



West Linton Community Council

**Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 12th September 2011
In the Village Centre at 7.30pm**

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

In attendance: Councillors Archibald, Bhatia & Calvert

1. Apologies:

2. Police Matters: In the absence of PC Hamilton GT read this month's report. One of the main talking points was the request for speed data from three Mobile Safety Unit checks.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minute was signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising (not on the agenda). GT had contacted BEAR re condition of the roundabout and had been told an inspection would be carried out on it to determine if it had been missed from the weeding schedule. He also requested the design of the planting be revisited as the outer shrubs were dying and are unsightly.
In response to resident's worries over the speed of some traffic through the village on the A702 GT also raised this topic with BEAR & the Scottish Safety Camera Partnership but had been informed there are insufficient accidents or injuries to place speed reducing measures on this stretch of road.

5. Open Floor Questions A resident spoke on the removal of children who had travelled on a particular school bus to another with 3 days notice. The bus to which the children had been moved was the furthest from their home and was "always late" compared to the one from which they had been moved which was very close to their home and always left on time. The problem was caused by children from Dolphinton turning up for the bus without having informed the Council, it was noted that children from South Lanarkshire also travelled on this bus. The resident had been informed that the bus had been overloaded for a few days until sufficient children had been moved to another bus. The resident wished answers to the questions they had been seeking from SBC without satisfaction.

Cllr Calvert was aware of the problem and had raised it with the Transport Manager. The CC agreed that GT should write to SBC to request information on this issue, including the process for selecting children to be moved and why new pupils were not moved rather than established travellers.

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) [11/01124/FUL](#) Linton Hotspur FC: Land South East of Deanfoot Cottage, Deanfoot Road, West Linton. Change of use of land to form football pitch,



parking area, access road and path and siting of 3 No portacabins for changing room facilities and meeting room. **Conditional Support** that the Section 50 (75) currently on the land is not compromised; that the access/egress gate is widened to ensure safe usage, provision to accommodate all vehicles be made within the site to avoid parking on Deanfoot Road (ground surfacing should be hardcore rather than tarmac) and that the 3 portacabins are relocated to the south of the agricultural shed on the east of the site. In the interest of safety it may be advisable to extend the footpath on Deanfoot Road. The planned for path within the site is seen by the CC as preferable to a full extension to the vehicular access, this also should be hard core rather than tarmac.

ii) [11/01083/FUL](#) Co operative store, Main Street, West Linton. Retrospective application for automatic door and awning. **Supportive.**

b) Planning Decisions:

c) Planning Related Issues:

i) [10/00675/PPP](#) Appeal by Mr Catto, Dolphinton on the refusal of his application for 4 houses will be heard at Newton on 24th Oct.

ii) MH cannot contact SBC Enforcement Officer to discuss the house in Deanfoot Road. However the application is under appeal and therefore nothing can be done at this time.

7. Roads & Footpaths:

i) GT informed the CC of his discussion with BEAR & the Lothian Safety Camera Partnership. There have not been a sufficient number of vehicular accidents or pedestrian injuries on the West Linton section of the A702 to warrant calming measures such as average speed cameras.

ii) The Neidpath corner road reconstruction is continuing without road closures and is currently ahead of schedule.

iii) Accident on Main Street between delivery van and one or two parked vehicles was reported and the damage to the Graham Institute roan pipe. **GT** to forward details to Councillors.

8. Public Transport Issues: Mr Dickson suggested the formation of a Bus Users UK group to serve West Linton. GT requested Mr Dickson send him details of other communities where such a scheme exists to bring this forward at the next meeting.

9. Environmental Issues: GT informed the CC of the second phase of tree work that is currently under tender: 4 trees are to be felled to the ground and a 5th to be reduced by 20%. Replanting of the 4 trees of this round and a fifth from the first at the beginning of the year is also to be completed this year.

GT had contacted BEAR and had discussed the condition of the roundabout. He had been told it would be inspected to determine if a weeding schedule had been missed. He also requested the planting, including type and design of the roundabout be revisited.

As reported last month SBC have suggested the removal of the Area of Great landscape Value (AGLV) status of the Pentland Hills within the Borders area. The CC agreed this was not a positive move and we should write to SBC with our opinions. **GT** had contacted a number of specialists and he and **MH** who would also contact experts were requested to compile a response.

10. Christmas Lights: GT updated the CC on the situation of the Christmas lights and the meeting with SBC tomorrow, Tuesday 13th, at which it was hoped we would receive final information required to progress plans for erection of lights.



11. Reports of Meetings Attended: None

12. Miscellaneous Correspondence, including

- i) A poster had been received regarding a national Flash Dance. **GT** to forward to SocialiZe who may be in a better position to progress this.

13. AOCB:

- i) The Community Councillors agreed to abide by the Community Councillors Code of Conduct.

14. Date of Next Meeting 10th October 2011 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre.

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

- **GT** to SBC to request information on the issue of the removal of children from a school bus including the process for selecting children to be moved and why new pupils were not moved rather than established travellers
- **GT** to forward details of vehicular damage to Graham Institute.
- **GT** and **MH** who to compile a response to the SBC proposal to remove the AGLV status of the Pentland Hills.
- **GT** to forward details of the Flash dance to SocialiZe



POLICE REPORT

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There was 1 alarm call – a member of staff set off a house alarm by mistake.

Road Traffic Incidents

- There were 2 damage only accidents reported one in Main Street and one in Boggsbank Road but under the new system both were non reportable as the drivers had exchanged details.
- On 14/08/11 a diesel spillage was reported on the A702 at the roundabout – Bear Scotland were contacted and attended with sand.

Mobile Safety Unit

The Mobile Safety Unit carried out 3 checks on the A702. I have emailed the unit to see if they can give me details of how many speeders if any they detect. Hopefully I will have something for the October meeting.

The following incidents of note took place

12/08/11 – A male attended at premises in West Linton looking to change a large amount of £20 notes for £10 notes. On being given the £10 notes the male changed his mind and asked for £1 coins. On being told this was not possible he handed back the £10 notes. Whilst doing this, the male managed to secrete some of the £10 notes in his pocket and did not return the full amount. Enquiries are continuing to trace the male.

20/08/11 – An 18-year-old female was issued with an Anti Social Fixed Penalty Ticket for causing a Breach of the Peace within a property in West Linton.

27/08/11 – A 56 year old female was given a Formal Police Warning for making derogatory comments towards another female in West Linton on 11th August 2011.

On 8th September 2011 a report was received regarding males acting suspiciously in the West Linton area. Officers attended but failed to trace the males. Enquiry was made with the registered keeper of the vehicle; it turned out the male was looking for a local farmer who was supplying him with grain for his bakery business.