

## BONNYRIGG & LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting Held on 17 February 2011 within Sports Pavilion, King George V Park Bonnyrigg at 19.30 hrs

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

**In attendance:** Councillor Jackie Aitchison, Dawn Morrison, PC Gill Lumley (Lothian and Borders Police), Chris Rae (Lasswade PS), Elizabeth Thompson (Lasswade PS)

**Apologies:** Ian Baxter (Chair), Councillor Bob Constable, Councillor Derek Milligan, John French (Hawthornden PS), George Birrell

**Welcome:** The chairperson welcomed all to meeting.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Proposed Gilbert Scott Seconded by Brian Scott

#### Matters Arising:

##### *August meeting*

- a) Hard Wood 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 had phoned Eddie Egan's PA and she confirmed that the NHS would be delighted to accept a bench. A letter confirming this is on its way. The unanimous view of the meeting was that we should present a bench. SR will contact Citadel arts group and inform them that we will not be able to provide funding for their project. ER will contact Mayshade again, he also pointed out it will be a hard wood bench and not Oak as Oak is prohibitively expensive.* **Ongoing**  
**ACTION: SR/ ER**

##### *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 from Midlothian council chief executive, Kenneth Lawrie as had Ian Baxter. CS apprised the meeting of the contents, which detailed the amount of monies received by Bonnyrigg Rose over since June 2006 to June 2010 which amounted to £56,000. The letter also reiterated that the matter is still under examination by the council audit processes. CS intimated that he will decide with IB what his next action if any, will be.* **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) 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. *JA checked on the lighting on the 31 Jan, 7 Feb, 14 Feb and 16Feb JA along with Keith Slight (Street light manager MC) and Dave Smith consultant engineer. They walked from the bottom of Lothian street up and along the high street and up through the park and along Dobbies road. A light meter was used to check the luminosity and all reading proved to be good or very good. Murky nights can have an effect and some of the lamp standards are fitted with two types of light to compensate for foggy conditions. GS asked what the specification was as the factory act had a minimum level and he assumed that it would be the same for street lighting. JA did not know. SR offered to email the specialists who had carried out the testing to ascertain what is the minimum specification*  
**Ongoing**  
**ACTION: SR**

- e) Broomieknowe bus stop— 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. *It will be looked at on the 21<sup>st</sup> although it has been looked at before and was not thought to be a problem. Still waiting response from Neil Dougal who is on holiday* **Ongoing**  
**ACTION: SR**

- f) Parking — DI raised the issue of parking in Broomieknowe Gardens where large vans and caravans are causing problems for residents. *This problem is very much better with the caravan being moved. CS informed the meeting that he had contacted the owners of the caravan to point out the problems it was causing.* **Cleared**

#### Financial Report:

Current Account:	As at 17 February 2011	£ 1,864.53
Transactions		
Debits	£20 (Seasonal gift to janitor)	
Credit	None	

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

Twining Account:	As at 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2011	£1,713.29
Transactions		
Debits	None	
Credits	£100	Brant from Midlothian Council
	14pence	January interest

**Police Report:**

**Beat Area BD01 – Bonnyrigg & Lasswade**

Total Crimes Recorded: 39

Total Crimes Solved: 19 – 48.72% solvency (This YTD 37.30%, Last YTD 45.59%)

Break down as follows:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Solved</u>
Violent Crime	0	1
Sexual Crime	0	2
Crimes of Dishonesty	20	8
Vandalism	16	3
Other Crime	3	5

- There have been 241 calls received to the Bonnyrigg and Lasswade area for the month of January.

