

BONNYRIGG & LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on 18th February 2010 within Sports Pavilion, King George V Park Bonnyrigg at 1930 hrs

Present: Ian Baxter (Chair), Dorothy Innes (Vice Chair), Stewart Renwick (secretary), Elaine Ferguson (Treasurer), Ruth Scott, Gilbert Scott, Cameron Scott, Eddie Ramsay, Brian Scott,

In attendance: Councillor Bob Constable, Councillor Jackie Aitchison, PC Lorraine Matthews (Lothian and Borders Police), Pauline Mills (Taylor Wimpey), Nicola Reid (Taylor Wimpey) and Alex Bruce (Indigo)

Apologies: Councillor Derek Milligan.

Welcome: Chairman welcomed all to meeting and commenced proceedings at 1930 hrs.

The chair introduced Pauline, Nicola and Alex and informed the meeting that they were in attendance as part of the community engagement as part of the pre-application planning process, on behalf Taylor Wimpey.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The financial figures for the current account in the November and January minutes were incorrect. These have been amended to November £1,299.25p and January £1,099.25p with these changes the minutes were accepted, proposed by Ruth Scott, seconded by Dorothy Innes as a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising:

November meeting

Parking Golf course road — to provide fixture list, when available, to community police. **Cleared**

Bonnyrigg Primary School update — *IB will contact head teacher and each group or person personally to ensure that they know the CC did not instigate the press article and that the CC is supportive.*

Cleared

Application for the 2010 grant **Cleared**

January Meeting

Site meeting on Polton road traffic problems. *The meeting took place but due to the very poor weather another meeting is to be arranged to fully discuss what was viewed at the site. JA informed the meeting that one of the concerns was the condition of the "half mile" tunnel. It is in good condition and is checked at intervals to ensure the condition does not deteriorate*

ACTION: IB

Financial Report:

Current Account:

As at 21 st Jan 2010:	£1,099.25p
As at 18 th Feb 2010	£1,079.25

Transactions

Debits	Gift to Janitor	£20
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Twinning Account:

As at 21 st Jan 2010:	£2,072.56p
As at 18 th Feb 2010	£1,862.16

Transactions

Debits	St Cyr visit events and gift	£211.10
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Credits

Interest	30 Oct 10	£0.17p
	30 Nov 09	£0.18p
	31 Dec 09	£0.18p
	29 Jan 10	£0.17p

Pre-application presentation by Taylor Wimpey

Nicola Reid gave a brief history of the Hopefield site to date. Outline planning permission had been granted in 2005. Under section 42 planning application they were looking to rationalise for the next 3 to 5 years. It is

possible that they will build 30 houses per year, but this is dependant on the market place. There were 1100 units in the initial outline plan. 10% of this total had been allocated as affordable housing. A draft plan was given to each member detailing the community engagement process. The public communication will take place in May & June 2010

Nicola agreed to provide a copy of the plan for CC use. SR will contact her with details of both BS and SR
ACTION: SR

The chair thanked them for their presentation and they left the meeting.

Police Report:

Total Crimes Recorded	38	
Total Crimes Solved	14	36.84% solvency
Break down		

	Received	Solved
Crimes of Dishonesty	16	9
Vandalism	15	2
Other Crime	7	3

There have been 266 calls received to the Bonnyrigg area for the month of .January.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

- Following enquiries in conjunction with the SSPCA a 25-year-old male from Bonnyrigg has been reported for possession of two dangerous dogs (Section 1 dogs), which were found regularly roaming the streets without supervision.
- Between 7th and 10th January a shed was broken into at an address on Polton Road. Bonnyrigg and a high value pedal cycle and accessories were stolen from within. Enquiries are ongoing.
- On 17th January a window was shattered at Costcutter, Dundas Street, Bonnyrigg by a disgruntled female customer. The female was later traced and charged with the offence.
- On 17th January a quantity of copper wire was stolen from a secure yard within Sherwood Industrial Estate. The suspect gained entry to the yard by scaling a 6ft fence. A white Transit van was used in the commission of this crime. Enquiries are ongoing.
- On 26th January an address at Campview Road. Bonnyrigg was broken into and a large quantity of cash and jewellery, a digital camera, camcorder and laptop were stolen from within. Entry was gained to the property by an insecure bathroom window. Two males were seen at the time of the incident, one described as 40 years old, 5' 8", medium build, dirty blond hair, wearing dark coloured body warmer. Enquiries are ongoing.
- On 29th January at Park Crescent. Bonnyrigg a 19-year-old male was arrested for breach of ASBO. He was held in custody to appear at court the next lawful day.
- On 11th February a 16-year-old male was knocked down by a vehicle travelling along Lothian Street. Bonnyrigg. The driver of the vehicle was found to not be at fault as the male ran into his path without warning. The male suffered minor cuts and bruises only.

FOR INFORMATION

- The Midnight Football Leagues are underway at Poltonhall Sports Complex supported by Community Officers who have been giving passing attention.
- Bonnyrigg Community Police Officer Constable Stewart Morrison has organised a football match between the Police and pupils at Lasswade High School to take place on 4th March at the high school. This will hopefully help promote a good relationship between police and local youths. If successful further events will hopefully be planned.
- Local Bonnyrigg Police Officer Constable Donald Ketrick is to run 100 miles non-stop along the Forth /Clyde canal tow path from Edinburgh to Glasgow and back on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th March to raise funds for The Mark Wright Project. Anyone wishing to make a donation to this worthy cause can do so at Justgiving.com/hotfuzz100.

