

BONNYRIGG & LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on 19th November 2009 within Sports Pavilion, King George V Park Bonnyrigg at 1930 hrs

Present: Ian Baxter (Chair) Elaine Ferguson (Treasurer) Stewart Renwick (secretary) George Birrell, Ruth Scott, Gilbert Scott, Cameron Scott

In attendance: Councillor Jackie Aitchison, PC Gill Lumley (Lothian and Borders Police)

Apologies: Dorothy Innes (Vice Chair), Eddie Ramsay, Brian Scott, Councillor Bob Constable, Councillor Derek Milligan.

Welcome: Chairman welcomed all to meeting and commenced proceedings at 1935 hrs.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: were proposed by George Birrell, seconded by Gilbert Scott

Matters Arising:

January Meeting

Pedestrian Crossing-- Lothian Street. Finance is available for crossing. MC is consulting with bus groups and police. Location still to be decided

Action Midlothian Council.

March Meeting:

Visit to Police Call Centre: *Cleared*

September Meeting

Water Fountain — *as part of the clean-up JA suggested a plaque should be mounted to commemorate the fountain. History Society has been contacted.*

No Police presence at September and October meeting — cleared

Hopefield Pathway — a request from a resident was received regarding the lack of a proper pathway between Hopefield and Sherwood. The councillors were asked to progress consideration of a pathway.
Cleared

Street Name— *BS requested if it was possible for a street to be named after David Dunn IB has contacted the Provost and the family who are in agreement with the proposal. An appropriate street will be chosen by Adam Montgomery Provost*

Action: Ongoing

Financial Report:

Current Account:

	As at 15th Oct 2009,	£1,291.17p
	As at 19 th Nov 2009:	£1,256.98p
Debits:		
	Abbey print	£351.92
Credits:		
	Revenue from newsletter:	£360

A profit of £28.08 was made from the newsletter

Twinning Account:

	As at 15th Oct 2009	£2,072.56p
	As at 19 th Nov 2009:	£2,072.56p

Police Report:

Crime Statistics - October 2009

Beat Area BDOI - Bonnyrigg & Lasswade

Total Crimes Recorded: 43

Total Crimes Solved: 19 - 44.19 % solvency

Break down as follows:	Received	Solved
Violent crime	0	1
Sexual crime	1	1
Crimes of Dishonesty	14	7
Vandalism	22	3
Other Crime	6	7

- There have been 318 calls received to the Bonnyrigg area for the month of October.
- On 08, /10/09 the window of a motor vehicle, parked on Polton Road was smashed. Nothing was stolen from within. Enquiries are ongoing.
- A male was charged with numerous fire raisings following a spate of fire raisings in the Cameron Crescent, Gordon Avenue area.
- A reminder that the Vandalism Officer PC Brown is investigating vandalism in the Midlothian area. Anyone with any information regarding vandalism please contact PC Brown at Bonnyrigg Police Station on 0131 663 9221.
- After resident in the Bonnyrigg are sharing concerns regarding speeding in the local area officers carried out a static speeding road check which resulted in numerous drivers being warned regarding there speed and one driver being issued with a conditional offer for speeding

If any person has any information about the incident's listed above or indeed any other issue please contact your Community Officer or Bonnyrigg Police Station.

PC 5907E Stewart Morrison
Community Officer Bonnyrigg / Lasswade/Rosewell

E-mail EDivCBOPKGroup@lbp.pnn.police.uk
Telephone: Bonnyrigg Police Station 0131 663 9221 or Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Parking Golf Course Road / Viewbank Drive – at last months meeting concern was raised at the parking on this bad bend. The bend has now been changed to a junction so cars are now park the legal distance from the junction. SR will provide the police with the fixture card highlighting dates that there is likely to be a problem. The traffic warden will be made aware of the situation. On busy dates such as the open competitions it may be possible to have the area conned off.

ACTION: SR

Parking in Dundas Street — EF again raised the problem of parking on the pavement in Dundas Street and also the problems with cars passing buses on the wrong side of keep left bollards. JL will contact the traffic wardens.

ACTION: GL

Midlothian Councilors Report:

Councillor Aitchison

Louis Braille — it is the 200th anniversary of the birth Louis Braille, the inventor of Braille reading and writing for the blind and visually impaired. The society for the blind is asking councils to name a road after him. MC is considering.

Remembrance Day — all services had a good attendance with the youth of the community turning up in good numbers to pay their respect.