**INCIDENTS OF NOTE**

- Following enquiries into a break-in at Lenaghan Roofing Services, High Street, Bonnyrigg which occurred overnight between 31<sup>st</sup> December and the 1<sup>st</sup> January two males aged 16 years were detained on 17/01/11 and interviewed in relation to the incident. Both males were subsequently C&C with the offence and released on bail undertaking to appear at ESC on 04/03/11.
- Overnight between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January person(s) unknown vandalised 2 panes of glass at Hopefield Primary School by kicking and smashing same.
- About 0050 hours on 19<sup>th</sup> January an 18-year-old male was found in the rear car park, Polton Street, Bonnyrigg in possession of herbal cannabis. The male has been reported for summons.
- About 2155 hours on 20<sup>th</sup> January a black Volkswagen Polo motor vehicle was seen to race a green Renault Clio motor vehicle on Lothian Street in Bonnyrigg, both driving in excess of the 30MPH speed limit. Given the manner of driving and icy road conditions both vehicles were stopped nearby and both 18-year-old drivers were given an ASBO warning.
- About 0200 hours on 20<sup>th</sup> January a 30-year-old male was seen in Durham Grove, Bonnyrigg trying car doors for insecurities. Officers made a search of the area and the male was found within the rear garden area of an address at Dundas Street, Bonnyrigg trying the car doors of two vehicles parked in the garden area. The male was arrested for breaching his bail curfew and on being searched he was found in possession of suspected stolen property. Following enquiry the male was interviewed and C&C with theft from two motor vehicles, theft by HB and breaching his bail conditions. The male was held in custody to appear at ESC on 21/01/10 and was later remanded in custody.
- Overnight between the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January an unregistered Honda off road mini motorbike was stolen from the garden shed of an address in Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg after the padlock was cut off and entry gained. The bike was later traced in the possession of a 15-year-old male who was detained and interviewed regarding the incident. The male was subsequently C&C with Reset.
- About 0130 hours on 25<sup>th</sup> January two males climbed onto the roof of an address in Polton Road, Lasswade and removed two strips of lead from same. The complainer heard them on the roof and went outside where she interrupted them and they made off leaving the lead on the pavement. Both males described as being in their twenties and wearing dark clothing.

PC Stewart Morrison is leaving community policing to return to response duties. He is to be replaced by PC Sue Akers who is looking forward to joining the community team and will hopefully attend a future meeting to introduce herself.

The vandalism that was visible due to CML which was sprayed on various locations. A 16 year old male has been charged.

BS Does community pay back orders supersede ASBOS. GL No direction at the moment the police are still using ASBOS.

BS asked what is the community justice authority. JA - Justices of the peace look after the administration of offenders. The justice authority of Mid East and West Lothian with Edinburgh, the Borders and Fife, and they look at the bigger picture and the more serious crimes.

BS - when pay back orders come into force who will decide the punishment? JA - this will be form policy guidelines from the cabinet secretary.

**Midlothian Councillors' Report:  
Councillor Aitchison**

The full council on Tuesday will issue the budget as they are obliged to do before the end of February. It is not the severe budget that was first anticipated, this year.

Cherry road – the first phase has been completed and most of the clients are back in to the centre. The shower area was one of the areas which badly needed improvement and modernisation. JA thanked local organisations for their assistance during the renovations. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will take place during the better weather.

There was an appeal for a planning application turned down on Monday. The property is in Old Broomieknowe and was originally turned down in January. Planning applications are considered by a planning officer, but the application can be called in by a councillor, a CC or residents provided there are more than 10, otherwise the decision is made by the assigned planning officer.

Midfield House – there is an 8 bed unit at Midfield house for children who need to be looked after. The unit does not meet the present specifications for this type of care. The 8 bed unit will close down and two 4 bed units will be built in areas where the council are already building social housing and on land owned by MC. The midfield site will be sold.

Roslin Glen— Work commenced last week on this problem with draining the water starting on the Rosewell side. £800k has been allocated but this may not be enough, as the road is still slipping. This road is vital for economy of the county.

Dalkeith High— permission has been given to demolish the building, with certain facades at the back of the building to be protected. There will be problems due to the large amount of asbestos that is in the building.

Supported bus service – MC support bus services to the value of £627K per annum mainly for rural areas.

Fire, Police and Health boards – There is a consultation paper on the future of these boards and requires to be back by the 8<sup>th</sup> May. The question that is pertinent is should there be 1 or 8 authorities for fire and police. Health boards - there are 22 authorities. JA will listen to the briefing and will report back to the CC and various organisations within his ward. It should not be resource driven it should be the best service.

