

Bonnyrigg and Lasswade Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 19 February 2009 in the Sports Pavilion, King George V Park, Bonnyrigg at 7.30pm.

Present: Neil Stewart (Chairman), Dorothy Innes (Treasurer), Stewart Renwick (Secretary), Brian Scott, Elaine Ferguson, Ruth Scott, Gilbert Scott, George Birrell, Eddie Ramsay

In attendance: Tracey Murray (Advertiser) Anne and Bill Cunningham (Residents)

Welcome: The Chairman Welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies: Ian Baxter (Vice Chairman), Benny McIntyre, Councillor Bob Constable, PC Rod Stewart (Lothian & Borders Police)

Minutes of Previous Meeting: These were proposed by George Birrell and seconded by Brian Scott

Matters arising:

June Meeting

- Drinking fountain — the fountain is 100 years old and CS felt that the date should be marked in some way. Elaine Richardson to investigate possible improvements.

Action: JA (Carried Forward)

September Meeting

- Secure post Box within Spar— waiting response from the Post office.

Action: IB (Carried Forward)

November Meeting

- Rubbish on Cockpen Glen Road — JA will ask council department to contact landowner

Action: JA (Carried Forward)

- Broomieknowe Gardens Walkway — Information passed onto appropriate council department

Action: JA (Carried Forward)

- Cockpen 20mph signs — The sign is working **Discharged**

January Meeting

- ROBS consultation document **Discharged**

- Application for grant to be submitted — We have been allocated £688.20 **Discharged**

- Accounts audit **Discharged**

- Pedestrian Crossing — Road safety report from director commercial service and Strategic service Lothian Street (between the Waverley Cres and Eldindean Rd junctions) and meeting with SR

Action: John Blair (Director Commercial Services)

- Twinning Weekend— See twinning minute **Discharged**

- Bonnyrigg Organisation Contacts— Bring records up to date. SR asked all members to supply him with any details that they have regarding any organisation.

Action: SR (Carried forward)

- Community Council Election— **Discharged**

- Internet access speed— SR to respond to correspondent and to communicate with Rhona Brankin **Discharged**

Financial Report:

Current Account	£1,135.25
Twinning	£1,738.56

Midlothian Council has allocated a grant of £688.02

The accounts have been audited

Police Report:

PC Rod Stewart submitted his report via email

Crime	Recorded	Solved
Violent	0	0
Sexual	0	0
Dishonesty	16	5
Mal Misc	23	7
Other Crime	18	11
Totals:	57	23
Solvency Rate 40%		

There have been lots of break-ins to sheds and garages over the last couple of weeks officers have a line of enquiry they looking at can I ask you to be vigilant and report any suspicious occurrences

I and another officer are carrying out another Crime initiative looking at vandalisms and other minor crime for the next month or so. There have also been dedicated patrols of the Bonnyrigg area by both Midlothian community action teams tackling underage drinking and anti-social behaviour.

Midlothian Councillors' Report:

No Councillors in attendance

Planning:

BS reported that the speed limit signs on the distributor road are not located as per the legal document received from the council. BS will contact the council.

Action: BS

An email has been received from Poltonhall CC regarding a proposed housing development at St Anne's walk and asking for support to protect the green belt of the esk valley. The proposed development is for 14 houses and 34 flats. There was discussion on the needs for new housing and balancing the need for a green belt.

Anne Cunningham informed the meeting that her reason for attending was to bring to the attention of the community council the residents concerns for the amount of traffic using Polton road and that this development would add to the volume of traffic. The resident had carried out a survey over a period, and logged 4000+ vehicle per day using the road. This consisted of cars vans and Lorries. There is concern that the speed reducing measures are ineffectual. The feeling of the meeting was that a number of the vehicles were using Polton road to avoid the congestion at the toll. The Cunningham's were asked to provide details of the residents' findings and SR will write to the councillors

Action: SR

Transport:

First Bus has asked if they can attend our meeting after 1 March to discuss changes to the services. SR to contact them and invite them to the March meeting.

