

Bonnyrigg and Lasswade Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 21 May 2009 in the Sports Pavilion, King George V Park, Bonnyrigg at 7.30pm.

Present: Ian Baxter (Chairman) Dorothy Innes (Vice-Chair), Stewart Renwick (Secretary), Elaine Ferguson (Treasurer), George Birrell, Cameron Scott, Ruth Scott, Gilbert Scott.

In attendance: Councillor Bob Constable, Councillor Jackie Aitchison, Pc Lucy Kennedy (Lothian and Borders Police), Inspector Neil Simpson (Lothian and Borders Police).

Welcome: The Chairman Welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies: Eddie Ramsay, Brian Scott, Rhona Brankin

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Amended to add — A donation the ex-servicemen's club for £200 towards the cost, if any veterans were travelling to the D-Day commemorations, was agreed.

With the above amendment these were proposed by George Birrell and Seconded by Gilbert Scott

Matters arising:

September Meeting

- Secure post Box within Spar— waiting response from the Post office. *A negative response has been received from the post office* **Discharged**

January Meeting

- 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. John Blair would not have the relevant information ready until beginning of March. *Meeting will take place on 27 May*

Action: John Blair (Director Commercial Services) **(Carried Forward)**

February Meeting

- Holiday vaccination appointments — write to find out average waiting time *SR has written to the PPF asking if they have details*

Action: SR **(Carried Forward)**

March Meeting

- Visit to Police Call centre — *SR to arrange a visit has been requested for September*

Action: SR **(Carried Forward)**

April Meeting

- Laird Terrace Park — SR will respond to the resident **Discharged**
- Newsletter — CS will sell advertising space to the local businesses **Discharged**
- Planning Meetings — Planning gain seminar, and E-planning **Discharged**
- Spring Clean — IB thank all 12 people who turned up for the spring clean. He also thanked Midlothian Council for their support on what was a busy day for them. **Discharged**
- Esk Valley Trust — Send cheque and application form **Discharged**
- Entrance to park from Park road — This has now been done twice, but children are kicking the bark out so it is an endless task **Discharged**

Financial Report:

Cheques paid out are	
Gift for retiring chairman	£51.50
Midlothian Federation of CC	£35.00
Print Cartridges	£52.97
Esk Valley Trust	£60.00
Public Liability Insurance	£52.00
Total	£251.47

Current Account	£1,421.80
Twinning	£2,139.42

Newsletter (still to be included in accounts)	
Cheque for Abbey Print issued	£351.88
Advertising revenue	£290.00

Police Report:

Inspector Neil Simpson presented the Police report. Rod Stewart is moving on and PC Lucy Kennedy and PC Stewart Warriston will be taking over as our community Police Constables.

Crime	Recorded	Solved
Violent	0	0
Sexual	0	0
Dishonesty	13	3
Mal Misc	12	1
Other Crime	8	9
Totals:	33	13
Solvency Rate 39.39%		

There has been a number of sporadic low level fires in the early hours of the mornings. A group has been seen around Skelties and Sherwood who could be responsible. Operation Excalibur has been disbanded. There is now a full time analyst who is part of the team and is proving to be very effective in assisting the community action team.

There is a public house in the area with problems during the Rangers and Celtic match and trouble is expected again on Sunday with the final day of the football season.

Under age test purchasing is continuing and the failure rate is falling.

The Community action team are observing CCTV footage to identify an adult who are purchasing alcohol on behalf of youths and charging them for the service.

Police officers have completed a 3 week course on using bicycles for use as part of their job.

Quad bikes are in the process of being marked up and will be able to access areas not accessible by cars. Midlothian is the first area in Scotland to use quad bikes.

Car break-ins are on the increase across the force. Type 3 crimes, property and car break-ins, are increasing probably as a result of the financial climate. The public should ensure that their doors, garages and garden huts are secure day and night.

The force have been driving round checking for bogus workmen as part of operation alert.

Midlothian Councillors' Report:**Councillor Bob Constable:**

Councillors had attended a seminar on the new planning system

The official opening of the 'Dalkeith 09 (per)forming spaces' art exhibition – part of the 36-year twinning links between Midlothian and Kreis Heinsberg in Germany opens on Friday, 22 May at the Dalkeith Art Centre.

BC had visited Cherry Road Centre and was very impressed with what they achieve.

