

BONNYRIGG & LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on 19 May 2011 within Sports Pavilion, King George V Park Bonnyrigg at 19.30 hrs

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

In attendance: Councillor Bob Constable, Councillor Jackie Aitchison, Chris Rae

Welcome: The chairperson welcomed all to meeting.

Apologies: Stewart Renwick, Dawn Morrison

Police Report:

Total Crimes Recorded: 62

Total Crimes Solved: 24 – 38.71% solvency (This YTD 36.62%. Last YTD 25.45%)

Break down as follows:

| | Received | Solved |
|----------------------|----------|--------|
| Violent Crime | 2 | 0 |
| Sexual Crime | 0 | 0 |
| Crimes of Dishonesty | 30 | 11 |
| Vandalism | 20 | 5 |
| Other Crime | 10 | 8 |

- There have been 367 calls received to the Bonnyrigg and Lasswade area for the month of April.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE IN BONNYRIGG

- Between 2230hrs on Friday 01/04/11 and 0830hrs 02/04/11 person(s) unknown were in the vicinity of 34 Dundas Street and have damaged the 'Zizzors' shop sign by removing one of the letters and further twisting the metal so that the letter is unable to be replaced. Value of damage £500 approx. Enquiries ongoing. This is the third occasion in the space of 5 months the sign has been damaged.
- In the early hours of Saturday 2nd April 2011, a drunken male smashed the window of a house in Dobbies Road, punched and smashed a window on PAVE Council building, snapped off a wing mirror on a parked motor vehicle in Raes Gardens before finally smashing the windows on a parked Transit Van. After lengthy enquiries a male was identified, interviewed and admitted carrying out 4 acts of Vandalism. He has been reported to the Fiscal
- On Friday 8th April, the Community Action Team and Community Beat Officers from the Penicuik Group area working with youth workers from Fast Forward (Positive Lifestyles) Ltd conducted Operation Esplanade. Six youths, under the age of 16, who were found to have consumed alcohol or in possession of same, were conveyed to Bonnyrigg Station where they were spoken to and thereafter released into the custody of their parents. Two Fixed Penalty Tickets were issued for drinking in public in Bonnyrigg and one 18 year old charged 3 times for supplying youths with alcohol. Alcohol was seized from youths across the group area including 2 bottles of Buckfast, 12 cans of lager, 3 bottles of beer, 1 bottle of vodka, 2 litres of cider, 1 bottle of Schnapps, 1 bottle of Sambuka and 4 litres of mixed cocktails.
- On Saturday 9th April a 16-year-old male was interviewed regarding the theft of pushbikes in the Bonnyrigg area. He subsequently admitted 5 thefts and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- Between 10pm on Tuesday 12th April and 830am on Wednesday 13th May persons unknown have sprayed graffiti over Lasswade Leisure Centre walls. The graffiti is described

as being five logos measuring 2ft x 3ft high comprising of three letters possibly GMC sprayed in green/blue/yellow paint. There is no description and at this time and no suspects.

- Between 1900hrs on 15/04/11 and 1230hours on 16/04/11 unknown persons have smashed a glass pane to the rear of the wooden built garage in Waverley Crescent. Thereafter two Mini Moto Motorcycles have been removed which were sitting on a shelf area next to the window. Motor vehicles only described as Japanese Imports, Maroon in colour. No registration or serial number held. Locus backs on to Dalkeith to Penicuik Walkway giving a quick and easy egress route from the locus. Vehicles valued at £100 each.
- Due to increased patrols in the area a number of motorists have been reported for using their mobile phones whilst driving, Speeding, Drink Driving, Driving without an MOT and being in possession of a controlled substance whilst in charge of a vehicle. A 27-year-old male had his blue Yamaha motorcycle seized under ASBO legislation whilst a 15yr old had his blue midi-moto, blue Yamaha R1 Replica seized after admitting to having no insurance or driving licence. Police attended a call to a 10year old male riding a red quad bike between Andy Kelly View and the Rugby Club however failed to trace the person responsible.
- If any person has lost an almost new baby car seat with instructions which was found in the Waverley area of Bonnyrigg then they can claim it by attending at Bonnyrigg Police station and quoting incident no 0558, 01/04/11.

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 3912E Ian Hutchison, PC 11372 Sue Akers

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

IB raised the issue of a sign at the end of Wolsey Avenue at the left side furthest from Cockpen road stating no admittance as it is a private road which goes around the back of the houses, and there is no access. As there is a right of access you can use the road unless it is someone's garden. The ownership of the road is not known but it is believed to be a service road for all the houses in the street. It would appear to be an un-adopted road. JA will investigate as will IH.