Midlothian Councilors Report:

Councilor Constable
Licensing forum has held a meeting

The local review body had met for the first time.

Special branch had held a presentation to councilors. Identifying the various stages of alert, these being Critical, Severe and substantial.

Polton Road – the second chicane up needs to be changed as it is built opposite to the signage.

Councilor Aitchison

JA has requested that the planners look again at providing a filter at the toll, for traffic turning right out of the

high street.

ACTION: JA

Polton House— the planning department have been asked to intervene on the notice board at the entrance.

Half Mile Tunnel— This is up for sale.

Community Hospital — this is 5 to 6 weeks ahead of schedule. MC looking to arrange a visit for CC.

ACTION: Midlothian Council

Eskbank Road — a number of trees have been pruned in readiness for felling. These trees are affecting the paths and roads. Alternative trees will be planted to replace them.

Campview Road — the housing at the foot of Campview roads it is hoped will be available late summer.

Reyesville Lounge — this is now closed. The property is owned by Scot-mid

MC Budget — the Labour group have finalised the budget. There will be cuts. MC needs to find £24m over the next 4 years

BS raised the rubbish and dirt at the bus stop outside Aytouns JA suggested that we carry an article in the next newsletter on litter.

Planning:

BS attended a training workshop on the new planning systems which are now in place. It was very informative run by a charitable trust, which is there to assist on planning matters.

SR and IB visited the exhibition at Kevock Vale, on the proposed development plans. The proposed buildings were sympathetic to the area and were designed to incorporate feature of previous mill buildings. No existing residents will be forced to leave.

Transport:

It was noted that a bus stop had been erected on Dundas Street at the church hall. There had been representation from residents of Hopefield as the previous bus stop was a distance at the bottom of the hill and the next stop was outside Greggs meaning a walk back and across a road to access the south side of the toll. It was felt that it would interfere with the queue of traffic at the toll.

Twinning:

We were notified last month of the death of Simone Paraud, wife of Raymond Paraud, who had been involved in twinning from the St Cyr side many years ago. CS had written a card to Raymond on behalf of the CC and twinning, and had received a reply, thanking us all for our best wishes.

Lasswade High School Project:

Report from project team:

Results of the public consultation will be reported to council on 23rd February and this will inform the scope of the project from this point.

Following short letting of interested parties, six tenderers have been short listed as design teams for the exemplar design phase of the project.

It is hoped that the successful tenderer will be appointed in the week beginning 5th April.

Further to their appointment, the design team will conduct several days of consultation. This will take the form of design Charrettes. The consultation is likely to in the week beginning 19th April.

Design Charrettes are public workshops that include community members, design professionals, and other project staff. Charrettes can take place in a single session or be spread out among two or three workshops. The goal of the charette process is to capture the vision, values, and ideas of the community - with designers sketching to create alternatives and ideas as fast as they can be generated by the participants

IB, RS, GS and SR are visiting Earlston School to view their library, which serves both the school and the public.

FairTrade:

Fair trade - IB has been given about 30 FT footballs, thanks to the help of local resident Martin Meteyard who is chair of the Scottish Fair Trade Forum. Martin and Ian will present 4 footballs to Lasswade Primary School on Monday 22nd, the start of FT fortnight. Lasswade Primary, Bonnyrigg Primary and Lasswade High School have all expressed an interest in FT status for their schools. IB still to contact catering outlets.

Correspondence

Midlothian Council

Minutes presented 26th January

Licensing Application variation – The Chase and The Calderwood. Open at 10.30am on a Sunday instead of 12.30. Responses by 26 February.

Melville Inn Amending the operating plan – they will be serving alcohol in the restaurant and they have provided a statement when children and young persons will be on the premises “From the time the premises opens until 22.00 within the premises and in the outside area.”

Esk Valley Trust

Spring newsletter

Statement of accounts

Notice and agenda for AGM 2nd March

There will be a talk Facing up to climate change immediately after the AGM non members should arrive at 7.30 for this.

Agreed to renew CC associate membership and donate £60

ACTION: SR

SEPA View winter 2010

NSPCC

Letter raising awareness on their Helpline.

Scottish Natural Heritage

Winter magazine.

Travel Team

January and February Newsletter

Sherwood Management Committee

Letter regarding continual media coverage regarding Bonnyrigg School.

Email

Police – Reduce the risk in becoming a victim of fraud

Sgt Peter Jones is moving to Midlothian Community action team and Sgt Scott MacKenzie is taking over the the Bonnyrigg community action team.

Mr & Mrs McVie– Fears regarding encroachment of the Broomieknowe conservation area with applications for plots of land to be split in two and additional housing built. CC offered the opportunity to address the cc. They have declined at present as they are in communication with the Councillor Milligan and Constable direct

AOCB:

BS raised that there was an old wooden box next to the new school, it looks as if it has been left by the contractors. JA will check

ACTION: JA

Next Meeting and AGM: 18 March 2010, Sports Pavilion, K G Park at 1930hrs.