

BONNYRIGG & LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on 16 June 2011 within Sports Pavilion, King George V Park Bonnyrigg at 19.30 hrs.

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

In attendance: PC Ian Hutchison, Walter Renton (Broomieknowe Golf Club), Jim Donaldson (Broomieknowe Golf Club), Rob Beattie (Broomieknowe Golf Club), William Sneddon (Wolsey avenue resident), Liz Pearson

Welcome: The chairperson welcomed all to meeting.

Apologies: Councillor Bob Constable

Broomieknowe Golf Club:

The representative's from Broomieknowe Golf club wished to inform the meeting on plans they have for selling the golf practice area to Cala for building development of 50 plus houses including 25% of these being social housing. The practice area is not used for much practice it tended to be used by local youths for illegal drinking and overnight camping. It is sited immediately opposite the community hospital.

The club wanted to highlight the benefits that the golf club would gain from the funds received. The funds will enable the club to protect the golf club for future generations and also a large area of green belt i.e. the golf course. It was highlighted benefits that the asset of a recreational facility, such as a golf club, provides for the local community as well as employment for local people. Bonnyrigg benefitted when Lasswade rugby club enhanced their facilities with the sale of land.

The funding would be used to upgrade or replace the clubhouse, which is badly in need of attention, improve a major problem of drainage and a redesign of the areas of the course, as the 16th hole may be lost due to developments which have already received planning permission in Pittendreich house. An exhibition will be held on Saturday 25th June where the plans and details of what we are planning to do will be on show. Representative for the developers and the architects will be available to discuss the proposals. All of the residents adjoining the development have been invited to attend as are all CC. It is hoped that the site will be included in the Midlothian preferred site list in October 2011.

Comments from the CC included that they were in principle in favour of the development and it was a tremendous asset to the area and could not be replaced. IB felt that the areas of green belt nearer Edinburgh are more important. IB asked if the trees around the site would be protected. Walter Renton pointed out that the trees were actual dying and has a virus. Rob Beattie expected that Cala would be including landscaping as part of the site development.

The CC agreed to support this development provide there was no adverse views from the exhibition.
The general feeling of the meeting that the CC would support up front the planning application

Wolsey Avenue: Mr Sneddon attended the meeting after questions that were raised in the May meeting, regarding 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. Mr Sneddon had papers which he believed proved that the road belonged to all the house owners, and not a public road, and that he was perfectly justified in erecting the sign. When the properties came up from purchase in 1983 from the Marquise of Lothian the deeds include the land which the lane is on. The owners of the houses took ownership of the maintenance of this lane as part of their purchase.

Ms Pearson informed the meeting that she had attempted to walk along the road on the way to Cockpen Road. Mr Sneddon had intercepted her and told her that she could not use the road. Her belief is that she has the right to walk along this lane.

The CC is not qualified to verify the legal ownership of the ground and without this confirmation of ownership could not advise on any action. It was agreed to contact the planning department to ascertain if this type of notice can be erected by an individual.

PC Hutchison informed the meeting that the police would only get involved if there was a disturbance due to confrontation over the access.

Action: SR

Police Report:

Total Crimes Recorded: **66**

Total Crimes Solved: **34** – 51.52% solvency (This YTD 44.53% Last YTD 30.61%)

Break down as follows:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Solved</u>
Violent Crime	3	3
Sexual Crime	0	0
Crimes of Dishonesty	26	8
Vandalism	16	5
Other Crime	21	18

- There have been 342 calls received to the Bonnyrigg and Lasswade area for the month of May.

Bus Stop Broomieknowe: I have been in consultation with Sgt Ian Malcolm, Traffic Management Section at Fettes. Sgt Malcolm has confirmed that Ian Petch, Midlothian Council Public Transport Officer has left and his post is yet to be filled, he further states the outcome of a previous meeting was that Councillor Milligan was going to seek the views of the residents and it would be moved depending on the outcome of the discussions with the residents. However, even if the desire were to move the bus stop then it would probably not happen until a new person is appointed as Public Transport Officer.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE IN BONNYRIGG

- About 0500hrs on 2nd May, in response to an alarm activation officers attended at the Ex-Servicemen's Club at 4 Waverley Terrace, Bonnyrigg. On confirming that the premises had been broken into officers carried out a search of the area and gave chase to 3 youths who were eventually caught and detained. Property from the club and a neighbouring premises was recovered nearby and after interview 2 males charged with housebreaking * 2 and Possession of an Offensive weapon (kitchen knife with 9" blade).
- About 1620hrs on Friday 6th May officers saw a 17year old male standing outside the Co-Op, High Street Bonnyrigg in possession of 4 cases of beer. The male admitted to buying the alcohol from the store and admitted to using a fake Driving Licence he purchased off the Internet as proof of his ID. The drink was seized and the male charged with Possession of false identity documents.
- As a result of 13 calls in the Bonnyrigg area regarding youths on motorbikes patrols have increased resulting in 2 cars and a red/blue unregistered Honda m/cycle seized for not having insurance, one driver charged for No MOT, one for not wearing a seatbelt and another 2 for using a Mobile phone whilst driving.
- About 0830hrs on Tuesday 10th May a road traffic accident occurred in Polton Road West. A plant that had been balanced on the front passenger seat of a Mini Motor car moved and distracted the driver. As the driver bent down to recover said plant the vehicle mounted the pavement striking the far end of the bus shelter and bus stop sign post causing extensive damage to both the vehicle and the bus shelter and post. The driver escaped with minor injury.
- On 12th May 2011 a substantial cannabis cultivation growing area was located in the loft of a house in Bonnyrigg. 3 persons have been reported and approximately £3000 of drugs seized.
- At 0030hours on Wednesday 18th May a 15yr old female and 2 of her friends are seen on CCTV picking up and throwing a bucket at a window of the Spar in Polton Street. This resulted in the window smashing. About 1220hrs same day the same 3 females entered the Spar with the intention of purchasing goods. Due to them still wearing the same clothes from the night before, staff identified them and contacted the police. The female from Edinburgh was later charged and reported for 2 Vandalisms and a Breach of the Peace.
- Between 1430hrs on 17/05/11 and 1400hrs 18/05/11 a female, silver 'Viking' Mountain Bike was stolen from an address in Scollon Avenue, Bonnyrigg. The bike is distinctive in that it has a Z shaped aluminium frame and Disk Brakes to the front and rear. The rear wheel is badly cracked. Left at the scene was a child's bike reported stolen from an address in Durham Grove.
- Although outwith our area on 10/05/2011 a motor vehicle heading into Bonnyrigg was stopped at Howgate with one male occupant. A search of the vehicle and his home address in Dalkeith recovered 9 KG Heroin and 5000 ecstasy tablets – Drugs value Heroin £900 000 and Ecstasy £5000

