

BONNYRIGG & LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on 21 October 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, Cameron Scott and Gilbert Scott,

In attendance: Councillor Bob Constable, Dawn Morrison

Apologies: Eddie Ramsay, PC Stewart Morrison

Welcome: Chairman welcomed all to meeting and informed the meeting that Eddie Ramsay was not in attendance as he had suffered a slight heart attack.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Proposed Dorothy Innes Seconded by Ruth Scott

Matters Arising:

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. *We are waiting a reply from Mr Eddie Egan chairman Midlothian Community Health Partnership.*

Ongoing

ACTION: SR

Closure Bonnyrigg 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. *Reply received from police force informing us that the letter has been passed to Inspector Neil Simpson to reply.* **Ongoing**

ACTION: SR

Financial Report:

The treasure reported to the meeting that she had identified an error in the figures in the June meeting which has been carried through the following month's reports. The balance shown was £500 down on the actual figures, identified when bank statement was received. The September figure below has been adjusted to show the correct balance from that reported in the September minutes.

Current Account:

As at 16 th September 2010	£ 1,432.77
As at 21 st October 2010	£ 1,432.77

Transactions

Debits	None
Credit	None

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

Twining Account:

As at 16 th September 2010	£1,612.47
As at 21 st October 2010	£1,612.47

Transactions

Debits	None
Credits	None

There is still no twinning grant

Police Report:

The following report was read by the secretary from an email received from PC Morrison

Total Crimes Recorded: 38
Total Crimes Solved: 19 – 39.47% solvency
(This YTD – 38.55%, Last YTD 47.21%)

Break down as follows:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Solved</u>
Violent Crime	1	1
Sexual Crime	3	2
Crimes of Dishonesty	21	6
Vandalism	6	0
Other Crime	7	6

- There have been 271 calls received to the Bonnyrigg and Lasswade area for the month of September.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE IN BONNYRIGG

- During the month of September there has been a spate of theft from motor vehicles and a male was traced through traced after protracted enquires and reported for three break ins to cars.
- The window of the Calderwood Public house was smashed and a male from the Gorebridge area is suspected and enquires are ongoing with a view to detaining and arresting the person responsible.
- The police were informed of a male who was cold calling houses in the Broomieknowe area working for a charity selling items and in a few occasions acting in an aggressive manner. If anyone has been involved in similar incidents could the police please be contacted to look into the matter further..
- A male was stopped by police officers on the High Street, Bonnyrigg and searched and found in possession of drugs and he has been reported to the procurator Fiscal.
- A male was observed driving his car in an aggressive and dangerous manner and he had his vehicle seized under the ASBO legislation and a report has been submitted.
- There have been an increase in vandalism in the local area with cars being targeted and Sky (tv network) cables being cut. Police are looking into this and enquires are ongoing.

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 & PC 5792E Lucy Kennedy
Community Officers Bonnyrigg/Lasswade/Rosewell

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

Midlothian Councillors' Report:

Councillor Constable

There had been an all day seminar held on cuts due to the current financial situation. It finished with no conclusions. The officials have been asked to put forward recommendations for the Councillors to consider.

Airfield Farm open cast mine – the planning committee has rejected the planning application for this open cast mine. It is hoped that there will be no appeal.

Shared Service — Negotiations on shared services are going ahead with East Lothian, which is a good fit with Midlothian.

Dalkeith High — The council have been granted permission to demolish the old Dalkeith High school.

Lasswade Primary School — DI raised a problem of cars driving out from LPS without stopping. BC will ask for the Stop line to be replaced as they are not very visible due to wear.

DI raised a problem of a caravan which is parked long term in Broomieknowe Gardens and is causing an obstruction. It was felt that there is nothing can be done about this problem.

Bonnyrigg Rose Car Park — CS had visited the car park to view if anything had been done with the £37,500 supplied by the Gourlaw Committee to provide a public car park Monday to Friday. The grant was on condition of Bonnyrigg Rose matching the grant.

The car park has a large area un-kempt with an old caravan on the site. The area has no drainage as there were large pools of water. There is also a notice stipulating it is private property. In a report produced by Keith Fuller (Chair P&DCC) it highlighted the access problems and ownership issues from Dundas street and also the ownership of the car park. CS intimated that there was no obvious work having been carried out.

John Blair head of commercial services has been asked to provide a report on the matter.

BC will confirm what the audit procedures are for grants made by the Gourlaw committee

ACTION: BC

Planning:

Nothing to report.

Transport:

Nothing to report

Twinning:

We still have not received our twinning grant.

Lasswade High School Project:

Project team has not provided a report

Fair Trade:

Fair trade are carrying out networking activities in Dalkeith. IB has written to schools

Newsletter:

IB brought the completed newsletters for all to take rounds for delivery. CS reported that the advertisers were delighted. It was suggested that it may be possible to have the newsletter delivered with the Midlothian News. IB will contact Kenneth Lawrie

ACTION: IB

IB has written to various organisations, in an attempt to have them send a representative to the CC meetings.

Correspondence

Midlothian Council

Minutes presented 28 September

Consultation report on school catchment areas.

Travel Newsletter

Midlothian Local Housing Newsletter **Email in book**

Esk Valley Trust

Autumn newsletter

NHS

Information Chalmers Sexual Health Centre is moving

Blufin Insurance

CC members insurance

Zero Waste

Informing of a 3rd public on the 14 October with the 2nd one on 2nd October (the letter was sent on the 1 October).

SEPA

Sepa View Autumn

Scottish Natural Heritage

Autumn magazine

NHS Lothian

Health Link

PPF September minutes and October Agenda

Email**Historic Scotland**

Letter on consultation

AOCB

Armistice – Sunday 14th Lasswade 9.30am and 11 am Bonnyrigg IB will represent the CC at Bonnyrigg and SR will attend Lasswade

Lasswade road traffic – There is a meeting in Lasswade High on Monday at 6.30pm IB will attend

ACTION: IB

RS informed the meeting that the next round of Leader funding is available. Any relevant projects need to apply.

Cherry Road Centre – RS asked if it was true that the Cherry road centre is to close for 3 months. BC would try and find out if it is true.

ACTION: BC

Next Meeting: 18 November 2010, Sports Pavilion, K G Park at 19.30hrs.