



# West Linton Community Council

## Minute of Annual General Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010 In the Village Centre at 7.30pm

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

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

1. **Apologies:** Anne McKenzie
2. **Police Matters** – GT read the Police report which is attached to the end of this minute.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** Approved & signed as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising** (not on the agenda). Scottish Water will attempt to determine the cause of the recent sewerage outspills using CCTV before the end of this month.
5. **Open Floor Questions** None.
6. **Open Spaces Working Group.** Chris Tate spoke for the Group, summarising their purpose and what they had done to achieve this. Discussion followed between WLOA & WLCC to gain more information on what had been completed, what action had been pursued and what the WLOA saw as their purpose. WLCC is to discuss in private in order to decide what status to afford the group.
7. **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 – None.**
    - i. [10/00985/FUL](#) Land North West of Ferniehaugh Farm, Dolphinton. Mr James Christie: Erection of 2 No wind turbines. **Support.**
    - ii. [10/01002/FUL](#) Land East of The Dean, Deanfoot Road, Tweed Homes Ltd: Erection of 49 affordable dwellinghouses with associated roads, footpaths and ancillary works. **Not Supportive by a vote of 7:1.** The CC felt this application was premature, was the wrong concept and was of the wrong layout. There is a Section 50 on this land and it is outwith the village boundary.
    - iii. [10/01019/FUL](#) Tocherknowe, West Linton, Dr and Mrs P Myatt: Alterations and extensions to dwellinghouse. **Support.**
    - iv. [10/01043/FUL](#) Cosaig, Dolphinton, Mr Ian McCulloch: Alterations and extensions to dwellinghouse. **Support.**
    - v. [10/01048/FUL](#) Flat 1 The Linton, Main Street, West Linton, Elizabeth Meehan: Installation of air source heat pump. **No objections** but CC have concerns over possible noise problem.
  - b) **Planning Decisions** [10/00499/FUL](#) Land South of Lindean Croft Road. Approved: SBC took into consideration most of the comments made by the Community Council and have made some of these conditions of the approval.
  - c) **Planning Related Issues:**



- i. TD questioned the Councillors on the new Primary School timetable. It was agreed that the Community Council should request a presentation of the plans before they go to full application if radically different to earlier versions. **MH** to contact Steve Renwick on this.

8. **Area Committee Meeting:** The main topic was a report and presentation by First Bus.
9. **Roads & Footpaths:** Partial road closure to allow resurfacing of the A702 would take place in the following week. **GT** had advertised this locally. **GT** reported that the drains in Deanfoot Road were blocked; he would report these using the Council's online system, LocalView at <http://maps.scotborders.gov.uk/localview/>. The light at the junction of Main Street and Deanfoot Road is out: **GT** will report. SBC will attempt to stop pooling of water at the dip on Medwyn Road near "Carnethy" by forming a Sustainable Drainage System (SUDS).
10. **Public Transport Issues, including school transport.** The First Bus 93 service which also ran as a service bus to Peebles in the morning has been replaced in the new school transport contracts by an Allan's coach.  
*(Received from Cllr Bhatia following the meeting: School transport contracts between West Linton and Peebles High School have been re-tendered this year. First service 93 has been replaced by Allan's Coaches P15. Allan's Coaches have applied to the Traffic Commissioner to register this route from Wednesday 18th August. The timetable is as previously operated by First i.e. depart West Linton 0808 and return from Peebles High School at 1550.)*  
The Edinburgh to Manchester via West Linton bus has been discontinued.
11. **Environmental Issues:** The open drain at the Minister's Pool is still blocked with detritus. **MH** will arrange a meeting with SBLocal, **JM** to attend.  
It was suggested the Community Council manage full camping facilities on the Bowling Green side of the Lower Green during Whipman Week. The idea was not considered suitable.
12. **Reports of Meetings Attended:** None.
13. **Christmas Lights** – Carried over.
14. **Miscellaneous Correspondence.** Most correspondence had been scanned & emailed to members, that which had not been passed on included:
  - i. A Digital Strategy for the Borders (report) – J Purvis MSP.
  - ii. Data Protection Act entry had been completed by **GT**.

**Date of next meeting:** 13th September 2010.

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

**MH** to contact SBC on possible future presentation of school design & location plans.

**GT** will report the blocked drains in Deanfoot Road and the defective street light on Main Street using the SBC web site LocalView.

**MH** to arrange a meeting with SBLocal on the Minister's Pool drain: **JM** to attend.



## **POLICE REPORT**

### **WEST LINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**August 2010**

Since the last meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010 the following has occurred in the West Linton area.

#### **12<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

About 0800 hours a report was received regarding a suspicious person within Deepsyke Forest. Officers attended and searched the area with a negative result. A further call was received concerning a female near West Linton. Officers attended and it would appear to have been the same person – this female was from Glasgow and suffered mental health issues. Arrangements were made to have her returned to her home address.

#### **12<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

In February an 18-year-old West Linton male had purchased tickets online for T in the Park while at University in Aberdeen. At the beginning of July after failing to receive the tickets he contacted the police. Details were noted and passed to the Specialist Fraud Unit and as the transactions had occurred in Aberdeen the details were also passed to Grampian Police.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010**

Between 2000 hours on 30<sup>th</sup> July and 0800 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010 25 portable road traffic signs were stolen from the A702 near West Linton. These signs had been put in position for road works, which were due to start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August. The value of the stolen is approximately £1500.

Finally... A number of complaints have been received from residents in the Tweeddale area regarding alarm companies – unfortunately these companies are not doing anything illegal. Some say that the post code has won the occupier a free alarm system – the company then makes an appointment to call on the occupier and then sell them a system costing a lot of money that they don't require.

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