

BONNYRIGG & LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on 18 August 2011 within Sports Pavilion, King George V Park Bonnyrigg at 19.30 hrs.

Present: Ian Baxter (Chair & minutes), Dorothy Innes (Vice Chair), Ruth Scott, Brian Scott, Cameron Scott and Gilbert Scott,

In attendance: Councillor Jackie Aitchison, Councillor Bob Constable, Councillor Derek Milligan, PC Ian Hutchison, Caron Bergin, Janet Clark, Mary Johnston, Bill MacDonald

Apologies: Elaine Ferguson (Treasurer), Eddie Ramsay

Welcome: The chairperson welcomed all to meeting, and reported that Stewart Renwick has tendered his resignation from the community council due to pressure of other commitments and particularly and inability to attend the next 3 meetings. Agreed to send a letter of thanks for all his work on behalf of the community council and to send a small gift in appreciation.

Police Report:

Total Crimes Recorded June : **49** Total Crimes Solved June : **28**
57.14% solvency This YTD 48.02% Last YTD 38.62%

June Break down as follows	<u>Received</u>	<u>Solved</u>
Violent Crime	4	2
Sexual Crime	1	0
Crimes of Dishonesty	31	18
Vandalism	12	3
Other Crime	1	5

Total Crimes Recorded July : **46** Total Crimes Solved July : **21**
45.65% solvency This YTD 47.32% Last YTD 38.19%

July Break down as follows	<u>Received</u>	<u>Solved</u>
Violent Crime	3	3
Sexual Crime	2	2
Crimes of Dishonesty	21	8
Vandalism	11	2
Other Crime	9	6

- There have been 354 calls received to the Bonnyrigg and Lasswade area for the month of July.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE IN BONNYRIGG

- About 2230hrs on Friday 3rd June at Bonnyrigg Sports Bar, Eskdale Court a large disturbance took place in the car park resulting in 2 males and a female being seriously assaulted. Officers attended and traced 2 suspects hiding in a nearby garden. Staff from the premises were helpful and from witness accounts it would appear that they have made every attempt to minimise further involvement by patrons. The 2 male suspects were later arrested and held for court on charges of Serious Assault to permanent disfigurement and Breach of the Peace
- About 0130hours on Wednesday 8th June officers saw 2 males riding pedal cycles, crossing Dobbies Road towards Polton Gardens. On seeing the police the males made off but were detained shortly after where they admitted to stealing 7 pedal cycles from various locations throughout Bonnyrigg. All bikes were recovered and returned to their rightful owners. This highlights the rich pickings that are lying about for the taking, so please if you own a pedal cycle and are not using it, secure it!
- About 1240hrs on Tuesday 21st June a resident in Broomieknowe reported that he had found a Mortar Shell in his garden shed. A cordon was set up and EOD (Bomb Disposal) attended and found that it had previously been defused. The said shell was then disposed of by EOD
- About 2140hrs on Friday 1st July the Community Action Team saw a group of 7 males in possession of alcohol. Due to the males all being under the age of 18 all alcohol was seized and disposed of. This included 6 bottles of beer, 4 cans of Cider, 2 bottles of Vodka and 2 litres of mixed spirits.
On 5th July in Harmony Crescent officers seized 6 bottles of beer and 2 bottles of Vodka from an underage female.
On 9th July in Dundas Street officers seized 2 bottles of lager, 3 cans of Cider and 2 litres of mixed spirits from eight 17yr old males.

On 20th July in Dundas Street officers seized 8 cans of lager from a sixteen year old male
On 22nd July in Dunelm Park youths made off from officers leaving behind 10 bottles of beer

- Following complaints from local residents at Durham Bank, Bonnyrigg regarding the driver of a vehicle who was constantly playing loud music, revving the engine to excessive levels along with repeatedly sounding the horn a 18yr old male driver was issued with an Anti Social behaviour order.
- Between 1730hours on 11/07/2011 and 1700hrs on 12/07/2011 an attempt was made to enter the garage at an address in Hillhead by removing the handle on the side door leading to same. No entry was gained. Thereafter, 2 dark green coloured patio heaters that were standing outside the garage were stolen.
- On the 16th July officers acted on information received and executed a drugs warrant at an address near to Eskbank Road, Bonnyrigg. As a result of this one male has been reported for minor drug offences
- Between 2015hrs and 2030hrs on 17th July 3 boys pedal cycles were stolen from the rear garden of a house in Peacock Avenue after being left insecure and unattended. Two bikes are mountain bikes and are described as No 1: maroon & yellow No 2: black and red whilst the 3rd one is a blue BMX Alleged culprits were 3 males aged 16-17yrs who had entered the garden through an open gate. Total value of theft approx £570
- About 0430hrs on 23rd July person(s) unknown have smashed the windscreen and the rear offside window of a red Fiat Punto that was parked and secured in Waverley Crescent. Value of damage is approximately £150.
- Between 0330hrs and 0500hrs on 23rd July on the footpath near to Sherwood Crescent a 35yr old male was walking his dog when he saw 4 males walking in the opposite direction towards him. A male only described as approx 35 years old, 5'2" tall, short dark hair and possibly wearing a dark hooded top threatened him with a knife. The complainer states he was then punched and kicked to the ground by the 4 males. 2 witnesses heard the disturbance and saw the males going through the complainers pockets as he lay on the ground. The males then made off from the locus. The complainer later attended at A&E where he received stitches to a cut to his upper lip. He later discovered money and other items were missing from his pockets.

