



West Linton Community Council

Minute of Meeting held on Monday 11th April 2011 in the Village Centre at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Councillors Bhatia & Calvert.

1. **Apologies:** Anne McKenzie & Councillor Archibald.
 2. **Police Matters** – In the absence of an Officer, GT read the Police report for the previous month, a copy of which is appended to this minute.
 3. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** Following the removal of Tommy Davidson's name from the attendance list the minute was approved and signed.
 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**
 - b) [11/00399/FUL](#): Mr and Mrs Downie; Rigolet, Boggsbank Road, West Linton. Erection of replacement dwellinghouse. As per the earlier Outline application for this site, the CC **Support** the application but with conditions: a more traditional design, slate roof etc.
 - b) **Planning Decisions** – New Primary School **Approved with conditions**, subject to Government approval.
 - c) **Planning Related Issues:**
 - i. Springfield Homes exhibition in the Graham Institute. General discussion on the number of houses planned and the impact on the village. Village infrastructure cannot support such a development at this time due to the increase in traffic. **MH** requested to vigorously seek a meeting with SBC planners in the village.
- Cllr Bhatia left the meeting
- ii. [10/00499/FUL](#) Land South Of Lindean Croft Road. SBC Enforcement Officer is checking on style and composition of the windows of this property currently under construction. Not sash & case and not obscure in upper floor. Also lead beaded and part uPVC.
 - iii. [10/01509/FUL](#) Land North West of Golf Club, West Linton. Erection of 3 No sheds and temporary siting of caravan (retrospective). The applicant is to appeal the decision not to grant permission.
7. **Roads & Footpaths:** LocalView at <http://maps.scotborders.gov.uk/localview/>. Most of the larger potholes have been filled and the CC congratulates SBC for this. Bollards at Oxengates are causing problems with deliveries. Although the CC is sympathetic the restrictions were put in place to alleviate congestion and improve safety.

8. Public Transport Issues, including school transport.

- i. Lothian Buses have reduced their service to Hillend which could have a detrimental affect on users of the MacEwans service as more Edinburgh residents are expected to use this service to travel within the boundary of the city possibly causing the bus to fill, resulting in West Linton residents not being able to travel.
- ii. A new shelter has been erected at Bridge End (Garvald road end). This shelter was sponsored by Bus Users UK.
- iii. The bus stop at the top of Peebles High Street is difficult when alighting from an older bus; a low-step bus is required. **Clr Calvert** will investigate.
- iv. The wall at the bus stop at the Gordon Arms is falling down again.

9. Environmental Issues:

- i. The CC is disappointed to see seats on the Lower green were vandalised.
- ii. Ground works on the bowling green side of the Lower Green are underway. The second shrub bed will be complete at the appropriate time.
- iii. Residents are requested to not dump garden rubbish on the river bank.
- iv. Following a request by GT to extend the collection of garden waste to outwith the 30mph zone the CC were informed that this service for the whole of the Scottish Borders area is to be reviewed in the next year.
- v. The waste treatment works are being refurbished. The works are expected to take 8 months to complete will result in the reduction of choking of the system and therefore a repeat of the over-flows seen in the past year or so.
- vi. A donation to Linton in Bloom will be considered when the CC has had sight of their accounts.

Clr Calvert left the meeting

10. Reports of Meetings Attended: None.

11. Miscellaneous Correspondence.

- i. It was agreed to loan the display boards for an exhibition for a small donation.

J Mackie left the meeting

- ii. GT read a letter from the Fire Brigades Union detailing their stance on the future of the service in Scotland. **GT** to email links contained therein.

12. AOCB: None.

Date of next meeting: 9th May 2011.

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

MH to vigorously seek a meeting in the village with SBC planners.
Clr Calvert to investigate low-step bus
GT to email links contained in FBU letter



Police Report

Since the last Community Council meeting a total of 23 incidents have been dealt with by police. These are broken down as follows: -

3 Alarm Activations – all false

4 Road Traffic Incidents

- Static Road Checks as a result of Quad Bike Thefts
- 1 incident of sheep on the road
- 1 incident of sheep on the road which caused vehicle accident

A 19 year old female was charged with licensing offences after she admitted to serving a male who was seen to leave the premises heavily intoxicated and incapable of looking after himself.

A 58 year old male was charged with a Breach of the Peace and offences under the Licensing Act following his behaviour within his home address and complaints by neighbours.

Complaints from a local farmer stating that 6 sheep have sustained injuries consistent with dog bites, one sheep has subsequently died.

Two youths who caused a power cut in the area by tampering with the electricity supply have been warned by officers in the presence of their parents.

A youth was charged by officers after he assaulted another youth within a play park.

A residential property was broken into and the house was searched by the culprits, enquiries are ongoing.

A theft of plant material was reported from the building site at Newlands Primary School, there was no scope for scenes of crime as the site had been accessed by numerous workmen, enquiries are ongoing.