gyle centre had ceased to run as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**10. Environmental Issues:** GT is monitoring the river bank as he is aware of a certain amount of erosion.

**11. Christmas Lights:** Thanks to all who assisted in putting the lights up and taking them down. The switching on evening was a great success again.

**12. Reports of Meetings Attended:** SCARF.

**13. Miscellaneous Correspondence, including**

- i) BCCF Environmental – noted.

**13. AOCB:** None

**14. Date of Next Meeting** 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre.

**Actions:**



**POLICE REPORT**

**WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**January 2009**

Since the last Community Council meeting, a total of 22 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)

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

11 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

3 x Vehicular collisions (all minor)

1 x Report of Anti Social Behaviour

Following a report of a fight outside a house in St Mungo's Lea, West Linton an 18 year old male was arrested for committing a breach of the peace.

On 22/12/08 a 19 year old male was found in possession of a quantity of controlled drugs in Deanfoot Road, West Linton.

On 06/01/2009 a suspicious fire occurred at a Farm near West Linton. Police enquiries are continuing.

On 07/01/2009 a house near to Macbiehill was forcibly entered and a wallet stolen.