

BONNYRIGG & LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on 16 September 2010 within Sports Pavilion, King George V Park Bonnyrigg at 19.30 hrs

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

In attendance: Councillor Bob Constable, Councillor Derek Milligan, Inspector Neil Simpson

Apologies: Cameron Scott, Councillor Jackie Aitchison

Welcome: Chairman welcomed all to meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Proposed Eddie Ramsay Seconded by Gilbert Scott

Matters Arising:

February Meeting

Filter at Toll — this will be part of the LHSC traffic management investigation

Cleared

August Meeting

Oak Bench — to determine costs ER will contact Mayshade garden centre. *We need to write to NHS Lothian to ensure that it is acceptable in a PPP and we will not have future costs. SR to write.*

ACTION: SR

Bus Service to Loanhead — IB to contact P Kenny Chair of Loanhead CC and also to contact Bill Campbell Lothian Buses Operation Director to ensure that we are included in any discussions regarding the 31 service. *We have received a letter from Bill Campbell is included in correspondence file. No response form Loanhead CC*

Cleared

John Chant Centre — it was agreed to invite David Hunter to come to a future meeting. IB to contact him

Cleared

Financial Report:

Current Account:

As at 26 th August 2010	£1,022.39
As at 16 th September 2010	£ 932.27

Transactions

Debits

£39.92 (Ink Cartridges for Stewart)
£50.20 (Wreaths)

Credit

None

No Interest is being added to this account as it is a flexible current account.

Twinning Account:

As at 26 th August 2010	£1,612.15
As at 16 th September 2010	£1,612.47

Transactions

Debits

None

Credits

£0.17p Interest June
£0.15p Interest July

There is still no twinning grant

Police Report:

Crime Statistics - August 2010

Total Crimes Recorded: 37

Total Crimes Solved: 15 - 40.54% solvency (This YTD 38.56%, Last YTD 39.27%)

Break down as follows:	Received	Solved
Sexual Crime	1	0
Crimes of Dishonesty	25	14
Vandalism	11	0
Other Crime	0	1

- There have been 278 calls received to the Bonnyrigg area for the month of August.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

- Between 0020 and 0151 hours on 20/08/10 at Eldindean Terrace, Bonnyrigg a male was arrested for breach of the peace after shouting abuse at a neighbour and persistently banging on the property wall. Following his arrest he was conveyed to Dalkeith Police Station where he proceeded to racially abuse a police officer. He was cautioned and charged with the offences and held in custody to appear at ESC that morning.
- About 1710 hours on 21/08/10 two male youths were apprehended after intentionally firing a BB gun at a 19-year-old male striking him to the back with plastic pellets at Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg. The male suffered no injury and the youths were cautioned and charged and reported for the offence.
- About 1145 hours on 31/08/10 officers attended at an address in Sherwood Drive, Bonnyrigg and forced entry under power of a Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 warrant issued at Edinburgh Sheriff Court. A systematic search thereafter took place and small amount of cannabis resin and diazepam were recovered. A 48-year-old male was interviewed and cautioned and charged with possession of Cannabis and Diazepam.
- Between 0315 and 0330 hours on 03/09/10 a 33-year-old male broke into Bonnyrigg Roses Social Club and stole an unknown number of cigarette packets (both Regal and Lambert and Butler 10 packs). The male was found on the premises by the key holder and when confronted the male made off from the locus. He was later traced, detained and interviewed under caution at Dalkeith Police Station. Following enquiry he was arrested and cautioned and charged with theft by housebreaking at Bonnyrigg Rose Social Club, attempting to break-in to the Calderwood Public House that same night and theft from an insecure motor vehicle in Waverley Crescent overnight from the 1st to 2nd September. The male was held in custody to appear at ESC on 04/09/10.
- There have been a number of similar crimes of dishonesty in the Bonnyrigg area this month in particular break-ins to motor vehicles for which the above male is suspected and it is anticipated that further charges will be libelled after additional enquiries are completed. However residents are reminded of the need to ensure their vehicles and property are kept secured at all times and that items of value such as hand bags and sat navs are not left on display within vehicles.
- About 1520 hours on 04/09/10 a female suspect knocked on the door of an address within Cockpen View, Bonnyrigg saying that she was collecting for charity and asked to use occupier's toilet as a distraction technique. The suspect entered the locus, searched through the living room and stole £30 cash. After committing the theft, the suspect left the locus before the occupier had realised the theft had taken place. The suspect is described as female, early 20's, 5'4" to 5'5" inches tall, short blond hair with pig tail, wearing short denim mini-skirt, blue t-shirt style top and white trainers, with strong Irish accent. Enquiries are ongoing to trace this female.

