



West Linton Community Council

**Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 12th October 2009
In the Village Centre at 7.30pm**

Present: Margaret Harrison, Graham Tulloch, Eric Small, John Mackie, David Small, Anita Thomas.

In attendance: Councillors Willie Archibald & Neil Calvert.

1. **Apologies:** Anne McKenzie, Kenny Love & Councillor Catriona Bhatia.
2. **Police Matters:** No report was available at the time of the meeting however one is attached to the end of this minute.
The CC discussed the events of the previous weekend when a teenage birthday party had to be curtailed by the police as there were a great many underage teenagers obviously under the influence of alcohol. It was disappointing to see and it was hoped the alcohol was not purchased locally.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** JM requested alteration to the wording of item 13 iii. This was accepted and the minute will be presented at the next meeting for signature.
4. **Matters Arising (not on the Agenda):** GT to continue to investigate broadband connection for meetings.
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) **At this time there are no planning applications**
 - b) **Planning Decisions:**
 - i) [09/01048/FUL](#) Mr & Mrs Knott, 9 Tarfhaugh Brae, West Linton. Extension to dwellinghouse. **Approved**
 - c) **Planning Related Issues:**
 - i) MH had contacted SBC re change of route of the new road at North Slipperfield and also the apparent early construction of same. MH also read out an email train between a resident and SBC on this matter.
 - ii) SB Local Plan has been finalised and is available for comment. There is a statutory 6 week consultation period, during which comments will taken in written form. Objections must be made in less than 2000 words before noon on the 27th November. The Plan can be accessed at Council offices, libraries or online at:
www.scotborders.gov.uk/life/planningandbuilding/plansandresearch/26751.html
7. **Area Committee Meeting:** Insp. Sandilands of L&B Police spoke on the good health of policing in the Tweeddale area. A stage of the Tour of Britain cycle race had commenced



in Peebles and positive feedback had been received from organisers and spectators alike. There was also a presentation by NHS Borders which discussed the need to change to continue to improve services for the future. The Borders had the longest stays in hospital on the Scottish mainland due to the aging population and the need for care at home and there are more beds per head of population compared with the rest of the country. The buildings, staff and facilities were being looked at in order to determine where changes can be made to provide the service required in the coming decades. There is an increasing evolution of service towards preventative health care to encourage people to obtain regular health checks which will catch problems at an earlier stage and therefore allow quicker, and possibly shorter, treatment with less time in hospital.

- 8. Roads & Footpaths:** MH contacted SBLocal re the condition of Bogsbank Road. New drainage had been laid at the Paulswell/Spittlehaugh corner. Jim McQuillan, Traffic Management Dept at SBC, had requested a meeting with **MH** and others to discuss possible improvements to the village centre and additional traffic restriction orders to improve the free flow of vehicles. This will be a repeat of a meeting in the early part of this year with another member of SBC staff who has since resigned. A number of potholes were identified and **MH** will contact SBLocal to repair them. It was suggested that branches of a few trees around the village should be trimmed to allow the street lights to better illuminate the roads and pavements. The access to a well used footpath off Bogsbank Road has recently been closed by a resident. **ES** to seek clarification on this.
- 9. Public Transport Issues:** Mr Dickson had contacted GT to discuss changes to the bus timetables. He had been unable to find any information on this and no-one at the meeting had heard of any changes. **GT** will make further enquiries.
- 10. Environmental Issues:** GT had received an email from another CC requesting that we ask residents to be vigilant to aid recovery of three stolen bee hives. Edinburgh Cycling Touring Club had contacted GT some months ago to complain about the new toilets. The club was unhappy that the new facilities catered for only one person at a time. GT had been contacted by an ex resident via Cllr A to discuss the placing of a bench in memory of his parents. **GT** will progress and report back.
- 11. Reports of Meetings Attended:** MH had attended an SBCCN seminar where the role of the Area Committees was discussed. A proposal to retain the Committees but change the style, composition and remit was put forward. Nine new Forums based around the electoral wards will be created and meet less frequently, possibly quarterly, to discuss a wide variety of subjects. CC's may be allowed to vote on matters in their own areas. Funding for CC's was also a topic at the meeting. The main points that came from this section were that there was no increased funding and that there would be better scrutiny of the accounts. Insurance for CC's was also discussed and **GT** was asked to report back on what was currently covered.
- 12. Miscellaneous Correspondence, including**

 - i) The "Community Councillor" was distributed.
 - ii) ASCC National Postal ballot discussed. **GT** to complete.
- 13. AOCB:**

 - i) **Christmas lights:** The lights will be put in place on 14th November with the 21st as a



back-up. **GT** will place a request in the Peeblesshire for assistance. **DS** will co-ordinate with Calum Greenhow a sub-committee to arrange the details for the switching-on evening.

- ii) **TD** was requested to bring the final accounts for SCARF to the next meeting.

14. **Date of Next Meeting** 9th November 2009 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre.

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

- **GT** to continue to investigate broadband connection for meetings.
- **MH & others** will meet Jim McQuillan to discuss possible improvements to the village centre including additional traffic restriction orders
- **MH** will contact SBLocal to repair identified potholes
- **ES** to seek clarification on the loss of access to a well used footpath off Boggsbank Road recently been closed by a resident.
- **GT** will make further enquiries regarding alterations to the bus timetables
- **GT** will progress and report back details of the possible purchase and placement of a bench in memory of ex-residents..
- **GT** was asked to report back on what the CC Insurance currently covered.
- **GT** to complete the ASCC National Postal ballot
- **GT** will place a request in the Peeblesshire for assistance in erecting the Christmas lights.
- **DS** will co-ordinate with Calum Greenhow a sub-committee to arrange the details for the Christmas lights switching-on evening.
- **TD** was requested to bring the final accounts for SCARF to the next meeting



POLICE REPORT

WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

October 2009

Since the last Community Council meeting, a total of 13 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)

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

6 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

1 x reported crime

1 x Minor Road traffic collision

On 2nd October 2009 a Multi Agency road check was carried out on the A702 at West Linton. This resulted in a total of 19 offences being detected.

On the evening of 3rd October 2009 police were called to the Lower Green area of West Linton regarding groups of rowdy youths. On arrival of police it was established that a teenage party had been taking place in the Graham Institute. A number of underage teenagers had to be escorted home due to over indulgence in alcohol, and a large amount of alcohol was seized.

Overnight on the 3rd into the 4th October 2009, a window at the Red Cross House, Main Street, West Linton was smashed. Police enquiries are continuing.