Action: SR

Twinning:

The twinning is moving on at a pace and there is to be a delegation from St Cyr visiting Bonnyrigg on 27 February to 1 March. Bob Atack is arranging the programme for the weekend and is still finalising. NS and IB will be heading up our representation and will inform members if they are required to be involved.

Action: IB/NS

Fairtrade:

IB attended a meeting of the steering group of Fairtrade Midlothian. The group is aiming to achieve Fairtrade status for Midlothian and has strong backing from Midlothian Council.

The committee asked if BLCC would agree to 'partner status' of Fairtrade Midlothian (current partners are Midlothian Council, Mid & East Lothian Chamber of Commerce, Midlothian Voluntary Action, Social enterprise Alliance for Midlothian and Scotmid. The intention is for them to ask all CCs in Midlothian (as well as the Federation of CCs) to join.

The only commitment is support for Fairtrade, and IB as our representative on the steering committee.

The meeting agreed in principal want IB to provide more detail at the next meeting.

Items 12 and 13 Recycling and Bonnyrigg high Street

As BM requested these items to be put on the agenda is not at the meeting these will be rescheduled for a later meeting.

Community Council Elections:

All members provided nomination forms SR submit to returning officer.

Correspondence:

Public Partnership Forum

PPF Steering group minutes for January.

Paper on Gorebridge Community Consultation

February current requests

PPF Newsletter

Midlothian Council

Licensing applications for Haddows, The Chase. Bonnyrigg snooker club and Kings Acre Golf Course.

Minutes presented to Midlothian Council on 27 January 2009

Sentry Ground Care

Letter introducing c the company who are Landscape and Environmental contractor. They have since followed up with a phone call. We do not have a use for their services.

Midlothian community care forum

Newsletter

COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT PLANNING CONSULTATIONS AND PUBLICATION

Community councils will be given a greater statutory role in the modernised planning system being introduced this year – as consultees on the preparation of development plans and on pre-application consultation with local communities on certain projects. In order to meet these new responsibilities and properly discharge their new functions, it is important that they understand them by registering for these updates.

Midlothian Travel Team

Newsletter for January Newsletter

Letter from Keith Fuller regarding planning application for housing on the adjacent to St Ann's path

Hi Folks,

I have trolled through my address book and selected all you good folk who I hope, and believe, are interested in retaining and preserving the beauty of the North Esk Valley.

By now, most of us are aware of a further threat to the valley through an outline application to build residences at its south side. The big danger is that if it is granted it will open the flood gates to other applications that would, through time, ruin this unique facility, not only for the present generation but also for those to come.

We ignore it at our peril. We must act if we wish to stop it. I would urge you to write to express your views and make them known.

I have attached a copy of a letter from Poltonhall & District Community Council which, I believe, covers most of the relevant points. You are welcome to use all or any of the points mentioned.

Remember it is a numbers game. The greater the number of letters submitted the harder it will be for the Strategic Services department to ignore them. Each member of the household can sign a separate letter; they can be posted in the one envelope.

The North Esk Valley is part of our heritage - let's keep it that way.

Thank you,
Keith Fuller.

Viridor Liason Group Meeting

Minutes from the meeting of 20th January

Midlothian Voluntary Sector Forum

Dates of future meetings

Notification of a course on negotiating your service level agreement. Unfortunately it is next week if anyone is interested

Minute of the December meeting

Social Enterprise Alliance Midlothian (SEAM)

Email form Shona Maguire

AOCB:

Holiday vaccination appointment:

ER raised the problems he had in attempting to receive short notice holiday vaccinations. His concern is that if people could not get NHS appointments they may not pay for private treatment and go on holiday without the proper cover. SR will write to find out average waiting times.

Action: SR

Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 16 April 2009
(Sports Pavilion, King George V Park, Bonnyrigg) at 7.30 pm.