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 Community Officer Bonnyrigg/Lasswade/Rosewell

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

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

Matters Arising:

August meeting 2010

Hard Wood Bench —Mayshade have 2 benches one £259 and £225. The £225 looks the more substantial and it was agreed to purchase the £225 bench. A plaque is to be purchased. DI will visit Apache in Dalkieth to look at plaques. SR will contact the CHP to arrange delivery. EF provide cheque for ER to pay for bench
Ongoing

ACTION: DI/SR/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. *Due to lack of response from Kenneth Lawrie it was agreed to drop this and revisit it at a later stage.* **Cleared**

May 2011

No access sign at the end of Wolsey Avenue. JA will investigate as will IH.

ACTION: JA/IH

Community hospital café opening hours.— JA will find out.

ACTION: JA

Bus Stop at Melville — There were initially bus stops included but these were removed from the planning application. 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

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

ACTION: JA

Financial Report:

Current Account:	As at 16 June 2011	£1,742.79
Transactions		
Debits	Abbey Print (Newsletter)	£ 371.72
	ASCC insurance	£ 54.00
Credits	Advert in Newsletter	£ 10.00
	Newsletter Adverts	£ 430.00

IB has a further £70 from advertising.

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

Twinning Account:	As at 19 May 2011	£1,713.70
Transactions		
Debits	None	
Credits	None	

There will be no twinning grants from now on. Any requirement will be decided on a project by project basis.

ER provided a cheque for the information commissioners for data protection. SR will send completed form.

Action: SR

Midlothian Councillors' Report:

No councillors in attendance

Planning: Pre-consultation document on a mixed use development for the market site on the high street. The plan is for 36 residential units which are classified as affordable housing, with 11 associated parking spaces which will be accessed from park road. There will be 5000sq Ft of retail space accessed from the high street, with 3 parking places associated with the retail units.

There was a concern regarding the parking allocation being sufficient. There is also concern that delivery vehicles will cause major problems on the high street. There is an already major problem if a car parks on the high street and the high street comes to a complete standstill.

BS to write to the planning with our concerns on parking and access to the high street.

Action: BS

Transport: Nothing

Twinning: Nothing

LHSC: The analysis has been completed and the recommendation for preferred bidder is about to go the joint project board. If this is signed off the recommendation will be taken to Council at the end of this month.

Fair Trade: Nothing

Newsletter: More or less all delivered the autumn email will hopefully have an article on the ex-servicemen's club to coincide with armistice.

Correspondence:

Midlothian Council

Minutes presented 24 May

Travel Team Newsletter

A proposed new Traffic Order (disable Parking Places) for our information with the Statement of Reasons. The objection period runs until 1 July 2011.

Pre-consultation for case reference 11/00322/preapp – mixed use development on Bonnyrigg Market Site, High Street, Bonnyrigg as requested by Adam Thomson, Senior Planner, Fairfield House.

PPF

May Bulletin

May meeting notes

A flyer advertising a PPF special meeting - Care for Older People and Podiatry double bill to which all are welcome on Wednesday 29th June 2011 at 2.00-4.00pm. To book a place or to find out more contact me on 01968 671 365 or email: catherine.evans@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

Spokes

Summer bulletin

WW1 Pictorial memorial – David Stevenson

At the end of the war, a framed memorial was produced for the men of Bonnyrigg. It featured photographs of each casualty with their names inscribed. It hung in the Town Council chambers in Bonnyrigg but was removed, I think, in the 1970s.

The question is: where has the memorial now? I'd like to rescue it and have it re-hung somewhere locally but nobody seems to know where it is. Ken Bogle Local Studies Librarian

Email

From Bill MacDonald Duck Race January 2011

Edinburgh & Lothian's Greenspace trust

E-Bulletin

Midlothian Access Forum

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Association of Community Council

E-bulletin

Bonnyrigg CLAD worker

As you will all be aware Bonnyrigg and surrounding areas are losing their dedicated worker Andy McDonald. After much to and froing regarding letters we are still no further forward as to what will be happening. Once again no consultation from CLAD management. We wish to make a stand and say we will not tolerate the removal of Andy. I wish to call on all your support with either a letter of support or your attendance at a meeting on Tuesday 21st June at Sherwood Community Centre in Bonnyrigg Primary School.

IB will contact them.

Action: IB

AOCB:

DI asked if we were aware of the concrete wall that has gone right around the house at Elm row. Various planning applications for this house had been mentioned at previous meetings.

Next Meeting: 18 August 2011, Sports Pavilion, K G V Park at 19.30hrs.