



West Linton Community Council

**Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 9th November 2009
In the Village Centre at 7.30pm**

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

In attendance: Councillors Catriona Bhatia & Neil Calvert.

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Willie Archibald.
2. **Chairman's Report:** Attached.
3. **Election of Office Bearers:** Not required.
4. **Police Matters:** GT read the report for this month, see attached to the end of this minute. Expressions of surprise, shock & dismay were noted at the number of speeding drivers and the extraordinary high speeds recorded on our roads.
MH will request the new Community Police Officer to attend our next meeting.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Approved & signed.
6. **Matters Arising (not on the Agenda): Cllr Calvert** will discuss the possibility of the CC gaining access to the Registrar Office broadband connection for meetings. Following comments from a number of groups in the village, JM spoke with Allan Scott at SBC on the charges for Council facilities. A new pricing structure had been agreed by the Council and came into force on 1st June 2009. This was the first increase in 7 years and is based on the size of the facility. Rates for Community events are more favourable than those charged for commercial activities. Organisation finding themselves in financial difficulty due to the new charges should speak to either Allan Scott or Jean Robertson (01835 826530 or 01835 826543 resp.). Jean is the Lottery External Funding Officer.
7. **Open Floor Questions:** A delegation from the group set up following the SCARF project gave a presentation on the progress they had made and future actions they were to undertake.
The group were gathering opinion and support from other groups and organisations within the village for enhanced outdoor space. This support would be intimated to SBC under the consultation for the Finalised Local Plan Amendment.
There is concern that there have been a number of open spaces lost in recent years and the group are not reassured by the proposed LP.
The group propose to request SBC to increase the acreage of the new school based on future requirements. There is no proposal in the LP to do this.
8. **Planning Issues (WLCC Area):**
may be viewed online at
http://eplanning.scotborders.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx
 - a) **Planning Applications:**
 - i) [09/01412/FUL](#) Dr Rachel Petrie, 12 Robinsland Drive, West Linton, extension to



dwellinghouse. **Support.**

- ii) [09/01547/FUL](#) Mr D Watson, Deanfoot House, Main Street, West Linton. Replacement windows. Requesting information on window design and material.

b) Planning Related Issues (decisions etc)

- i) Local Plan topics: Public Open Spaces. See item 7 above.
- ii) [09/01080/FUL](#) Gavin Jefcoate. Glengyle, Main Street, West Linton. Alterations and extensions to dwellinghouse. **Approved subject to conditions**
- iii) [09/01141/FUL](#). Mr J Coyle. West Water Reservoir House, Golf Course Road, Medwyn Road, West Linton. Alterations and extensions to dwellinghouse. **Approved subject to conditions**

c) Planning Related Issues:

- i) It was noted Barry Fotheringham had move to a different area and has been replaced by Craig Miller.

9. Area Committee Meeting: Tweeddale Area Committee: A presentation was given on the plan to reform this committee. A presentation was also given on the Local Plan amendment (there is a statutory 6 week consultation period, during which comments will taken in written form. Objections must be made in less than 2000 words before noon on the 27th November. The Plan can be accessed at Council offices, libraries or online at: www.scotborders.gov.uk/life/planningandbuilding/plansandresearch/26751.html). It is now know that CC Chairs, or their deputies, will not be able to vote on any matters at future meetings.

10. Roads & Footpaths: A meeting has been arranged with Mr Jim McQuillan of SBC to discuss various road improvements in the village including, but not exclusively: parking & additional yellow lines, drop kerbs, broken pavements etc. This meeting will discuss the same issues discussed with another officer approximately 8 months ago. Meet at the clock on Wednesday 11th Nov at 2pm. SBC is to discuss the path at the Minister's Pool with SEPA to plan safety works.

11. Public Transport Issues: GT had obtained the new bus timetables and had posted them on the village web site. Mr Dickson had contacted GT to discuss placing timetables in additional shops around the village. It was agreed this was a good idea. **GT** would arrange this.

12. Environmental Issues: None

13. Christmas Lights: The lights would be put up on Sat 14th with Sunday being used to finish any outstanding work. Meet at the clock at 9.45am. **DS** will organise a committee of retailers and organisations. He will also set the time for the lights to be switched on and this will be adhered to, to allow residents to enjoy the stalls and shops.

14. Reports of Meetings Attended: None

15. Miscellaneous Correspondence, including

- i) SBC Tweeddale Citizen of the Year. Discussed.

16. AOCB:

- i) GT distributed the SCARF accounts. It was **decided** that surplus funds would be retained to allow community projects that came from the SCARF project to be funded.



17. Date of Next Meeting 11th January 2010 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre. **NB No December 2009 meeting.**

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

MH will request the new Community Police Officer to attend our next meeting.

All meet at the clock on Wednesday 11th Nov at 2pm for SBC roads tour of village.

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POLICE REPORT

WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

November 2009

Since the last Community Council meeting, a total of 14 calls have been received by police regarding incidents in the West Linton area.

This is broken down as follows –

1 x Alarm activation (false)

6 x reports of other road traffic related problems (obstructions of the roadway etc)

5 x miscellaneous calls for police assistance

2 x reported crime

No Road traffic collisions

On 18th October 2009 a road check was carried out on the A702 near West Linton. This resulted in two motorcyclists being detected for driving in excess of 100 mph.

On 21st October 2009 a road check was carried out in West Linton. This resulted in 6 drivers being detected exceeding the speed limit, and 3 drivers found to be driving defective vehicles.

On the evening of 30th October 2009 a pedal cycle was stolen whilst left insecure and unattended outside a house in St Mungo's Place, West Linton. Police enquiries are continuing.

On 31st October 2009 whilst on patrols in the West Linton area, police detected a male for driving his Nissan Skyline motorcar in excess of 100 mph.

Overnight between 7th and 8th November 2009 a car was deliberately damaged whilst parked and unattended in Broomlee Crescent, West Linton. Police enquiries are continuing.