



West Linton Community Council

**Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2009
In the Village Centre at 7.30pm**

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

In attendance: Councillor Willie Archibald.

1. **Apologies:**, Anita Thomas, Anne McKenzie & Kenny Love & Councillors Catriona Bhatia & Neil Calvert.
2. **Police Matters:** GT read the Police report.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The phrase “broad need” should be deleted from para 5 of the March minute. It was decided that **MH** should write to SBC re clarification of the current school title deeds.
4. **Matters Arising (not on the Agenda):** **MH** will write to SBC detailing the points raised at her meeting on road and footpath alterations around the village.
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) [09/00285/FUL](#): Mr J Jackson, Tinto, 6 Roderick Place, West Linton. Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse. **Support**
 - ii) [09/00276/FUL](#): Mr and Mrs K Howell, Land West of White Moss, West Linton. Erection of domestic wind turbine. **Support**
 - iii) [09/00314/FUL](#): Robin Jack, Gartmore, Blyth Square, West Linton. Installation of oil tank. **Support** if tank screened from view and neighbour dispute can be resolved.
 - iv) [09/00384/FUL](#): Mr and Mrs C Pratt, Salon At Lyneholm, Croft Road, West Linton. Part change of use from hair and beauty salon to incorporate into dwellinghouse and replacement windows and doors. **Support**, windows to match existing.
 - b) **Planning Decisions:**
 - i) [08/00791/FUL](#): Mr Alistair Brown, Site of Former Railway Yard, Dolphinton, West Linton. Erection of cement silo (retrospective). GT & AM attended the Reporters visit on 11 March 2009. Unfortunately the appeal was refused.
 - c) **Planning Related Matters:**
 - i) Medwyn Road: this will be discussed at the May meeting when the full compliment of Councillors will be present.
7. **Area Committee Meeting:** No WL matters



- 8. Roads & Footpaths:** **MH** will contact SBLocal to suggest a drain be placed at Lyne View to reduce the occurrence of flooding.
Kerbs at the Lower Green are being damaged by lorries and cars and will need attention. It was agreed that this should be done when the works at the toilets are completed. There was discussion of the proposed sand & gravel quarry at Lamington which **MH** & **GT** had been contacted about. Communities closer to the proposed site were forming an Action Group to stop it: it was **decided** we should not take part.
- 9. Public Transport Issues:** Mr Dickson reported that the upper timetable in the Manor garage bus shelter had fallen down and was restricting the view of the lower. **GT** informed Mr Dickson that any pedestrian crossing on the A702 would have to be authorised by Traffic Scotland via BEAR. A survey of the road had taken place and this would be used to determine if a crossing was required.
- 10. Environmental Issues:** **GT** reported grass waste had been dumped into the Lyne Water down stream from the Splash. Residents responsible are requested to refrain from this illegal action. **GT** asked if the grass could be cut shorter to the river bank this year. He said it could hardly be seen last year. It was recognised that biodiversity was an important feature of the river but there was sufficient banking to encourage this on the slope. **MH** would contact Jason Hedley.
- 11. Reports of Meetings Attended:** **MH** gave a summary of the Development Management & Planning Reform she attended. Main points included: New planning legislation coming in on 3rd August, this will place a greater emphasis on pre-application consultations; this would include developers, Community Councils and local communities. The Planning Officers will be moved from Peebles to Newtown but there will be a contact office in Peebles High Street.
GT gave a resume of the launch of the Mediation in Planning initiative from the Scottish Government he attended in Edinburgh: more emphasis would be placed on developers and communities meeting before applications are submitted to attempt to remove contentious issues. If these meetings were not successful mediators could be brought in to assist. Developers saw this as a way of speeding up the planning process however communities are concerned it will remove the possibility of large meetings to bring all the relevant points to the fore. There was no discussion on what scale of applications this was designed for however it was assumed that it would be for large ones.
- 12. Miscellaneous Correspondence, including**
- i) Notice of the AGM of The Friends of the Pentlands – noted
 - ii) Renewal of membership of the Association of Scottish Community Councils. **MH** to pass to **DL**
- 13. AOCB:**
- i) The Open Meeting to discuss the SCARF project results will be held on Monday 27th April at 7pm, a meeting of the SCARF committee would take place on Tuesday 21st to finalise the programme etc. **GT** would place a notice in the Peeblesshire.
 - ii) The Community Council elections are to take place in June. **MH** will make the arrangements, contacting the electoral officer and request nomination forms.
 - iii) **GT** discussed the changes to the Community Council fiscal year. **SBC** have yet to finalise the new CC constitutions and Standing Orders which will determine these.
 - iv) **MH** to arrange presentation of the Citizen of the Year
 - v) A date for the Open Meeting on open space facilities in the village was suggested and **GT** would check with the hall keepers if it was available.
 - vi) It was noted that the harsh winter has taken its toll on the appearance of some



properties on Main Street. It is hoped the dryer and warmer weather will allow maintenance to be carried out where necessary.

vii) **JM** will cover for GT during his absence.

14. Date of Next Meeting 11th May 2009 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre.

Actions:

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MH would contact Jason Hedley.

MH to arrange presentation of the Citizen of the Year

MH to pass renewal notice for membership of the ASCC to DL

GT will check with the hall keepers to determine if the Graham Institute was available for the Open Meeting on open space facilities in the village

JM will cover for GT during his absence.



POLICE REPORT

WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

April 2009

Since the last Community Council meeting, a total of 29 calls have been received by police regarding incidents in the West Linton area.

This is broken down as follows –

8 x Alarm activations (all false)

8 x Road traffic related incidents

10 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

2 x Road traffic collisions

1 x reported crime

Between 9th and 10th March 2009 an isolated dwelling house near Dolphinton was forcibly entered and items of property stolen. Police enquiries are continuing.

On 12th March 2009 a two-vehicle road traffic collision occurred on the Harlawmuir Road, near West Linton. There were no injuries in this collision.

On 19th March Road Policing officers, along with personnel from VOSA carried out a check on the A702 road, paying specific attention to LGV's. During this check numerous vehicles were stopped, resulting in 11 vehicles being prohibited due to mechanical defects, 2 vehicles found to be over weight, 8 vehicles found to be committing tachograph offences, and 4 other vehicles found to have minor defects.

On 23rd March a complaint was received regarding a driver being abusive towards the school crossing patrol person. Officers carried out enquiries and the driver was traced.

On 26th March a road traffic collision occurred on the A702 south of West Linton between a car and a lorry. No one was injured.

Also on 26th March, whilst carrying out enquiries into another matter, police established that a van parked in Deanfoot Road, West Linton did not have any insurance. The owner of the van was traced and charged, and the van was seized by police using powers under the Road Traffic Act.

On 28th March as part of the County Road Awareness Weekend, Road Policing officers carried out checks on the A702 road near West Linton resulting in a 30 year old man being detected for driving a Honda motorcar at 103 mph.

On 31st March police carried out a static road check in relation to speeding vehicles on the A702 in West Linton, near to its junction with School Brae. During this check, numerous vehicles were found to be exceeding the 30 mph limit, with the highest recorded speed being 44 mph.

Also on 31st March whilst on patrols in the West Linton area, officers detected a 29-year-old man for driving his Ford Mondeo at 122 mph on the A702 road.

On 1st April officers were again patrolling the area when they detected a 32-year-old man for driving his Audi A3 at 102 mph on the A702 road.