



# West Linton Community Council

## **Minute of Meeting held on Monday 13th September 2010 In the Village Centre at 7.30pm**

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

**In attendance:** Councillors Willie Archibald, Catriona Bhatia and Neil Calvert

**1. Apologies:** Graham Tulloch & Tommy Davidson.

The Chair opened the meeting by offering West Linton and District Pipe Band the heartiest of congratulations from the CC on their recent fantastic success at the Cowal Games. DS intimated that the band had been crowned as Champion of Champions for the season at a recent competition held in Peebles. DS further intimated that one of the Band's main sponsors will be withdrawing their funding at the end of the year and that the Band would be looking to the village for financial support.

**2. Police Matters** – PC V Hamilton spoke to the Police Report which had been circulated (Copy attached) She then answered questions from members of the CC.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting.** Approved & signed as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising** (not on the agenda.). TD had reported to JM that Scottish Water had inspected the cause of recent sewerage outspills using CCTV cameras and had discovered that drains had been rendered less than fully effective by extensive invasion of the drains by tree roots and that this would be rectified.

**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](http://eplanning.scotborders.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx)

**a) Planning Applications**

- i) [10/01204/FUL](#) Mr and Mrs Knott, 9 Tarfhaugh Brae, West Linton. Extension to dwelling house (amendment to previous consent (09/01048/FUL) No details. CC asked **MH** to request details.
- ii) [10/01136/FUL](#) Mr and Mrs A. Ewing, Lindrick, Dolphinton Road, West Linton. Alterations and extensions to dwelling house. **Supported**
- iii) [10/01104/FUL](#) The Manse - **supported**

**b) Planning Decisions:** [09/01098/PPP](#) IR Anderson. Land SW of Carnethy, Medwyn Road, West Linton. Residential Development – Appeal for PPP was upheld by Reporter (this outcome was questioned by some members of CC in terms of number of houses to be built but it was explained that this would not be known until a full planning application was submitted).



- c) **Planning Related Issues: New school** – Input from various members of CC about changed plans/new plans/big pitch/wee pitch etc. MH to invite David Officer from design consultants Thomas & Adamson to give CC a presentation on latest plans – provisional date Monday 4th October at 7.30 pm
7. **Area Committee Meeting:** This committee has been disbanded.
8. **Roads & Footpaths:** LocalView at <http://maps.scotborders.gov.uk/localview/>. MH had been informed the culvert by the Minister's Pool had been cleared however does not appear to be the case! Various local drains have been cleared.
9. **Public Transport Issues, including school transport.** AMc informed that one school route had a new bus and that the double-decker had gone!
10. **Environmental Issues:**
- i. Location of picnic benches and seating at the bowling green side of the burn has been agreed.
  - ii. A resident has informed the CC that the top access to the Upper Green has been partially blocked off. **MH** to seek opinion of Access Officer.
11. **Reports of Meetings Attended:** None.
12. **Christmas Lights** – Carried over.
13. **Miscellaneous Correspondence.** Most correspondence had been scanned & emailed to members, that which had not been passed on included:
- i. Request from APRS to renew membership – agreed.
14. **AOCB** – A resident has raised some issues regarding the return of the Primary School for village use citing “Common Good” practice and inappropriate infill. **MH** to respond.

As agreed at the last CC meeting, there was further discussion about the relationship between WLCC and West Linton Open Areas group. The CC decided that “under the umbrella of the CC” was no longer appropriate but that the CC should continue to support the broad aims and philosophy of the WLOA group. It was further agreed that the CC would consider specific support for specific projects which the WLOA group might decide to bring to the CC (Given that 2 members of the CC were also part of the WLOA group it was felt that this type of linkage would be effective.)

**Date of next meeting:** 11th October 2010.

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

- MH to request details for 9 Tarfhaugh Brae application.
- MH to set up meeting re New School Plans
- MH to contact Access Officer re access to Upper Green.
- MH to respond to letter referred to under AOCB



## **POLICE REPORT**

### **WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**September 2010**

Since the last Community Council meeting, a total of 15 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

1 x Crime reported

3 x alarm activations (all false).

5 x Road traffic collisions (all minor)

On 18/08/2010 a joint road check was carried out on the A702 in the West Linton area involving police and vehicle inspectors. As a result of this check 6 vehicles were prohibited from being used on the road due to their condition, 3 drivers were detected for minor road traffic offences and a further 3 drivers were found to be driving out with their drivers hours.

On the morning of 20/08/2010 a Renault van collided with the gable end of the Fireside shop in Main Street, West Linton. No one was injured as a result of the collision. The 55 year old male driver of the van has been charged with road traffic offences and reported to the procurator fiscal.

On 27/08/2010 a lorry collided with the side of a house in Main Street, West Linton, damaging the guttering. The lorry failed to stop after the collision. Police enquiries later traced the vehicle and driver.

On 08/09/2010 a house was forcibly entered in Fergusson View, West Linton. A quantity of electrical equipment and jewellery were stolen, and police enquiries into this are continuing.

On 11/09/2010 police arrested a 21 year old male in Main Street, West Linton after he was stopped driving his Nissan motorcar and found to be over the drink driving limit. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.