

BONNYRIGG & LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on 15 September 2011 within Sports Pavilion, King George V Park Bonnyrigg at 19.30 hrs.

Present: Ian Baxter (Chair & minutes), Dorothy Innes (Vice-chair), Elaine Ferguson (Treasurer), Ruth Scott, Eddie Ramsay, Cam Scott, Caron Bergin, Janet Clark

In attendance: Councillor Bob Constable, PC Ian Hutchison, Derek Lawson (Cala Homes), Jim Donaldson (Broomieknowe Golf Club), Walter Renton (Broomieknowe Golf Club)

Apologies: Councillor Jackie Aitchison, Gilbert Scott

Welcome: The chairperson welcomed all to meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Amendment to Financial Report - £430 income from newsletter adverts had not been included in the previous month and the dates of balance for both the current account and the Twinning account should have been 18th August.

Proposed by Dorothy, seconded by Cam

Caron Bergin and Janet Clark were invited to join the community council, and were co-opted by unanimous agreement.

Presentation by Cala Homes and Broomieknowe Golf Club: Further details regarding the proposed development on the club's practice area were presented, with a proposed opening onto Eskbank Road opposite the entrance to Midlothian Community Hospital, with a set of traffic lights. Also proposals for the clubhouse were presented.

Agreed following discussion to support the application as it stands.

Police Report:

Total Crimes Recorded :30 Total Crimes Solved : 8 26.67% solvency
This YTD 45.35% Last YTD 38.56%

August Break down as follows	<u>Received</u>	<u>Solved</u>
Violent Crime	1	1
Sexual Crime	1	0
Crimes of Dishonesty	15	1
Vandalism	10	0
Other Crime	3	6

- There have been 270 calls received to the Bonnyrigg and Lasswade area for the month of August.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INITIATIVE, MIDLOTHIAN

Police in Midlothian have launched a two-month initiative aimed at tackling antisocial behaviour and reducing environmental damage in the area.

The initiative will see officers target areas in communities across Midlothian where there are issues with antisocial behaviour and other forms of low-level crime, such as vandalism, littering, graffiti, fly tipping, nuisance off-road biking, and dog fouling.

All of these issues have a detrimental impact on the communities in which they occur, and the initiative is aimed at tackling specific local issues in order to improve the local environment and the safety and security of residents.

As part of this activity, officers will visit 'hotspot' areas at specific times to carry out high-visibility patrols, in a bid to reduce environmental damage and prevent further antisocial behaviour taking place.

Chief Superintendent Mark Williams, Divisional Commander, said: "In the weeks ahead officers will be carrying out targeted and high-visibility patrols in areas where data suggests there is a problem with certain types of antisocial behaviour and low-level crime.

"As well as providing a deterrent to such activity, they will also seek to identify solutions that will prevent such crimes from happening in future.

"Lothian and Borders Police recognises the significant impact that antisocial behaviour and other low-level crime has on local communities, and through this initiative we aim to improve the quality of life for the majority of law-abiding residents in East and Midlothian."

MADE IN CRIME INITIATIVE

This is a force initiative to promote the use of Financial Investigation and the various applications of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and commenced on 15th August 2011.

Lothian and Borders Police are seeking assistance from the public and asking them to report any person(s) they suspect are benefiting from crime.

This should be reported using 'Crimestoppers' anonymously on 0800 555 111.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE IN BONNYRIGG

- Between 2000hrs and 2320hrs on 03/08/2011 at a house in Skeltiemuir Avenue persons unknown have thrown a plant pot at the living room window measuring approx 2'x4' smashing the outer pane (approx £150) A female is helping police with enquiries
- As part of Operation Adamant – Metal Theft disruption Activity - vulnerable premises have been given extra attention with High visibility patrols and static road checks having been carried out throughout the month with a total of 62 light commercial vans stopped at various loci across the Midlothian sector. 5 Road Traffic offences detected, including no insurance and no MOT, 4 Vehicle rectification forms issued for minor offences and one male wanted on a warrant for non-payment of a fine. He paid up in full
- About 0040hrs on 05/08/2011 the a/d male was seen running away from a white Citroen Berlingo panel van parked outside an address at Andy Kelly View. On checking the vehicle it had two slashed tyres, smashed windscreen, headlight, drivers window, and denting / puncture marks to the bonnet and rear offside panel. Value of damage in the region of £1,000. A witness has given the following description Male, white, 5'8" tall, stocky build, late 20's / early 30's, with short shaved dark hair, wearing grey hooded jumper with central hand pocket to the front and grey jogging bottoms.
- Around 1530hrs on 08/08/2011 a complaint was received regarding males acting suspiciously at Bonnyrigg Public Toilets, Campview Road. The complainer reports seeing somebody watching him through a small hole in the adjacent cubicle wall then running off when being discovered. The council has since covered the hole that was the size of a 2p piece directly below the toilet paper dispenser with a metal plate. Signage and extra attention has been given
- Between 1900hrs 25/08/11 and 0600hrs on 26/08/11 persons unknown have vandalised Modello Hairdressers, Bonnyrigg High Street by smashing 2 windows measuring 6ft x 6ft by means unknown, they have thereafter thrown gloss paint over windows, the door and doorstep. Cost of damage to complainer is £1000 Paint tin found in neighbouring street sent for examination.
- Between 26/08/11 and 30/08/2011 a male with an Asian accent phoned an elderly female, asked for her by name and introduced himself as Simon Hall from The Ministry of Justice and that he had an unclaimed cheque for over £3000 for her! In order for her to receive this money she would need to pay him money by way of vouchers then phone him back with the receipt number so he could transfer the money. On two other occasions the male made excuses as to why she had not received her cheque then asked for, and was given more money from her. This was after promising to deliver to her address £5000.
To date nothing has arrived!

