

## **BONNYRIGG & LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of Meeting Held on 20 January 2011 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, Brian Scott, Cameron Scott and Gilbert Scott,

**In attendance:** Councillor Bob Constable, Councillor Jackie Aitchison, Councillor Derek Milligan, Graeme McGrath (Lasswade PS Parent Council), Dawn Morrison, John French (Hawthornden PS Parent Council), PC Ian Hutchison (Lothian and Borders Police), George Birrell, Thomas McFadden and Mike Lesley

**Apologies:** Eddie Ramsay, Chris Rae (Lasswade Primary School)

**Welcome:** Chairman welcomed all to meeting.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** BS corrected the minute regarding the SUDS pool, which should read the gates were open. Proposed Dorothy Innes Seconded by Ruth Scott

#### **Matters Arising:**

##### *August meeting*

- a) 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.*

*A request for funding from the Citadel arts project was received which is taking place in the Midlothian Community Hospital. The feeling of the meeting was to continue with the bench. SR will chase our letter to the Community Health Partnership. **Ongoing***

**ACTION: SR**

##### *October Meeting*

- b) Gourlaw Committee Grants — *John Blair preparing report that we have requested a copy once it can be issued to the public.*

*CS updated the community council on his personal request under FOI. He has received a reply which did not answer any of his questions. He has asked the chief executive to review. He has 44 days to reply. IB has also submitted a personal request under the FOI act.*

*BS pointed out the Advertiser implied that the CC was involved in the request and he wanted it minuted that the CC had not made any FOI requests and the comments in the newspaper were from individuals. IB also highlighted that members should not give the impression that they are speaking on behalf of the CC when they are personal views. He also stated that until the report was released we as CC could not comment.*

*CS asked if the council audit committee had been disbanded and changed function. JA informed the meeting that this was not the case and Councillor Beattie had been appointed as chair of the audit account. **Ongoing***

- c) Newsletter delivery — It was suggested that it may be possible to have the newsletter delivered with the Midlothian News. IB will contact Kenneth Lawrie. *IB has emailed as is waiting a reply. **Ongoing***

**ACTION: IB**

##### *November Meeting*

- d) Bonnyrigg events committee.— the chairman recommended that we contribute £200 again this year to the Christmas light switching on ceremony. SR to send cheque **Cleared**

- e) Lights in the High Street— CS felt that the lights in the high street were very poor in comparison to park road. JA explained that they increased in illumination as it got darker. JA will have them checked.

**ACTION: JA**

#### **Financial Report:**

Current Account: As at 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 £ 1,884.53

Transactions

Debits £200 (Bonnyrigg events Committee)

Credit £10 (Income form Newsletter)

£688.02 (Grant from Midlothian Council)

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

Twinning Account: As at 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 £1,613.15

Transactions

Debits None

Credits 14pence

August interest

13 pence September interest

13 pence                      October interest  
14 pence                      November interest  
14 pence                      December interest

A twinning grant of £100 has been received today but not included in the figures.  
There is no profit from the latest newsletter

#### **Police Report:**

Crime Statistics - December 2010

Beat Area BDO1- Bonnyrigg & Lasswade

Total Crimes Recorded: 32

Total Crimes Solved: 17 - 53.13% solvency (This YTD 36.30 %, Last YTD 46.43%)

Break down as follows:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Solved</u>
Violent Crime	2	1
Sexual Crime	1	0
Crimes of Dishonesty	13	8
Vandalism	6	0
Other Crime	10	8

There were 322 calls received to the Bonnyrigg and Lasswade area for the month of December.

#### **Incidents of Note**

**Theft by Housebreaking Cameron Crescent, Bonnyrigg**

Person(s) unknown have broken into an address at the above locus by smashing the back door window, gaining entry, stealing a quantity of loose change from within and causing damage to the property. Voices were heard by neighbours at the material time but were believed to be the occupier returning home.

**Theft & Assault Eskbank Road, Bonnyrigg**

A 30 year old male was in the vicinity of Waugh path and Eskbank road Bonnyrigg, when he was observed trying door handles of cars in this area. He was stopped a short distance away by a police officer and a mobile telephone was found on his person. After further enquiry, the phone was believed to have been taken from a nearby motor vehicle which had been left unlocked. The male was detained, interviewed and subsequently arrested and C&C with theft and assaulting a police officer by spitting on them.

**Breach of Bail and theft Various in Bonnyrigg**

Following his arrest for a breach of bail offence a 30 year old male was interviewed at Dalkeith police station re 3 separate thefts from insecure motor vehicles committed on 14 Dec 2011 in the Bonnyrigg area. The male admitted responsibility giving a full admission and was C&C with the offence along with with an earlier breach of bail on 13 Dec. The male was remanded in custody

**S5 RTA 1988 A6094 Bonnyrigg Bypass**

A 36 year old male was arrested for drink driving having failed the roadside breath test after being found to have lost control of his motor vehicle and driven into a ditch. The male was later C&C with the offence and released on bail

**Theft Nazareth care home**

The sensory alarm was activated at Nazareth House care home Bonnyrigg. This was installed by the police following 2 previous GB's there during November. On police arrival two males aged 36 and 39 years were observed standing at a smashed window of the premises of the main office. On seeing the police both made off on foot and repeatedly ignored instructions to stop. Following a foot chase both males were detained and subsequently interviewed, arrested and C&C with the offence.

IB raised the issue of traffic overtaking buses stopped at Broomieknowe and also the keep left bollard. PC Hutchison told the meeting that the bus stopped had passed safety checks over the last couple of years and was not seen as safety problem. SR to contact Neil Dougal with a view to moving the bus stop towards Bonnyrigg

**ACTION: SR**

DI raised the issue of parking in Broomieknowe Gardens where large vans and caravans are causing problems for residents. Parking in Eldindean terrace was also raised but PC Hutchison advised that as that the police should be contacted when there is a parking issue as they have already been informed of this issue.

