



West Linton Community Council

Minute of Meeting held on Monday 14th February 2011 in the Village Centre at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Councillors Archibald & Calvert and Mr J McQuillan, SBC Traffic Management Dept.

1. **Apologies:** David Small & Anne McKenzie, Councillor Bhatia.
2. **Police Matters** – In the absence of a representative from LBP, GT read the report which is appended to this minute. Concern was expressed with the timing of gritting on the A702. The CC was of the opinion that it did not commence sufficiently early to ensure the road was safe at the beginning for the morning rush hour.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** Approved and signed.
4. **Matters Arising** (not on the agenda.). **MH** to contact SBLocal to clean-up the Millennium Bridge, the platform is slippery, **GT** will organise a replacement plaque.
5. **Open Floor Questions.**
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. [11/00056/FUL](#): SBC, Sports Field east of Health Centre, Deanfoot Road, West Linton. Erection of primary school with associated external works, including roads, access improvements, car parking and external landscaping, which includes sports field and planting.
GT read a letter from Mrs A Stark to the CC detailing her objections to the design, scale & mass of the school and of its location. Mrs Stark spoke to her letter and on a number of other points in objection to the plan as it stands, she also informed the CC of the FoI requests she has made on the planning process to SBC and Architecture + Design Scotland. The CC decided not to visit lauder Primary School (as being the one closest in design to the proposed West Linton building) as the dates suggested were either unsuitable or beyond the closing date for comment and would therefore not be productive.
The CC were generally **Supportive** of the application but have a few reservations and concerns; MH & GT would meet to compile a response to SBC.
 - b) **Planning Decisions - None.**
 - c) **Planning Related Issues:** GT read a letter from SBC to Mr A Brown, Dolphinton, regarding the removal of the enforcement order which had been placed on a cement silo he had purchased for his business. The CC were pleased the order had been lifted but regretted it had taken approximately 3 years to do so, Mr Brown was congratulated for his persistence in pursuing this to a successful conclusion
A Proposal of Application to build between 75 and 100 houses on Robinsland had been



received from Springfield Properties Plc, Elgin. The impact on the village was discussed and it was agreed that **MH** should request a site meeting with SBC planners (B Frater & J Hayward) as soon as possible.

An invitation to a meeting regarding a proposal to erect a wind farm at Harburn had been received. **MH** would inform the organisers that a delegation from the CC would attend West Calder Community Centre on 9th March.

7. Roads & Footpaths: LocalView at <http://maps.scotborders.gov.uk/localview/>.

Mr McQuillan informed the CC of the vehicle speed survey that had been completed on the north branch of Main Street at the Gordon Arms before & following the addition of a temporary build-out. There had been only a small reduction in vehicle speed at the 85th percentage quartile (the speed at which 85 percent of vehicles using the area travel at, or less) from an initial 22mph down to 21mph. Discussions centred on the possibility of waiting restrictions in the area to increase safety and it was agreed that this should be progressed. Waiting restrictions would also be progressed for the Main Street/Deanfoot Road junction.

The condition of Boggsbank Road has been reported to SBC who have been requested to fill the numerous potholes.

8. Public Transport Issues, including school transport. No issues

9. Environmental Issues: The wall at the Gordon Arms has fallen on to the pavement. This is a recurring problem unfortunately as the wall is privately owned the CC can do nothing about it. The commercial forestry planting that the CC was informed of last year has begun on the west side of the Baddingsgill road. This will continue on the east side in due course.

MH to contact G Prentice, SBC, regarding the condition of the refuse sacks at the Lynedale road end. Bags are overflowing the bin and spilling out.

A borders-wide tree survey has recently been completed. The survey has identified a large number of trees in a dangerous condition that require to be felled in the interests of safety. A small number are in the West Linton area. Cllr Calvert has requested that replacement planting is completed during the same growing season as the trees are felled.

10. Reports of Meetings Attended: None.

11. Miscellaneous Correspondence.

- i. Reminder of membership of Friends of the Pentlands. **GT** to inform DL.
- ii. Request from G Rosie to borrow notice boards for a photographic exhibition. This was agreed, in return for a donation.

12. AOCB: JM sought clarification on the fate of the current school site when the new one is complete: the plan is for it to be sold for affordable housing.

The Whipman are holding a coffee morning on Saturday 19th Feb and have invited a representative from Digital UK to attend to inform residents of the change-over to digital television.

Date of next meeting: 14th March 2011.

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

MH to contact SBLocal to clean-up the Millennium Bridge.

GT will organise a replacement plaque.

MH should request a site meeting with SBC planners as soon as possible to discuss housing development application.

MH would inform the organisers that a delegation from the CC would attend West Calder Community Centre to hear about the wind farm at Harburn.

GT to inform DL of the Friends of the Pentlands membership renewal request.



Police Report

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MONDAY, 14TH February 2011

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

11th January 2011

On the 11th January there were 7 vehicle accidents in the West Linton area due to the adverse weather conditions.

27th January 2011

Enquiries are ongoing into the theft of a purse from a house. The purse was within a jacket pocket in the front porch of a house when it was last seen, when the purse was recovered from the Ford, West Linton by local workmen there was money missing from within.

1st February 2011

A static road check was carried out on the 1st of February, 6 vehicles were stopped and 1 was issued with a vehicle rectification form.

Between the 10th January and the 11th February 2011

Between the above dates police attended 6 calls for alarm activations which all resulted in false alarms.

Police were notified of 14 other road traffic matters between these dates including obstructions and concern regarding the manner driving of other road users.