

BONNYRIGG & LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on 18th March 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, Councillor Derek Milligan, PC Lucy Kennedy (Lothian and Borders Police), PC Stewart Morrison (Lothian and Borders Police).

Apologies: Dawn Morrison (Advertiser)

Welcome: Chairman welcomed all to meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Proposed Gilbert Scott Seconded by Ruth Scott

Matters Arising:

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* **Ongoing**

ACTION: IB

March Meeting

Taylor Wimpey —Nicola Reid will provide a plan for CC use. SR will contact with details of both BS and SR

Cleared

Filter at Toll — JA has requested that the planners look again at providing a filter at the toll, for traffic turning right out of the high street. **Ongoing**

ACTION: JA

Community Hospital — this is 5 to 6 weeks ahead of schedule SR to write to Lothian Health Board **Ongoing**
ACTION: SR

Esk Valley Trust — Agreed to renew CC associate membership and donate £60 **Cleared**

ACTION: SR

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 **ongoing**

ACTION: JA

Financial Report:

Current Account:

As at 18 th Feb 2010:	£1,079.25
As at 18 th Mar 2010	£1,019.25

Transactions

Debits	Esk valley Trust	£60
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Twinning Account:

As at 18 th Feb 2010:	£1,862.16
As at 18 th Mar 2010	£1,862.16

Transactions	None
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We have received a grant for £688.02 pence from MC

Police Report:

Total Crimes Recorded: 30

Total Crimes Solved: 22 - 73.33% solvency (This YTD - 47.2%, Last YTD 40.82%)

Break down as follows:

	Received	Solved
Sexual Crime	3	3
Crimes of Dishonesty	16	12
Vandalism	10	1
Other Crime	1	6

There have been 250 calls received to the Bonnyrigg area for the month of February.

E-mail EDivCBOPKGroup@lbp.pnn.police.uk

Telephone: Bonnyrigg Police Station 0131 663 9221 or Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Community Police are observing Dundas Street and also discussing parking issues with Costcutters. The community action team is watching Laird Park for youths gathering.

The police won the match against LHSC 5 – 2 it proved a very beneficial event and will hopefully be repeated.

Last week a large number of teenagers congregated in Bonnyrigg high street. Police had been warned by the schools and were in attendance to monitor the situation but there were no problems.

Milk is being stolen from Broomieknowe park area. Police should be informed of these events as it can be indicative of worse offences.

Mephedrone police are waiting on guidance

Midlothian Councilors Report:

Councilor Aitchison

There is a telephone scam where if you call the number you will be charged £620 pm. JA emphasised that you should always be careful when receiving emails or calls which you do not recognise.

Ski Slope – MC are trying to find solutions or partners for the Ski slope. Financially it is a great burden on MC. It should be a national resource.

School catchment areas – A review is under way and is non denominational. Some schools are bursting at the seams

Recycling – MC are moving to the next stage of recycling along with the red and blue boxes a trial project will commence in the Bonnyrigg area to collect garments. It is hoped that this will not affect charity shops.

Precious Metal Licence – the cheque centre has applied for a licence to deal in precious metals.

Severe winter – has been costly for MC pot holes will cost £3.75m to repair. Grit cost £1.5m

Councillor Constable

Attended the green space trust where Mavis Bank house was on the agenda.

Old Dalkeith High School – Historic Scotland is causing major problems in as much they are preventing the council demolishing the building. As a consequence it is costing tens of thousands of pounds to maintain security for the site.

Planning:

Nothing

Transport:

Nothing

Twinning: Nothing

Lasswade High School Project: There is a visit to Loch Leven campus to view the Public / School library. This will take place on 30th March

Report from project team:

Tenders have been received from 6 design teams, these will be evaluated this week and interviews held with each team next week. The appointment of the successful design team is on track for week beginning 5th April.

Results of the public consultation were reported to council on 23rd February and this will inform the scope of the project from this point. The recommendations which were approved by council were:-

Council is recommended to:

- a: Approve inclusion of the facilities currently available in Bonnyrigg Leisure Centre, Bonnyrigg Community Library, Bonnyrigg Town Hall and Poltonhall Community Centre in the new Lasswade High School Centre.
- b: Authorise closure and disposal of Bonnyrigg Leisure Centre, Bonnyrigg Community Library, Poltonhall Outdoor Bowling Club, Bonnyrigg Town Hall and Poltonhall Community Centre once the new Lasswade High School Centre is opened in August 2013.
- c: Approve the funding arrangements detailed in Section 3.1 of this Report.

Following short leeting 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

FairTrade:

Midlothian is pushing for zone status. It is important for retailers to join the project to obtain town status for Bonnyrigg. Mayshade and The Retreat already have some Fair trade merchandise. With the Somerfield now owned by the co-op this will help as the co-op is a big partner in Fair Trade

**Correspondence
Midlothian Council**

Minutes presented 28 February
Midlothian News

Licensing Application variation for Somerfield Name change to Co-operative food, Area change for selling alcohol and hours 10am to 10pm

PPF

Minutes from February meeting and agenda for March meeting

Telefonica O2 UK

Mast being erected at Polton House. Other information regarding safety etc of masts.

Scottish Health Council

Annual report

Borders Railway

On track March edition. Work is due to start at Galashiels in March.

Email

Puffin crossing Lothian Street – Resident at 99 101 and 103 There are 3 emails objecting to the bus stop position out side their house to facilitate the puffin crossing. Ian's reply and the Safety audit which directly answers there concerns. Ian offered them the opportunity to attend a meeting but we have heard no more.

Planning training.

More training is available on the 27 March this is similar to the workshop Brian attended at Dalkeith

Access Forum

Minutes from the January Meeting

Lasswade Civic Society

Development at 6 Elm Row Lasswade

AOCB

Millerhill recycling plant — JA enquired if the CC had received an invitation to attend a site visit to another plant already in operation. The CC had not received invite JA will chase

ACTION: JA

Community Transport — Renewal received to rejoin. Agreed to pay £11.75

ACTION: EF

Snooker Club — as the snooker club was closing Mr Lesley was willing to donate a snooker table to an organisation within Bonnyrigg. The CC did not know of any organisation that would have space large enough to take a snooker table, but suggested that the army at Glencorse may be an option.

Next meeting — the hall is not available, due to staffing, for our next meeting. It was agreed to change the date to 22nd April

Next Meeting and AGM: 22 April 2010, Sports Pavilion, K G Park at 1930hrs.