

BONNYRIGG AND LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15.02.07

Present: Neil Stewart, Ian Baxter, Dorothy Innes, Margaret Workman, Cameron Scott, Brian Scott, Gilbert Scott, Ruth Scott

In Attendance: Councillor Derek Milligan, Tracey Murray (Advertiser), PC Fiona Bosworth.

Apologies: Councillor Jackie Aitchison.

Minutes of previous meeting. No changes required. Acceptance proposed by Gilbert Scott, seconded by Cam Scott.

Matters Arising: St. Cyr. Still no reply received. Matter discussed further but no decision reached.

Financial Report:

Current Account £409.44

Twinning Account £1712.04

No expenditure since last report.

Cheque received from Midlothian Twinning Account for £400 which is £50 more than last year.

Application for grant from MLC is almost ready to be submitted.

Awaiting minutes from AGM March 2006.

Police Report presented by PC Bosworth.

Violent Crimes	1	2	one from last month
Sex	1		
Dishonesty	23	5	mainly shoplifting
Vandalism	32	9	
Other	5	5	Mainly offensive

weapons

Total 62 crimes, 21 solved, 34% solvency

Volunteers still required for call centre.

Report from Councillor Derek Milligan

There was much concern over the Social Work Report, which had led to the resignation of 2 senior councilors. Councillor Adam Montgomery was now in charge of the Social Work Dept. The

deficiencies which came to light in the report 'won't do', and among other things, the Social work Dept needs more money.

Social Workers do an excellent job but their superiors do not give them adequate support, which leads to stressful situations arising. Social workers should have longer contracts so they would be able to get to know the families they work with. They should also be paid more.

Planning.

1. Building of 15 houses at Dalhousie Dairy, Bonnyrigg. There were no comments on this but Margaret agreed to look at the plans and site and send in a report to Neil.
2. Items were raised re Dalhousie Business Park. It was stated that further conditions had been laid down by MLC, including definite working hours at DBC. This should help matters.
3. New Conservation area at Cockpen. Councillor Milligan said that MLC were 'minded to approve' it, but nothing definite yet.
4. A final version of the description of the Lasswade and Kevock Conservation Area had been produced for final approval by the local Community Council and other local groups. It was agreed that Neil, Ian and Margaret would look at it carefully and get together to decide what our comments would be. They were required by 16th March.

Correspondence.

1. Report from SEPA.
2. Report from Midlothian Voluntary Action Group.
3. MLC Children's Action Group. Meeting coming up on 8th March.
4. There had been a request for allotments. Comment is to be made re this in the Advertiser.
5. Newsletter from LDCS.
6. Letter from MJW saying she would be resigning from BLCC and expressing her regrets at so doing.

Transport.

Ian Baxter said that the new Travel map was now available and

was very good. He also said that it was now possible to lodge a complaint about the bus services

AOB

It was announced that the next meeting on 19th April would include the AGM. There was a discussion about the need for new members also for a new Secretary. The Advertiser agreed to mention this matter and Dorothy said she would inform both the Lasswade and the Kevock Churches of the matter.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 15th March, 2007, at George Vth Pavilion, at 7.30 PM