**ACTION: Police**

BS commented on the bad parking by the public during the recent bad weather. It was agreed that this was all over the country and just not Bonnyrigg. The police did go out with Midlothian officials to help clear main routes of abandoned vehicles.

#### **Midlothian Councillors' Report:**

##### **Councillor Milligan**

The main focus at present is on the budget where there are to be major cuts. The council are waiting on the Scottish government funding package before they can finalise their budget.

LHSC – The exemplar design will be on view in the rotunda of the high school.

Bad weather – Most priority routes were kept open. In Bonnyrigg the council cleared the health centre even although it is private property belonging to the health centre. The grit lorries could not get into the estates due to cars parking. The council previously had a large manual workforce which is no longer in existence. Bonnyrigg boys club had gone out to clear paths of disabled people. The chief executive has been asked by DM to arrange a meeting with CC's to priorities. The debate on whether the council should make the call on opening schools or should it be a judgement call by parents. The bill will be £3m for snow clearing. Grit bin options will be looked at as to how best to protect the grit but make it available for local residents to use.

#### **Councillor Aitchison**

The council is to submit claims to their political masters.

The Reysville is changing it's function to a Italian Restaurant by the Pia family who have the chip shop in Bonnyrigg

MC need to deliver a budget and are close to balancing the books. They have had to release some senior managers. MC will continue to look at the economic review.

MC— are continuing to look at share services with other authorities.

National Boards – there is at present discussions ongoing regarding national boards for police fire and health. MC is hoping that there will be consultation before decision are taken.

#### **Councillor Constable**

Mavisbank house— Historic Scotland has a new chief executive who is promising lots for Mavisbank.

Green Space Trust – The Lothian and fife green network partnership have a project North Esk Valley - River Corridor Management Planning The aim is to provide an integrated approach to management of woodlands and open habitat across a number of land ownerships which recognises the strategic value of the North Esk River Corridor as a site of high conservation value and also as a popular access corridor and destination for day visitors. The plan aims to make recommendations which will result in the submission of detailed funding applications on behalf of the various owners.

GB asked if the Roslin Road was still slipping. Work is about to start to stabilise the road.

EF asked how many council houses are being built at Hopefield. There are proportion of the total house build but at present none are completed.

BS congratulated MC for theirs and their staffs effort during the recent bad weather. He also commented that the Scottish government are considering sea salt which he believes is dangerous for corrosion

JA commented on the community spirit which existed in Midlothian with neighbours and friends looking after old and disabled people during the bad weather.

#### **Planning:**

There were no major application issues with various private applications.

#### **Transport:**

Nothing to report

#### **Twinning:**

Nothing to report.

#### **LHSC**

The latest Council Report (23 Nov Council Meeting) on the project is published here:-

<http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/council/minutes/meetingdetails.aspx?MeetingType=Midlothian%20Council&MeetingDate=23/11/2010>

The tender documents were issued to the three bidders on Monday 10th January. We are hoping to have the third round of consultations on the design later this month or early Feb, but I've not arranged it yet as all our efforts over the last few weeks were directed to getting the tender docs finished and issued.

#### **Fair Trade:**

All primary schools and the high school are on board to push for Fair trade status. The steering committee will be organising a meeting soon.

#### **Correspondence**

##### **Midlothian Council**

Minutes presented 23 November and 21 December 23 November and 21 December

December Midlothian News  
Travel team news letter  
Licensing Board Gigi's Italian bar and Restaurant Increase on-sale hours to 1 am daily

**PPF steering group**

Note on meeting held on 18 November  
Current requests  
Member survey

**Midlothian Access Forum**

Invite to open meeting which was 20 January. It was forwarded to those on email

**SEPA**

SEPA winter view

**NHS Lothian**

Health link

**Bonnyrigg Community Events Committee**

Thank you for our donation.

**Scottish Natural Heritage**

Winter magazine

**Email**

**Bonnyrigg Rose FC Under 11's**

E-mailing you on behalf of Bonnyrigg Rose FC Under 11's.

For several years now, the Under 11's age group at our club has taken part in a tournament in Belgium, known as the Euro Cup Toornoi in Hamont. Our year is no exception and we will be booking up very shortly to go to the tournament being held at Easter 2011.

While we have been doing fundraising to help fund the trip, we are still quite some way short of the cost for the boys which is in the region of £6,000. Each boy must be accompanied by a parent which doubles this cost to around £12,000. We are enquiring to see if there is any grant funding available from the Community Council which would help reduce the cost for the boys.

Ian replied declining.

**AOCB**

Bad Weather— GS wanted to thank the staff of MC who had been out in atrocious condition to keep the main routes open during the bad weather.

CC Elections — It is again the time for our elections. The model constitution recommends 4 yearly elections but as MC has not accepted them and implemented within Midlothian we require to change our own constitution to avoid elections every year. It is not possible to do it this year but we will progress it during the next year. Nomination forms were issued to all present. Councillor Constable has again agreed to be the returning officer.

**TIMETABLE**

Publication of Notice of Election	Friday 4 February 2011
Nominations to be submitted by	Friday 25 February 2011 <b>(4pm)</b>
Nominations to be Withdrawn by	Friday 25 February 2011 <b>(5pm)</b>
Publication of Notice of Poll (if Necessary)	2 March 2011
Election if necessary will be by secret ballot	At the AGM on 17 March 2011 at 7.30pm in Sports Pavilion George V Park Bonnyrigg

Next Meeting: 17 February 2011, Sports Pavilion, K G Park at 19.30hrs.