



West Linton Community Council

Minute of Meeting held on Monday 8th August 2011 in the Village Centre at 7.30pm

These minutes are available on the WLCC web site at <http://www.west-linton.org.uk/content/west-linton-community-council> where the Consolidated Local Plan is available for download to assist with responding to planning applications.

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

In attendance: Councillors Archibald & Calvert

1. **Apologies:** David Small, Anita Thomas, Kenny Love, Tommy Davidson, Councillor Bhatia
2. **Police Matters** – PC Hamilton could not attend and there was no report (this was received late and is copied at the end of this minute).
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** Comment had been received from a resident re the congratulations given to Linton Hotspur in the July minute: for clarification this was for the success the club management had made following the re-establishing of the team in the village & Borders Football League. The Community Council felt the winning of silverware & near promotion together with the building of a youth team was an excellent result in only a few years and deserved recognition. It was not connected to any groundworks currently being undertaken or planning application being submitted which will be discussed on merit at the appropriate time. The minute was Approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising** (not on the agenda.). None
5. **Open Floor Questions** None.
6. **Planning Issues (WLCC Area):** may be viewed online at ****New web URL****
<http://eplanning.scotborders.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple>
 - a) **Planning Applications**
 - i. [11/00983/AMC](#): Mr I R Anderson; Land South West of Carnethy Medwyn Road, West Linton. Erection of three dwellinghouses with integral garages. **Not supportive.** The residents concerns over drainage of the site is overwhelming; size of houses not in keeping with surrounding properties; privacy issues.
 - ii. [11/01035/FUL](#): Mr G Walters; St Andrews Church Hall Main Street, West Linton. Change of surface to synthetic grass. **Support.**
 - b) **Planning Decisions**
 - i. St Andrews manse appeal against rejection of window type turned down.
 - c) **Planning Related Issues:**
 - i. GT read comments of Focus Group attended by MH.
 - ii. There is scoping work being undertaken for a windfarm on Cloich ridge (south of Noble House)
 - iii. MH read a letter from a resident re application 10/00499/FUL; the CC is under the impression the SBC Enforcement Officer has the matters in hand.
7. **Roads & Footpaths:** LocalView at <http://maps.scotborders.gov.uk/localview/>.



There is continuing concern over the inconsiderate parking in Main Street. Unfortunately a shop owner has come in for a certain amount of verbal abuse with their attempts to relieve the congestion and possible danger from this. The CC support the individual, are grateful for their efforts but understand that they are unwilling to continue given these attacks. The CC continues to speak with SBC on this important matter but unfortunately have, to date, had little success. **MH** is requested to contact SBC to seek an update on possible resolutions.

8. Public Transport Issues, including school transport.

- i. Mr Dickson reported the bus from Peebles bus is failing to stop at the memorial garden although some passengers are requesting this, rather the driver stops at the clock.
- ii. The bus shelter at Manor Garage is damaged. **GT** to provide Cllr C with photographs to assist repairs.

9. Environmental Issues:

- i. **MH** has failed in her attempts to contact Fraser Dunlop on the matter of the amenity improvements at Boggsbank Road site. She will continue to progress this.
- ii. Bark has been placed on the new shrub beds on the bowling club side of the green and the bench has been repaired & replaced.
- iii. The roundabout is in a poor state of repair. **GT** to contact BEAR with a request to tidy existing and perhaps upgrade to better specimens or design.

10. Reports of Meetings Attended: **GT** & **JM** reported on Christmas lights meeting: following a walk through the village those lights which were deemed to be unsafe were put forward for replacement & new locations had been selected. **GT** compiled a map of the village where power installations were requested from SBC, this had been sent and we were awaiting a response. A company had been contacted to stress test the bolts but we have to wait until all are in position before this can be done. **GT** will continue to pressure SBC for a quick response.

11. Miscellaneous Correspondence. Nil

12. AOCB.

- i. SBC had informed the CC the village conservation area has been reduced in size.
- ii. There is a proposal from a consultant employed by SBC that the Area of Great landscape value (AGLV) is removed from the Borders portion of the Pentland Hills. The CC will discuss this when more information is produced.
- iii. Open Gardens donated £400 to the Alice Hamilton Trust amongst other local charities. Congratulations were offered to all involved.

Date of next meeting: 12th September 2011.

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

GT to provide Cllr C with photographs of A702 bus shelter to assist repairs.

MH to contact Fraser Dunlop re the amenity improvements at Boggsbank Road site

GT to contact BEAR with a request to tidy the roundabout or perhaps upgrade to better specimens or design

MH is requested to contact SBC to seek an update on possible resolutions to poor parking in Main Street.

GT will continue to pressure SBC for a quick response on Christmas lights installations



Police Report

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There have been 7 alarm calls all of which were false calls.

Road Traffic Incidents

- 1 call regarding cows on the road
- 1 driver detected by Road Policing officers for speeding on the A702

Mobile Safety Unit

The Mobile Safety Unit carried out 2 checks on the A702 since the last meeting. This unit will now be using Twitter to inform motorists where they will be located – please refer to July Newsletter for full story.

There have been no incidents of note since the last meeting.