End of Police Report

IB and Mary Johnston (resident of Broomieknowe Gardens) raise again the issue of traffic overtaking buses waiting at the stop opposite the entrance to Broomieknowe Gardens following further near misses. DM reported that plans are in hand to move the bus stop towards Bonnyrigg, but local residents need to be informed first. IH reported that the double white lines are currently unenforceable without 'tucking arrows' ahead of them. IB agreed to write to the council to ask if this can be arranged.

ACTION: IB

Janet Clark (resident of Dundas Street) asked if car parking close to junctions of new Eldindean and Eskbank Road could be addressed, as well as some parking on pavements. IH agreed to investigate.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Proposed by Dorothy Innes, seconded by Gilbert Scott

Matters Arising:

August meeting 2010

Hard Wood Bench — Bench purchased and will be delivered shortly. DI has looked into provision of a plaque and doesn't recommend brass as it would need regular cleaning. BS suggested stainless steel and suggested a source. BS agreed to investigate. Agreed wording would be "Presented by Bonnyrigg & Lasswade Community Council 2011" **Ongoing**

ACTION: BS

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*

May 2011

No access sign at the end of Wolsey Avenue. JA will investigate as will IH. JA reported council plans don't show ownership; however, right to roam legislation would protect walkers. It is currently understood that there is no legal bar to access, a definitive ruling would only be obtained by recourse to potentially costly legal proceedings. **Closed**

Community hospital café opening hours.— JA will find out. JA reported that the café is now open to visitors. **Closed**

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. JA reported that no current plans to build bus stops but if demand increases, the council will look into it. **Closed**

Hazardous waste — RS asked where does the public dispose of hazardous waste. JA will find out. JA reported that no current plans to build bus stops but if demand increases, the council will look into it. **Closed**

June Meeting 2011

Data protect registration — SR will send completed form and cheque. Has been done and confirmed. **Closed**

High Street development — BS to write to the planning with our concerns on parking and access to the high street. Brian had submitted an objection for the reasons previously discussed, also pointing out that a 3 storey building would be out of keeping with neighbouring buildings. **Closed**

Bonnyrigg CLAD worker — IB will contact them. Email was sent and reply received thanking us for our support. **Closed**

Financial Report:

Current Account:	As at 18 August 2011	£1,577.79
Transactions		
Debits	Mayshade (Bench)	£ 200.00
	Information commissioners	£ 35.00
Credits	Newsletter Adverts	£ 500.00

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

Twinning Account:	As at 18 August 2011	£1,713.70
Transactions		
Debits	None	
Credits	None	

Midlothian Councillors' Report:

Jackie Aitchison – Cherry Road Resource Centre refurbished. IKEA helping to build special disabled toilet facility, in discussion with Dobbie's to provide the same as well as East Lothian seabird centre.

Bob Constable – Education partnership with East Lothian council has been agreed.

Derek Milligan – progress on LHS building, with contacts about to be signed shortly. £60,000 residual funding for town centre improvements to be spent on replacing canopies at High Street/Polton Street. Corner shop (old off licence) to be re-let soon.

Planning:

No items of interest in recent planning applications.

BS asked if progress was being made in naming a street after David Dunn. IB agreed to contact the council to find out.

ACTION: IB

Transport:

IB reported that the Number 31 via Hopefield to pass through estate rather than along distributor road (although not N31), and that Princes Street will be closed to all traffic for 10 months from 3 September, with buses diverted along George Street.

Twinning: Nothing

LHSC: Nothing further to DM's report.

Fair Trade: Next meeting will be on Thursday 1st September at LHS (Community Room).

Newsletter: Nothing

Correspondence:

Midlothian Council

Minutes presented 28 June

Planning decision on infilling land at 11 Church Road Lasswade

Planning consultation for Lasswade High School project
Proposed traffic regulation order – new on street parking bays for people with disabilities
Travel Team Newsletters and advisory re Princes St closure

SESPLAN

Development Plan No 3

NHS

Health link

Scottish Health Council

Connect newsletter

Royal Horticultural Society

letter on Britain in Bloom

Scottish Natural Heritage

Summer magazine

PPF

May and June minutes plus various papers Bulletin

ASCC

Closure notice and letter from John Swinney

EMail from community councillors attempting to find support for replacement to ASCC

EMail confirming insurance cover.

Flyer re Scottish Politics Explained event

Flyer – online training course for community councillors

Reform Scotland

Community Council Survey

Midlothian Federation of CCs

May minutes

Cala Homes

Email requesting attendance at next meeting to give short presentation. Agreed to invite.

ACTION: IB

AOCB: Nothing

Next Meeting: 15 September 2011, Sports Pavilion, K G V Park at 19.30hrs.