GS asked what the land at Dalkeith High will be used for. JA - it will be sold and there will be no social housing. MC agreed to build 1000 social housing and the council are well on the way to building these houses.

BS asked if there was an up to date green belt map. SR to write to Ian Johnston MC

**ACTION: SR**

BS informed the meeting that a grit bin was in the burn at Cockpen road. JA will arrange to have it removed.

**ACTION: JA**

EF asked if MC could not build 1 bedroom houses. JA informed the meeting that MC had made the decision not to build a 1 bedroom house as it was felt that it unfair if a person in a one bedroom house fell ill and required someone to stay with them, or even having visitors for far afield.

GS What about buy to rent (co-ownership) has MC considered this option. No as this is available through various housing associations.

**Planning:**

There is a total of 1000 house being built at Hopefield of which is 10% affordable housing. BS described the layout of Hopefield. He pointed out that the drainage channels, and SUDS pools, at the side of the main roads are filling up with rubbish. BS asked if there was a date when the school and the shopping would be built; this has been delayed due to the present financial climate and should be triggered when the 200 house foundations laid.

The first 23 affordable housing will be allocated in April. The housing looks the same as the rest of housing.

CS asked if there would be sports playing fields - this was confirmed.

BS asked if some of the new streets be named after D Dunn. JA re-iterated that the naming of streets was in the hands of the Provost and he is aware of our request.

**Transport:**

BS feels that there is a need for a bus stop installed at the Melville roundabout for the hotel and the proposed housing across the roundabout.

**ACTION: SR**

**Twinning:**

Nothing to report.

**LHSC**

No update from the project team.

JA - the advert in the European Journal has attracted a number of potential contractors. These will be vetted by the Scottish Executive.

**Fair Trade:**

There is a meeting next week in the King George V pavilion. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. All are encouraged to attend and support.

**Correspondence****Midlothian Council**

Midlothian Travel Map

Minutes presented to Midlothian Council 28 January 2011

Community Engagement Outcome report

Midlothian News

**Midlothian Travel team**

A diagram of the changes to the bus stopping arrangements in Dalkeith Town Centre as a result of the road closure of High St

Travel Team Newsletter (53)

**PPF steering group**

Note on January meeting

Current request for involvement

Newsletters

Flyer for —“A Sense of Belonging” Lothian’s Joint Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2011-2016

Midlothian Consultation Event Tuesday 1 March 2011 1.30pm – 4pm Dalkeith Arts Centre

**Midlothian Access Forum**

Minute of January meeting

**ASCC**

Spring Journal

**Fairtrade**

Meeting on Fairtrade town status for Bonnyrigg & Lasswade.

**Email****Library**

Dear all

In case you haven't seen the notices in the press or the posters, we're having an open public consultation of our local service plan for the next year or so on Tuesday 22nd Feb at 6pm-7pm. I'm conscious that most of you have already expressed your feelings and priorities for Bonnyrigg Library in terms of the new hub library at the meeting here last year, but you would be very welcome to come along anyway Thanks for all your support David

David Stevenson

Senior Area Librarian - West

**AOCB**

Spring Clean — Suggestions for our spring clean areas. (1) The distributor road. This is out with our area possible combined effort with Poltonhall. (2) The distributor road to Eskbank. (3) The area between old Sherwood and Baird's Way. (4) The health centre to Tesco

ASSC — Meeting on 20 March in Glasgow if any one wishes to attend. No volunteers.

BS asked if anyone else had received a political letter. No one had

ER— highlighted a large amount of rubbish in a company's yard on the Cockpen road. JA will action this item.

**ACTION: JA**

CS raised the Evening News article on Ian Richardson and his 40 years in local football. CS wanted the CC to honour him in some way with a presentation. SR cautioned that there are a number of people in the community who have done as much and in some case more. JA re-iterated that there are a number of people. He suggested that very soon we will be contacted by the Lord Lieutenant to submit recommendations for an honour in the birthday list and this can be for a number of people. The Dalkeith advertiser is also running a local hero campaign.

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