ACTION: JA/IH

JA informed the meeting that MC had signed up with East Lothian to use their court as Midlothian does not have a court. He emphasised the cost in excess of £3m to the Midlothian tax payer for the processing through the courts of these minor crimes. He also praised the Midlothian's 2 CAT teams, as rate payers we pay £0.5m per year towards the costs of them.

IB produced a photograph of a car overtaking a bus and the keep left sign at Broomieknowe Gardens. IH highlighted that there had been an investigation by a working party. IH will find out if any action is to take place.

ACTION: IH

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The twinning account should have read "As at 21 April 2011 £1,713.57" with these amendments. Proposed Ruth Scott Seconded by Dorothy Innes

Matters Arising:

August meeting 2010

Hard Wood Bench —it was agreed that we would spend £200 *ER waiting response from Mayshade* **Ongoing**

ACTION: ER

October Meeting 2010

Gourlaw Committee Grants —John Blair preparing report that we have requested a copy once it can be issued to the public. *No action until report released by MC*

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

Financial Report:

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| Current Account: | As at 19 May 2011 | £1,728.51 |
| Transactions | | |
| Debits | Lothian Community Transport | £12 |
| | Esk Valley Trust | £60 |
| | Domain Renewal | <u>£22.78</u> |
| | | £94.78 |

Credit None

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

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| Twining Account: | As at 19 May 2011 | £1,713.70 |
| Transactions | | |
| Debits | None | |
| Credits | Interest 28 April | £0.13 |
| | Invoice submitted for the newsletter | £371 |

Midlothian Councillors' Report:**Councillor Constable**

Polton road will be closed from Lasswade up to Dobbies road 21st 22nd May

Shared services— meeting held with East Lothian but no information released to the public.

Memorial service — BC and JA attended service in the park.

Fordel — Site meeting on Monday as there is an application for a hotel and retail tourist facility.

Grass cutting — the cutting equipment is changing from cylinder to rotary cutters to reduce costs. Areas of biodiversity where grass will be allowed to grow. The CC should consider areas which this would be a benefit or areas where it would not be beneficial. Any suggestions should be passed to our councillors for consideration.

Councillor Aitchison

Licensing Authority— JA is convener and BC is a member of the authority. The LSO (Licensing Officer) who is employed by the council to go round all off-license, licensed premises including private clubs, to give them advice on the new legislation that has come out. The authority has taken the decision that the JA as convener will accompany him when he visits private clubs. Private clubs have been allowing people who are not members use the facilities for birthday parties, wedding etc. Some are breaking the law. Off-license and licensed premises require 2 licenses one premises and the 2nd a personal license holder in charge of the day today running. Private clubs were exempt from a personal license as they agreed to allow police or council officials to come in. Private clubs are going to be encouraged to have a personal license holder which will allow these types of functions without the need for a member to sign in 10 guests.

Lasswade Bridge— the damage which occurred during the bad weather has been repaired. It was the owner of the premises (restaurant) who was responsible for the repair and after negotiations with his insurers the work has now been completed.

Roslin Glen— The drains have all been dug up and replaced. It is still targeted for the end of July beginning August to re-open. MC is trying to get restrictions on the weight of vehicle that can use the road, but this can only be advisory.

EF asked if the café in the community hospital was open and if so what hours. JA will find out.

ACTION: JA

GS asked that the park with clover is not cut to allow the bees to collect the pollen from it and birds to feed on the leaves.

Planning: applications for felling and pruning trees, porches and building changes to the house at Elm row.

Bus Stop at Melville — BS had received a call from a member of the public. There were initially bus stops included but these were removed from the planning application. A crossing has been put in to allow pedestrians to cross from the hotel as there is no footpath on the side of the new hotel. IB suggested that if it was in the original application it should surely be still part of the construction as people may have objected had it not been included. JA will look into the application.

ACTION: JA

Transport: Nothing

Twinning: Nothing

LHSC: The tenders have now been returned and we are in the middle of the assessment phase. We should be in a position by the middle of July to announce preferred bidder for the project.

Fair Trade: The second meeting took place last week. Well on the way to have the town as a fair-trade town. IB is raising funds, for Scottish Fair trade by walking from Glasgow to Inverness.

Newsletter: Ready to go out. Adverts and sponsorship money raised is £510

Correspondence:

Midlothian Council

Minutes presented 26 April

Midlothian News

PPF

May Agenda and relevant papers.

Various GP practice reports

Email

From Archie Pacey

Press release relating to green spaces also a report presented to MC on the 26th April on Grass Maintenance Regime Trials.

Edinburgh & Lothian's Greenspace trust

E-Bulletin and Newsletter

AOCB:

Hazardous waste — RS asked where does the public dispose of hazardous waste. JA will find out

ACTION: JA

Next Meeting: 16 June 2011, Sports Pavilion, K G V Park at 19.30hrs.