



West Linton Community Council

Minute of Meeting held on Monday 10th May 2010 In the Village Centre at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Harrison, Graham Tulloch, John Mackie, David Small, Eric Small & Anne McKenzie

In attendance: Councillors Archibald & Calvert

- 1. Apologies:** Anita Thomas, Kenny Love & Councillor Bhatia
- 2. Police Matters:** No report had been received from the Police this month as there was no police presence at the meeting. A report was subsequently received by the Secretary and is attached to the end of this minute.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting.** Several alterations to the minute were requested, these were noted and the April minute will be presented at the next meeting.
- 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) [10/00499/FUL](#) Land South Of Lindean Croft Road. Mr Michael Pike: Erection of dwellinghouse with attached garage. There are 12 objections posted on the SBC planning site most stating similar concerns including loss of light, loss of privacy and over-shadowing. The height of the fence was questioned as were the need for dormers. Ms Botelho, the owner of a neighbouring property spoke on her objections to the application. Following discussion the CC decided they were **Not Supportive**.
 - ii) [10/00579/FUL](#) Whaupenrig, Medwyn Road, Mr And Mrs Wignall: Erection of detached garage and garden machinery store. **Supportive**.
 - iii) [10/00580/PPP](#) Land West Of The Firs, Carlops Road, National Westminster Bank Plc: Erection of dwellinghouse. **Supportive**.
 - iv) [10/00596/FUL](#) Raemartin House, Raemartin Square, Mr Paul Cassiday: Change of use and alterations to form flat on ground floor (amendment to previous consent 99/00573/COU). **Supportive** with conditions including cast iron down pipes, not upvc.
 - v) [10/00597/LBC](#) Raemartin House, Raemartin Square, Mr Paul Cassiday: Internal and external alterations to form flat. **Supportive**.
 - vi) [10/00623/FUL](#) Cairnton, Carlops Road, Mr J Fearnley: Extension to dwellinghouse. **Supportive**.



vii) [10/00625/FUL](#) St Andrews Manse, Main Street, Mr Robert Wilson: Replacement windows and door. **Not Supportive**, like-for-like windows required.

b) Planning Decisions

i. [10/00291/ADV](#) Bank of Scotland, illuminated signage. **Approved**

ii. [10/00071/FUL](#) Mr Mick McWilliam, Braemar Main Street West Linton. Replacement Windows. **Approved**

c) Planning Related Issues:

i. [10/00615/FUL](#): Glenrath Farms Ltd, Blythbank Farm, West Linton: Removal of condition no 17 from planning consent on [06/02193/FUL](#) to prevent access from Bogsbank Road. Although this application is not in the WLCC area it could have an impact on the village and therefore **MH** will request the application.

ii. The meeting in the school on 29th April 3-7pm: to allow the community to comment on the plans for the new school was well attended. **GT** will post a link on the Community Council web page to the plans when they appear on the SBC web site. He will also scan a comments form to allow residents to send their views to SBC

7. Area Committee Meeting: 30 minute meeting, no West Linton business.

8. Roads & Footpaths: MH is expecting a phone call from Mr McQuillan of SBC regarding the meeting held to discuss traffic matter in the village.

9. Public Transport Issues, including school transport. None

10. Environmental Issues: GT reported on the erosion of the river bank caused by the recent spate floods. The new bridge is partially undermined but due to the large foundations is not in any danger. A large amount of tree debris has come down, some of which is partially blocking clear flow of the river. **GT** to contact SBLocal to have this cleared. SBLocal will remove fallen Willow branches on the Bowling Club side of the river. They will also provide trees for planting on this side of the Green later in the year. The condition of the Minister's Pool area was also discussed. Cllr Calvert stated SBC had investigated this and was aware of the situation.

11. Reports of Meetings Attended: None

12. Open spaces Working Group: No feedback. The CC expressed concern that again no information was forthcoming from this group although this had been promised for the previous two meetings at least. **GT** to write a formal letter requesting in the strongest terms that this be rectified at the next meeting.

13. Miscellaneous Correspondence.

i. WLCC response to planning application [10/00063/PPP](#). MH has contacted SBC and this omission should be rectified.

ii. Citizen of the Year: MH had contacted the candidate and the award had been accepted and published in the Peeblesshire. **MH** will arrange the presentation of this award.

iii. GT distributed the Scottish Borders car badge available for purchase in Tourist Board shops. It was unanimously condemned and GT explained that only 2 or 3 had been purchased from the Peebles shop whereas normally there would be dozens. He thought SBC was missing an opportunity to publicise the region with this poor design replacing the previous more professional, aesthetically pleasing and popular one. He suggested it be scrapped and the old one brought back.

14. AOCB: None.



Date of next meeting: 14th June 2010

GT to write a formal letter to the Open spaces group requesting an update at the next meeting.

GT to contact SBLocal requesting the river be cleared of timber detritus.

MH to request the application for **Glenrath farms Ltd.**

GT will post a link on the Community Council web page to the new school plans on the SBC web site.

MH will arrange the presentation of the Citizen of the Year award.



POLICE REPORT

WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

May 2010

Since the last Community Council meeting, a total of 11 calls have been received by police regarding incidents in the West Linton area.

This is broken down as follows –

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

5 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

2 x Road traffic collisions

1 x Crime reported.

On the evening of 27/04/2010 a suspicious incident occurred at a farm near to Dolphinton, where a group of males were seen to enter a field and damage a sign there. Police enquiries are continuing to identify the males.

On 08/05/2010 a 44-year-old female was arrested in Main Street, West Linton for drink driving. A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

On 10/05/2010 the occupants of a vehicle claiming they needed money to purchase fuel flagged a van driver down on the A702 road. The occupants of the vehicle then tried to give the van driver items of jewellery in return and in doing so a necklace was placed around the van drivers neck. When the van driver stated he did not want this, the vehicle occupant removed the chain, but in doing so also removed the van drivers own neck chain. The van driver did not notice this at the time.

Police have had several reports of similar type crimes, involving persons claiming to require cash for fuel.

If any such incident is witnessed the police should be contacted with as much detail about vehicle and occupants as possible.