



West Linton Community Council

**Minute of Meeting held
on Monday 10th January 2011
in the Village Centre at 7.30pm**

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

In attendance: Councillors Archibald & Calvert

1. **Apologies:** David Small & Tommy Davidson, Councillor Bhatia.
2. **Police Matters** – PC Vanessa Hamilton read the report which is appended to this minute. A number of break-ins or attempted break-ins were reported during this period and PC Hamilton was pleased to report the perpetrators had been apprehended. Cllr Archibald asked if any information was known on the situation of the potentially dangerous parking on the north slip of Main Street. **MH** would contact J McQuillan again.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** Approved and signed.
4. **Matters Arising** (not on the agenda.). The Right of Way along the bank of the Lyne from the Bogbank bridge which had been the subject of a letter from SBC was seen to be either overgrown or eroded to make it unsafe. This was thought to be unfortunate by the Council but there was nothing that could be done to rectify the situation. A suggestion was made that the entrance to the river at this point be tidied and landscaped. **MH** to contact SBLocal.
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. [10/01509/FUL](#) Mr D McDougal, Land North West of Golf Club, West Linton. Erection of 3 No sheds and temporary siting of caravan (retrospective). **Support with conditions.** No further development as concern of building in open moorland an AGLU
 - ii. [10/01573/FUL](#): Jacqui Halliwell, Oxengates, Main Street, West Linton. Replacement windows. **Support.**
 - iii. [10/01586/PPP](#): Mr Catto, Land North and West of Linden Cottage, Dolphinton, West Linton. Erection of four dwellinghouses. **Not Supportive.** Close proximity to quarry road, house too close to working yard.
 - b) **Planning Decisions - None.**



- c) **Planning Related Issues:** The display of the new primary school plans was unfortunately poorly attended. It is expected the application will be placed during the week comm. 10 Jan. **MH** to contact S Renwick to determine the rationale for the change in the design from the one consulted on in April 2010. The CC will display plans in the Visitor centre at a time to be arranged.
7. **Roads & Footpaths:** LocalView at <http://maps.scotborders.gov.uk/localview/>. It was accepted by the CC that SBC will be working to repair the large number of potholes caused by the recent severe weather, however if residents identify any particularly large one they are requested to report them using LocalView (link above). The B7059 will be closed in February for work to the culvert at Boghall cottage.
8. **Public Transport Issues, including school transport.** The Community Council thanked and congratulated McEwans Coaches for their efforts during the extended period of severe weather, the bus service to & from Edinburgh ran continually and generally kept to the timetable.
9. **Environmental Issues:** Landscaping of bowling green side of the Green is still to be completed. **MH** to discuss with Fraser Dunlop and to include possible improvements to the Black bridge area.
10. **Reports of Meetings Attended:** None.
11. **Miscellaneous Correspondence.** Letter of thanks for donation towards the planting of the flower tubs Horticultural Society, likewise GT reported a verbal thanks had been received from SocialiZe for the donation towards the fireworks. **MH** to request sight of the accounts of both bodies.
12. **Christmas Lights.** The lights would be taken down on Sunday 16th Jan at 10:30. **MH** thanked all who were involved in erecting the lights and in advance to those who will take them down.
13. **AOCB**

Date of next meeting: 14th February 2011.

The following items have been identified as requiring action: community councillors noted are requested to progress these:

MH to contact J McQuillan to seek update on traffic order on Main Street at the Gordon Arms.

MH to contact SBLocal and Fraser Dunlop re landscaping of Lower green and the area at the Black bridge.

MH to contact S Renwick to determine the rationale for the change in the design of the new primary school

MH to request sight of the accounts of Horti. Soc. & SocialiZe.



Police Report

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Since the last meeting the following incidents have occurred in the West Linton area.

21st November 2010

On the 21st November a homeowner reported to the police that they had returned from a short break away to discover that their home had been subject of a break in. The culprits had gained access to the property by smashing a glass patio door. Males were subsequently cautioned and charged with this crime.

25th November 2010

On the 25th November officers cautioned and charged a 56 year old female with a Breach of the Peace following a previous incident at a public house in the area.

30th November 2010

Officers attended at West Linton following a call advising us of a vehicle, which was causing an obstruction. The vehicle was parked just outside West Linton, northbound. The Sergeant on duty arranged for the vehicle to be removed under police powers and to be impounded at a garage.

9th December 2010

The owners of a residential property discovered on the 9th December that their property had been subject of an attempted break in. They had just returned from a month long holiday. The culprits had failed to gain access to the property and there were no items stolen. The same individuals who were charged with the other housebreak in on the 21st November were also charged with this crime.

13th December 2010

On the 13th December the Co-Op, Main Street, West Linton was broken into and alcohol and cigarettes were stolen from within. The vehicle used in the crime had been stolen previously from Edinburgh and was thereafter involved in further crime in Edinburgh, leading to a vehicle pursuit and ultimately the detention of a male who was identified by CCTV as being involved in crimes in Edinburgh and West Linton. Enquiries are ongoing to identify other individuals involved in these incidents.