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" .
IB to speak to BS re plaque. The most suitable days to arrange the presentation are a Monday or Tuesday, preferably PM.

Ongoing

ACTION: IB/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*

August meeting 2011

Hillhead, overtaking of buses at bus stop - 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.

Email received from Ricky Moffat of Roads Department: "The double white lines can be enforced as a result of the keep left bollard. However, notwithstanding that I am awaiting some advice on the relocation of the bus stop. If this is likely to prove lengthy we will organise the placing of the arrows." **Ongoing**

ACTION: IB

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

Email received from John Ward: I am trying to contact the Provost on this and a number of street naming issues. I will get back to you when I can. **Ongoing.**

ACTION: IB

Broomieknowe Golf Club planning application for practice area - Email received requesting attendance at next meeting to give short presentation. Agreed to invite. **Cleared.**

Financial Report:

Current Account:	As at 15 September 2011	£1,577.79
Transactions		
Debits	None	
Credits	None	

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

Twinning Account:	As at 15 September 2011	£1,713.89
Transactions		
Debits	None	
Credits	31 st May 2011	Interest £0.16
	30th June 2011	Interest £0.03

No receipt from Esk Valley Trust, Insurance or Information Commissioner. IB to contact Stewart Renwick to see if he is aware of any receipts.

ACTION: IB

Midlothian Councillors' Report:

Bob Constable – Bus support grants, no changes affecting our area. There may be changes to developer contributions. Leylandii on Eskbank Road to be removed. Front entrance to Lasswade Primary School on Pendreich Drive – white lines will be repainted. St Cyr Park – problems with broken bottles and youths congregating; one option is to remove the old railway platforms.

ER asked about leylandii on Dundas St spreading over pavement from a garden in Waverley Court. BC said he would look into it.

Planning: None

Transport: None

Twinning: None.

LHSC: None.

Fair Trade: meeting was held on Thursday 1st September at LHS (Community Room). Hope to submit application within the next few weeks, though we're struggling to find retail outlets, catering outlets and workplaces which fulfil the criteria. Primary schools are planning an inter-school football competition and other events to be held in FT fortnight in March.

Newsletter: Autumn edition being planned.

Correspondence

Midlothian Council

Midlothian Door Open Day (10th September)

Council minutes

Dalkeith Road diversions from 31st August

Traffic Order (Parking places for disabled motorists)

Strategic Development Planning Authority for Edinburgh & SE Scotland (SESPLAN) update

Midlothian Access Forum meeting minutes – 22 August
Public consultation on Supplementary Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing and Developer Contributions

Melville Housing Association

AGM (13th September)

Planning Aid for Scotland

Community Council Training - Planning and Scotland's Zero Waste Plan (Edinburgh 5th November)

Royal Bank of Scotland

Publicising Community Awards initiative called CommunityForce

Midlothian Community Health Partnership

CHP Budget and priority setting sessions
Setting up a Red Cross Buddy system in Midlothian
PPF meeting on Patient Transport (8 September)

NHS Midlothian

Invitation to the opening of the Midlothian Community Hospital (Monday 26th September @ 10am) – names of those interested to me
Notes from Health special meeting on Podiatry

Association of Scottish Community Councillors

Online bulletin

AOCB: RS raised the lack of cafeteria facilities at the community hospital. BC agreed to follow this up.

Agreed that as there are a number of apologies for next month's meeting, the meeting will be cancelled and the next meeting will be in November.

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