The Licensing Board members will be visiting pubs as part of the licences process.

Councillor Jackie Aitchison:

The new Nicholson licensing law will come into effect on the 1st September and the licensing authority are reminders to the licensee that the property can lose the license as well as the licensee. JA and BC had to sit the licensee test so that they had a full understanding of what is required, and to enable them to make knowledgeable decisions, as part of the licensing committee.

There had been a burst main at Dalhousie Business Park which had affected houses in the south of Bonnyrigg.

JA highlighted that Bonnyrigg town centre was a mess due to chewing gum in particular and other marks on the pavements. JA at the previous meeting indicated that Midlothian Council had a special machine for cleaning pavements, but he had discovered that this was not the case, however Midlothian, Border and east Lothian looking to purchase a machine jointly. A high power hose has been used at Poltonhall and will be used in the centre of Bonnyrigg, but the problem is that will have to be carried out when the streets are quite and, probably a Sunday, but this causes problems due to the noise of the machine.

An application has been submitted for the land where the snooker club is situated. The planners have recommended that it is passed but the applicant does not own the garages which take up a large area of

the site. Parking is also an issue due to the close proximity of the school. JA has requested that the application to go through the full planning cycle. GB asked if this would remove the right of way which passes through the site. BC and JA indicated that the right of way will still remain.

IB asked about the boundary changes which are being planned. BC informed the meeting that the consultations were still on going but it is possible that Bonnyrigg will be split between east and south.

Planning:

There is a planning application for Dalhousie farm which is situated near Dalhousie Castle.

High Street developers are talking to the planners on how they can meet the planning criteria fro the site located behind the café in the high street.

IB attended the planning obligation seminar; the slides from this seminar will be included in next months correspondence folder.

IB attended the meeting on the new planning system. Strategic plans are still handled by the authority with houses development of 50 or more houses are considered major developments. The developers must have public consultation prior to planning submission; it will not be an issue that we do not meet during the summer.

SR and BS attended the meeting on the e-planning system being introduced by Midlothian Council. The system looked as though it will make it easier to look at planning only for specific areas rather than the whole on the planning area.

Transport:

Nothing to report

Twinning:

A visit will take place on the 21st June with Neil and Ian representing Bonnyrigg. The local boxing club is interested in creating a link.

Newsletter:

The newsletter is ready for distribution. IB thanked CS for to speaking to all the businesses and for raising £290 of advertising revenue. With the production costs £351.88 and revenue of £290 the cost to the CC is £61.88 which is very good value for covering Bonnyrigg with community news. The newsletters were distributed to the members for delivery.

Data Protection: It was agreed that the CC should register with ICO.

Action: SR

Correspondence:

Public Partnership Forum

Last months minutes
This months agenda.
Newsletter

BMA

General Practice the way ahead. A consultation document from the BMA Closes 12 June, so please do not waste time with correspondence so that everyone has the opportunity to respond if they wish.

Midlothian Council

Minutes presented to Midlothian Council on 28 April 2009
Letter on Bonnyrigg Community engagement awareness on recycling 18th May to 26th May
Midlothian Business News

Scottish Health Council

Newsletter Connect

Scottish Natural Heritage

Spring edition of magazine

Travel team Newsletter

May Newsletter

Post Office

Reply to Ian's letter

Emails

SESplan has been established to create a Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for South East Scotland. A Spring Consultation exercise is being held to obtain first input from individuals and organisations on key issues the SDP intends to address.

The output from this consultation together with an evidence base of studies, research inputs and expert analysis will be used to prepare a Main Issues Report which is expected to be published late this year. This will set out a preferred development strategy and potential development options. There will be a formal consultation on the Report in early 2010, to seek views of individuals and organisations on its content and provide an opportunity to submit representations.

For further information and an opportunity to comment until 15 June 2009 visit SESplan's website at:

www.sesplan.gov.uk

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AOCB:

Water Fountain — CS raised the condition of the water fountain again. JA agreed to ask for advice from the commercial services regarding the cleaning of the fountain.

Action: JA

Mavis Bank House — GB informed the meeting that Mavisbank house was open to view but there was no access from Polton. BC was not aware that it was open to the public but did agree that access from Polton was blocked and this was an unacceptable situation.

Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 18 June 2009
(Sports Pavilion, King George V Park, Bonnyrigg) at 7.30 pm.