



West Linton Community Council

**Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 14th September 2009
In the Village Centre at 7.30pm**

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

In attendance: Councillors Willie Archibald & Catriona Bhatia.

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Neil Calvert.
2. **Police Matters:** GT read the Police report.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** July & August minutes approved & signed. GT explained the web redesign and the training required to upload documents clashed with his working away over the summer caused the minute to not be available online, however there was a copy available in the Post Office box.
4. **Matters Arising (not on the Agenda):** None.
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) [09/01080/FUL](#). Gavin Jefcoate. Glengyle, Main Street, West Linton. Alterations and extensions to dwellinghouse. **Support with reservations:** concern expressed that result of loss of garage could result in additional on-street parking
 - ii) [09/01141/FUL](#). Mr J Coyle. West Water Reservoir House, Golf Course Road, Medwyn Road, West Linton. Alterations and extensions to dwellinghouse. **Not Supportive** (5:4). No detailed plans for underground parking.
 - iii) [09/01157/FUL](#). Fiona Ingram. Old Bakehouse, Main Street, West Linton. External re-decoration (retrospective). **Not Supportive** (7:1, 1 abstention)
 - iv) [09/01040/FUL](#). Manor Kingdom Estates Ltd. Land East Of Hazlieburn and Rutherford Castle Golf Course, West Linton. Change of use of agricultural land to extend existing golf course and modification to existing course and formation of water features. **Support**, however it is noted the Ecological Impact Assessment does not cover the area covered by this application (rather the proposed hotel development). The proposed new 18th hole may compromise the approved plans for the hotel development as it crosses the proposed access road. Extended and proposed ponds are within the route of existing water courses.
 - v) [09/01210/FUL](#). Mr and Mrs T Clapperton. House of Hair, Main Street, West Linton. Change of use from hairdressing salon to incorporate into dwellinghouse. **Support.**



- vi) [09/01098/PPP](#). I R Anderson. Land South West Of Carnethy, Medwyn Road, West Linton. Residential development. **Not Supportive** (8:1). Backland development

There was a delegation of residents in attendance to speak to this application and who raised a number of points relating to the CC's previous discussion on this application. The residents suggested there was a credibility problem with the CC in that a decision had been taken on this application before residents had been given an opportunity to comment. This was refuted by the Chairman who said the discussions were preliminary as the application had a cut-off date before this meeting. The Chairman requested an extension to the date from SBC which was agreed. The residents argued that the application was similar to the previous one and that the reasons for turning it down should remain. SBC Councillors commented that they are not allowed to express an opinion on planning matters as it would be seen to influence other members.

b) Planning Decisions:

- i) [09/00874/FUL](#) Mr and Mrs C. Rossi, 5 Deanfoot Drive, West Linton, Extension to dwellinghouse. **Approved**
- ii) [09/00892/FUL](#) Lindsay Mann, Hope Lodge, Croft road, Replacement windows. **Approved**
- iii) [09/00718/FUL](#) Mr Mick McWilliam, Braemar, Main St, West Linton. Replacement windows. **Refused**
- iv) [09/00848/FUL](#) Garvald West Linton Ltd. Land South of Sycamore House , Garvald, West Linton. Erection of Residential Care Unit with associated parking, access road and footpath. **Approved**

c) Planning Related Issues:

- i) Tarmac has been laid on the track at North Slipperfield. **MH** was asked to speak with SBC to check this was in accordance with the guidelines of the planning permission awarded last year.

7. Area Committee Meeting: A presentation on Transforming Older Peoples Services was given.

8. Roads & Footpaths: A number of broken streetlights and potholes will be reported by Councillors using the SBC web application <http://maps.scotborders.gov.uk/localview/>. **MH** to report damaged verges and poor condition of the road surface on Bogbank Road

9. Public Transport Issues: Mr Dickson distributed Edinburgh bus timetables and highlighted the report in the Peeblesshire News on the poor condition of the MacEwan's buses used on the school runs.

10. Environmental Issues: West Linton came third in the recent Floral Gateway competition. Discussions on how to improve on this position included the judges comment that there appeared to be limited community engagement. A plan on how to improve for future years would be sought.

11. Reports of Meetings Attended: None.

12. Miscellaneous Correspondence, including

- i) GT had previously distributed most of the correspondence by email.
- ii) Letter of thanks from Linton in Bloom for the donation recently received.
- iii) The Community Councillor magazine was distributed.

13. AOCB:

- i) GT has written to the resident from whom we had received two letters.
- ii) **GT** to investigate mobile broadband connection.



- iii) JM raised his concern over the way the planning application [09/01098/PPP](#) had been dealt with. It was his understanding a decision had been agreed by the CC at an earlier meeting and was unhappy that this was apparently overturned at this meeting. The Chairman explained it was discussed at the interim meeting (which was held to discuss another matter) to give the CC the opportunity to discuss the application as the closing date was before our usual meeting and she was unsure if an extension would be possible.

14. Date of Next Meeting 12th October 2009 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre.

Actions and the individuals identified to progress these on behalf of the Community Council:

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POLICE REPORT

WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

September 2009

Since the last Community Council meeting, a total of 17 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)

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

9 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

1 x reported crime

1 x Minor Road traffic collision

In the early hours of 13th August 2009 an insecure car was entered whilst parked outside a house in Main Street, West Linton. No items were stolen.

On 20th August 2009 a female was bitten by a dog whilst delivering leaflets to an address in West Linton. The owner has been warned.

On 25th August 2009 a window of a house at The Creamery, Dolphinton was smashed. Police enquiries are continuing.

During the day on 26th August 2009, police received a report that a Security company were cold calling in the West Linton area. Whilst somewhat suspicious, on this occasion it was found to be all in order.

On 27th August 2009 whilst carrying out a static road check in West Linton officers stopped a vehicle and found that the driver had no driving licence or insurance. The driver has been reported to the procurator fiscal, and the vehicle was seized under the Road Traffic Act.

On 31st August 2009 a dog was killed in a Road Traffic Collision whilst walking on the Harlawmuir Road.

On 10th September 2009 a multi agency road check was carried out on the A702 involving police and vehicle inspectors. As a result of this check 4 vehicle prohibitions were issued, 2 drivers were reported for tachograph offences, one driver was found to have no licence or insurance, and three drivers were reported for speeding.