Housing Developments — developers have commenced work at the side of the walkway past Hopefield School an indication that the market is picking up.

Budget — the budget must be announced by March. The council are required to make some difficult decisions on all aspects of the budget due to the current financial conditions.

IB noted that a number of councils were looking at shared services to increase purchasing power.

RS asked where psychiatric patients are taken, this was confirmed as REI. In future it will be the Midlothian Community hospital once this is open.

EF asked what was happening at Bonnyrigg Rose ground. — Two old prefabs are being constructed.

Planning:

There were no planning items.

Transport:

Nothing to report.

Twinning:

Three visitors came across for celebrations on the 18th October. Visits include the mining museum, Midlothian twinning dinner, Springfield mill Nature Park and Edinburgh Whisky society.

Sunday there was a signing commemorative ceremony, and a meeting with Alex Chapman from the Bonnyrigg football academy.

Neil Stewart is running with organisation. CS asked that the B&LCC be involved in future events as it appeared that there were only 2 people involved from Bonnyrigg. IB pointed out that all members of the community council were invited to the signing ceremony.

Midlothian Schools Catchment review:

All members had had the opportunity to look at the proposal for the new catchment areas. IB complimented MC on the documentation provide for the public consultation. The meeting agreed not to provide a view from the B&LCC as it covered so many areas that it was up to individual preference for each area. The documents have been distributed to various organisations and are available in the library.

Small Grants Fund:

GS gave an outline on the Tyne Esk Leader grants that are available. Grants of up to £500 are available for community projects in rural communities.

JA suggested that the use of a grant may be to have an area with the local cemeteries to allow for tributes to people who had been cremated.

Newsletter:

The newsletter had been a great success, there were still districts to be distributed, and these were issued at the meeting. Uphall community council had contacted IB as they were impressed with our newsletter. One person has intimated to IB that they would be willing to assist in the distribution of newsletters in the future.

Correspondence:

Bonnyrigg Christmas Lights

Request for Sponsorship from the Bonnyrigg Community Events Committee — Agreed £200

ACTION: EF

Midlothian Federation of Community Councils

Minutes of October meeting

Midlothian Council

- Midlothian News
- Letter regarding Lasswade High School Public Meeting tonight everyone had details with agenda.
- Licence Application for variation to licence Sunday change from 12.30 to 10pm to 10am to 10pm
- Business News
- Midlothian Local plan Supplementary Planning Guidance Policy DP1: Development of the country side – Housing groups has been approved by the Cabinet on 6th October
- Minutes presented to Midlothian Council on 27th October 09

ASCC

Community Council Engagement Event Wednesday 25 November at Dalkeith Arts Centre — SR and RS will attend

Midlothian Public Partnership Forum

- 18 Month Review
- October Meeting Notes
- November Agenda

Gavin Brown MSP

Annual Report

Scottish Natural Heritage

Autumn Magazine

Email:

Community Funding

Email on details from Archie Pacey

National Community Conference 2009

'Community Engagement and Action around Alcohol Issues'

Tuesday 8th December 2009 Radisson SAS Hotel, Glasgow £45 per delegate

Transition Initiatives Film & Briefing

Are we at the end of cheap oil, global warming or adapting to a changing climate of concern to you or your community? SR will attend

Kitchen Canny Project

Participants required for the "Kitchen Canny" project. At the moment Changeworks are looking for 200 householders from Midlothian to take part in a trial to manage and reduce their food waste. Participants will be asked to: Ensure they plan meals, rotate the food within their cupboards, and monitor food waste volumes.

Correspondence from Keith Fuller

Two letters regarding Polton road and Polton Road West. One to Derek Milligan and the other to Rhona Brankin plus an email correcting some of the detail in the letter to Rhona.

Zero Waste

Letter regarding public meetings on the planning application to build a treatment plant at derelict land at Millerhill. Dates are 28 November 11am to 4pm and 1 December 7 – 9pm Danderhall Community Centre Newton church Road

AOCB:

CS Had been asked to raise the issues at the new Bonnyrigg primary school, parts of the playground were flooding and there were problems with doors. The are areas which have not been landscaped and the children are getting in a terrible mess.

JA stated that the problems were part of the snagging process which is carried out with any new building. CS was asked to recommend to the person making the complaints to contact the head teacher in the first instance to check that the problems were on a snagging list.

Spring Clean —10 April 2010

Composting demo and talk — 11 February 2010

Next Meeting: 21 January 2010, Sports Pavilion, K G Park at 1930hrs.