



West Linton Community Council

**Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 10th October 2011
In the Village Centre at 7.30pm**

Present: Margaret Harrison, Graham Tulloch, John Mackie, Eric Small, Anne McKenzie, Anita Thomas & Tommy Davidson

In attendance: Councillors Archibald, & Calvert

- 1. Apologies:** Kenny Love & Councillor Bhatia
- 2. Police Matters:** There was no police presence or report.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting.** The minute was signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 4. Matters Arising** (not on the agenda).
- 5. Open Floor Questions** A resident raised the question of “pollution” in the river manifesting as “brown foam” and requested the CC contact Scottish Water regarding this. The resident was informed the foam was a natural occurrence caused by the aeration of fast moving water following high levels of rainfall.
A resident questioned the level of traffic through the village and suggested larger vehicles (lorries, buses etc) should be banned from using Main Street: this was seen as unrealistic by the CC.
A resident requested that a toll be raised to finance the surfacing of the road at the Village Centre/Registrar: it was pointed out this was a private road and therefore this could not be done.
- 6. HM Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee:** The Lord Lieutenant of Tweeddale, Capt. David Younger gave a short talk on the celebrations that will be taking place throughout the UK and more locally to celebrate the Queen’s 60th year on the throne. The main focus of the celebrations will take place over the extended weekend of June 2nd to 5th.
Highlights:
There may be a Service of Thanksgiving in Peebles on Feb 6th (the day the Queen acceded to the throne).
Big Lunch Sunday: June 3rd
Chain of Beacons & additional Bonfires: Monday June 4th
The CC thanked Capt. Younger for his attendance and would investigate the possibility of holding celebratory events in West Linton. **GT** would speak with the committee of the Whipman Play Society.
- 7. Planning Issues (WLCC Area):**
may be viewed online at
http://eplanning.scotborders.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx
 - a) Planning Applications:**



- i) [11/01331/FUL](#) Mr Graham Gillie: The Heddles, The Loan, West Linton, Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse. Plans requested
- ii) [11/00677/FUL](#) Springfield Properties Plc, Land East And North East of 37 St Andrew's Close, West Linton. Erection of 82 dwellinghouses incorporating affordable housing (revised). **Not Supportive, GT** to write asking why CC were asked to comment on application that is not finalised.

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b) Planning Decisions:

- i) [11/00675/FUL](#) Land South Of Lindean Croft Road West Linton: Modification of condition no 11 of planning consent 10/00499/FUL pertaining to window design.
Refused

c) Planning Related Issues:

8. Roads & Footpaths:

- i) A draft Traffic Regulation Order has been submitted by SBC: double yellow lines at junction of Deanfoot Road & Main Street for a distance of 5m from junction & the east/north branch of the top of Main Street to the junction of the A702. An additional length of pavement would be formed at the top of School Brae along the A702 to the junction of Main Street. It is hoped these modifications would improve road and pedestrian safety.
- ii) There have been reports of speeding in St Andrews Close and Broomlee Cres. The CC requests that drivers reduce their speed on these narrow residential streets and if anyone is concerned about traffic speed they should report the vehicles to the police.
- iii) An improperly set drain in St Andrews Close was reported.

9. Public Transport Issues: Mr Dickson informed the CC that there is a new timetable for the McEwans service 93.

GT informed the CC that SPT had refused to allow southbound McEwan's buses to turn off the A702 at Dolphinton onto the Garvald road to allow passengers to alight safely. Bus Users UK hope soon to distribute information on how to start a Group in the area.

10. Environmental Issues: The burst pipe at the top of Main Street had been reported to Scottish Water (SW).

GT updated the CC on the status of the sewerage system on the Robinsland development: he has spoken with a number of the developers and SW personnel over the years but only recently received assurances that the system was in the final stages for being adopted. This is particularly important at this time as SBC hope to tie the new school's waste system into this development but cannot do so until it has been adopted.

11. Christmas Lights: Slow progress has been made with SBC but it is hoped the new boxes will be installed this month. **GT** will contact an electrician to investigate the fabrication of the new connection boxes required.

The lights will be erected on 26th/27th November with the switch on planned for 1 Dec with a back-up of 8th Dec.

12. Reports of Meetings Attended: None

13. Miscellaneous Correspondence, including

- i) Letter from a resident: **GT** to pass to SBC
- ii) A request from SocialiZe for a donation towards the fireworks was received and agreed: **MH** to request DL send a cheque for £50



14. AOCB:

15. Date of Next Meeting 14th November 2011 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre.

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

- **GT** would speak with the committee of the Whipman Play Society regarding a tie-in with events for the Diamond Jubilee
- **GT** to write to SBC asking why CC were asked to comment on application [11/00677/FUL](#) which is clearly still under discussion.
- **GT** to contact an electrician for assistance with the Christmas lights.
- **GT** to pass to letter from a resident to SBC
- **MH** to request DL to send a cheque for £50 to SocialiZe