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.

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

An operation for Halloween will involve retailers warning them not to sell eggs to minors.

For fireworks night there will be test purchases in conjunction with Midlothian Standards department

Over the last few weeks the police have seized 16 off-road bikes.

DM asked if Bonnyrigg police station would be closed to save costs. Inspector Simpson was not in a position to give an answer on this. There was discussion where it was the view of the CC that it would be better to have front line officers rather than keep open the police station. It was suggested that should the police station be closed alternative accommodation could be found in the new LHSC. It was agreed to write to the Chief Constable putting forward our views.

ACTION: SR

Midlothian Councillors' Report:

Councillor Constable

The presentation on LHSC project highlighted that the public path through the site would be lost. The project team were asked to ensure that there was public access through the site as this was used for members of the public going to Bonnyrigg town centre.

BC had attended a management presentation on waste disposal. Detailed below in councillor Milligan report.

BC had gained access to Mavisbank grounds

Councillor Constable then left the meeting

Councillor Milligan

Waste Management — the waste management presentation to the councillors highlighted the targets which MC need to achieve. The council does not want to fall behind targets and be financially penalised. It is envisaged that there will be changes to the fortnightly collection and introduce a weekly food collection. This then highlighted what would be left in the grey bins and how often would they require to be up-lifted. Other changes were red bin for glass only with another bin for everything else. Food will be done with small container in the kitchen with biodegradable bags. The frequency is under consideration. As this was the first presentation it raised a number of questions which will have to be addressed and further consultation carried out.

Conservation area planning — it is necessary to provide guidance for consultation areas and the planning department have been asked to provide such a document.

Budgets — 64 senior management have been removed. Managers are now applying for other jobs. No budget is safe. Every department will have to take part of the cuts.

Bio-bags — ER asked if the bio-bags would be free. Possibly for the initial period it will be part funded.

Planning:

Nothing to report.

Transport:

Nothing to report

Twinning:

IB informed the meeting of the death of Jean Cuguen, mayor of St Cyr at the time of the inauguration of our twinning link and after whom Cuguen Place in Lasswade was named.

IB spoke with Bob Atack (secretary of Midlothian Twinning Association) and he is arranging for a floral tribute on behalf of Midlothian Council to be presented at the funeral and asked him to arrange similar tribute from B&LCC - St Cyr will arrange for it and Midlothian Council will re-imburse them and we will then pay Midlothian Council for our share (roughly £30).

Lasswade High School Project:

The design team held a feedback workshop on the design meetings. They presented a broad based view on what the school would look like and the positioning of the building within the existing playing fields. The building could be up to 4 stories high. The community area was sited at the south end nearest the Rosewell road. There are still traffic management studies going on collecting data to finalise the traffic flow in and out of the school. None of the options on traffic provided for service buses to enter the site, and all traffic will travel along Eskdale drive before entering the site with the car park towards the back of the school. It was felt that this would cause congestion on Eskdale drive. The proposed size of the new library is no better than what is already in existence in Bonnyrigg. It was also intimated that the school and public library would not be merged to provide savings and efficiencies. This is the complete opposite in what was said in public consultations to obtain public support to move the library from the centre of Bonnyrigg to the new LHSC.

FairTrade:

Nothing to report

Newsletter:

The advertising has increased for the next edition of the newsletter.

Correspondence

SQA

Art challenge the SQA are looking for original works of art for their new building at Shawfair.

Midlothian Council

Traffic order for waiting restrictions in Laird Terrace

Travel team newsletter

Newbattle Abbey College

Short course programme for autumn / winter

Emails

Correspondence to Pat Kenny, and between Bill Campbell and IB regarding buses between Loanhead and Bonnyrigg.

Correspondence between Mrs Reid and Ian regarding bus stop at Waugh Path

Correspondence between Poltonhall Community Council and John Blair regarding Bonnyrigg Rose car park and Gourlaw funding.

Bonnyrigg Primary School — Open day and Car boot sale (in book)

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There was no other business

Next Meeting: 21 October 2010, Sports Pavilion, K G Park at 19.30hrs.