



West Linton Community Council

**Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 11th January 2010
In the Village Centre at 7.30pm**

Present: Margaret Harrison, Eric Small, John Mackie, David Small, Anita Thomas, Anne McKenzie, Kenny Love.

In attendance: Councillor Neil Calvert

1. Apologies: Councillors Catriona Bhatia and Archibald, Tom Davidson, Graham Tulloch.

2. Police Matters: No report available for the meeting. However, one is attached to this minute.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising (not on the Agenda):

1. New Community Policing Officer (Vanessa Hamilton) was due to attend this meeting but did not as her exact role is not yet decided.

2. Jim McQuillan of SBC toured the village to consider various road improvements.

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) [09/01682/FUL](#): Mr and Mrs Fairlie, Blyth Cottage, Blyth Square, West Linton, alterations and extension to dwelling house. Following discussions about a letter of objection to this development, the Community Council were unanimous in **not supporting** the application as it stands due to possible privacy, boundary and sunlight exclusion issues.

b) Planning Decisions:

1. The Auchencorth Moss Wind Turbine public local enquiry will be held in Penicuik Town Hall on weeks 19th-22nd January and 26th to 29th January.

2. Land south west of Carnethy, Medwyn Road, West Linton. I.R. Anderson has appealed because of SBC's failure to determine the application within the period prescribed by the regulations.

3. Comments by West Linton Community Council on the finalised local plan were not accepted by SBC on the grounds of late submission. However, comments will be available to the Reporter and a letter explaining the mitigating circumstances relating to the late submission will be sent to the Reporter.

c) Planning Related Matters: None

7. Area Committee Meeting: Nothing to report.

8. Roads & Footpaths:

1. Drawings prepared by SBC's Jim McQuillan regarding traffic issues in the village were looked at and discussed.

9. Public Transport Issues: None

10. Environmental Issues: None

11. Reports of Meetings Attended: With regard to the Open spaces group and the recent meeting with Martin Wanless SBC et al it was agreed that Tommy Davidson and Kenny Love should represent and report back to the Community Council.

12. Festive Celebrations Suggestions from Graham Tulloch regarding future events were carried over to the next meeting.

13. AOCB:

- a. The question of having a youth representative on the Community Council was discussed and some interest was expressed.
- b. West Linton Citizen of the Year. A discussion on the merits of various candidates took place, but any decision is yet to be finalised.
- c. A Planning Aid Training seminar will be held at Dalkeith Arts Centre on February 13th.

14. Date of Next Meeting 8th February at 7:30pm in the Village Centre.

POLICE REPORT

WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Since the last Community Council meeting, a total of 23 calls have been received by police regarding incidents in the West Linton area.

This is broken down as follows –

5 x Alarm activation (all false)

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

4 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

4 x reported crimes

4 x Road traffic collisions

During the early hours of 1st January, 2 windows were smashed at the Graham Institute, West Linton. Police enquiries are continuing.

Again in the early hours of 1st January 2010, a 14 year old female was assaulted in Deanfoot Road, West Linton by being punched on the face and having her hair pulled. A 15 year old female has since been detected and charged in relation to this crime.

Later on 1st January 2010 a house in St Andrews Close, West Linton had glue placed in the door locks. Police enquiries are continuing into this incident.

On 3rd January 2010 a 38 year old female was arrested following an incident at a house in Broomlee Crescent, West Linton, and charged with assault. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.