

BONNYRIGG & LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present: Ian Baxter (Chair & minutes), Elaine Ferguson (Treasurer), Ruth Scott, Gilbert Scott, Eddie Ramsay, Cam Scott, Caron Bergin, Brian Scott

In attendance: PC Ian Hutchison, Craig Finlay (Advertiser), Alan Marshall, Ronald Grindlay

Apologies: Dorothy Innes (Vice-chair), Janet Clark, Councillor Bob Constable

Welcome: The chairperson welcomed all to meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Proposed by Gilbert Scott, seconded by Eddie Ramsay

Police Report:

Total Crimes Recorded: 46 Total Crimes Solved: 14 30.43% solvency
This YTD 40.94% Last YTD 37.69%

October break down as follows	<u>Received</u>	<u>Solved</u>
Violent Crime	2 (9ytd)	4 (8ytd)
Sexual Crime	0 (4ytd)	2 (4ytd)
Crimes of Dishonesty	17	1
Vandalism	23	1
Other Crime	4 (53ytd)	6 (52ytd)

- There have been 352 calls received to the Bonnyrigg and Lasswade area for the month of October.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE IN BONNYRIGG

- As a result of a complaint received by PC Akers regarding excessive speeding from motorists using the B6392 at the rear of the Brixwold Estate, Roads Policing Officers based at Dalkeith were requested to carry out spot checks over a two-week period in October. The results of these checks were 6 drivers charged and 14 warned. Roads Policing have added this area to their list requiring regular attention.
- On Tuesday the 25th October 2011, Licensees, Club Stewards and representatives from The Anvil Inn, The Calderwood, The Chase (Bar 33), Bonnyrigg Ex -Servicemen's Club, The Laird and Dog, Lasswade Rugby Club, Lodge No 720 Social Club, The Polton Inn, The Retreat, Roses Social Club, The Royal Oak, Bonnyrigg Sports Bar and The Waverley Hotel met for the first meeting of BONNYRIGG and LASSWADE PUBWATCH. The constitution was ratified and the 13 licensed premises represented are now meeting on a monthly basis with the main purpose being to uphold and promote the five licensing objectives and to "combat incidents of violence, dishonesty, physical, verbal or drug abuse and any other relevant incidents in or around licensed premises.
- The average attendance times for attending emergency calls to the Bonnyrigg and Lasswade area for a 6 month period covering April through to September are as follows

	TIME	No of Calls
April	8.31	15
May	6.54	17
June	7.15	9
July	10.04	23
Aug	7.24	12
September	8.44	20

The average Time over this 6-month period was 8.09 minutes. E Division as a whole done extremely well.

- I reported during the month of September that there had been a spike in the number of Anti-social Behaviour calls to the Old Railway Platform at the rear of Sherwood Place. Due to a step up in patrols and inter agency working engaging with the local youths in an effort to find diversionary activities we have found that there has been a dramatic drop in the number of calls and a meeting with all the agencies to discuss their findings will be happening in the near future. There were 18 calls for the Sherwood area in the last 6 weeks, 12 calls in relation to the problem area, 8 of these were area searched no trace of any youths and 4 were actioned i.e. youths moved on.

- Between 13:45 and 14:30 on the 01/10/2011 at Bonnyrigg Rose FC Car Park a bus from St Andrews Executive Travel had its skylight window smashed by unknown person/s. A small stone was found within the coach that is believed to have been used. Police contacted, attended and a statement was noted Value of damage £400.00
- Between 28/09/2011 and 02/10/2011 at an address in Lower Broomieknowe, Bonnyrigg it was discovered that approximately ¾ of a tank of diesel fuel had been siphoned from a Landrover Discovery whilst its owners were on holiday.
- On the 31st October despite officers visiting all retailers that sell eggs and making them aware of the spiralling trend of youths throwing them at house windows a total of 9 calls over a two hour period were received for the Bonnyrigg area.
- Drink seized from teenagers this month include 2 bottles of Buckfast, 14 Cans of beer and 1 bottle of wine.

End of police report.

Discussion centred on youth disorder issues, particularly in St Cyr Park, along the cycle track behind New Eldindean and at Brixwold. IH intimated that a letter is going out to parents of pupils at Lasswade High School, signed by the town's councilors, head teacher and chairs of the town's two community councils.

Ronald Grindlay (who arrived after IH had left) gave details of incidents in Brixwold of unruly behavior and a spate of eggs thrown at residents' windows. The Community Council assured Mr Grindlay that we and the police are aware of the incidents and we will continue to support the police and press them further in their efforts to clamp down on such behavior. Mr Grindlay suggested that the police presence should increase as the town increases in size, although it was stressed by some that many of the perpetrators travel from outside the town.

Matters Arising:

August Meeting 2010

Hard Wood Bench — Brian has arranged for a brass plaque to be installed. IB to contact NHS again to arrange a date for an official presentation.

ACTION: IB

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.*

MC has indicated that the report will not be released until the police investigation is concluded. Following discussion at the November 2011 meeting it was agreed that IB would write to the police to ask when their investigation is likely to be complete.

ACTION: IB

August meeting 2011

Hillhead, overtaking of buses at bus stop – *Emails from MC's transport department to IB and IH indicate that crossing double white lines without the presence of 'tucking arrows' may not be enforceable, but crossing on the wrong side of a keep left sign is. IB to write to the transport department to ask if tucking arrows can be painted, and to ask about progress on moving the bus stop.*

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 from John Ward: There is some reticence over naming streets after people and Adam is suggesting that possibly one of the play areas at Hopefield could be dedicated to David Dunn which I believe is happening in similar circumstances at Mayfield. Would you be happy enough to go for this?

Agreed after discussion to contact the family and ask if they are in agreement to MC's suggestion, or to suggest options themselves.

ACTION: IB

September meeting 2011

No receipt from Esk Valley Trust, Insurance or Information Commissioner. IB to contact Stewart Renwick to see if he is aware of any receipts. Insurance receipt has been supplied. Others do not appear to be available. **Closed.**

Financial Report:

Current Account:	As at 15 September 2011	£1,577.79
Current Account:	As at 17 November 2011	£2,429.43

Transactions

Debits	Gift for Stewart Renwick	£32.38
	Poppy wreaths	£54.00

Credits	Midlothian Council grant	£688.02
	Newsletter adverts	£250.00

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
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Transactions

Debits None

Credits None (awaiting bank statements for interest)

Midlothian Councillors' Report:

No councillors present

Planning: Nothing significant.

Transport: None

Twinning: None.

LHSC: None.

Fair Trade: The application for FT Town status is about to be submitted.

Newsletter: Autumn/winter edition being delivered.

Midlothian Council

Midlothian Council minutes (2 sets)

Stakeholders meeting minutes 30th June

Parking Spaces for Disabled Motorist Variation Order

Planning Dept - Broomieknowe Golf Club Practice Area; acknowledging our letter of support

Travel Team Newsletter Issue 58

Traffic Order relating to closure of roads in severe weather conditions

Extension of Public Consultation Period for Supplementary Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing and Developer Contributions

Letter from 'Community and Wellbeing' department on Midlothian's Joint Older People's Strategy 2011-15

Scottish Government

Community Resilience Team - Publication of the Guide to Emergency Planning for Community Groups

Spokes

Late 2011 newsletter

Commission on Rural Education

Call for Evidence – responses required by 12 January 2012

Scottish Natural Heritage

Autumn Newsletter

SESPLAN

Proposed Plan and Action Plan

David Hamilton MP

Details of surgeries to June 2012

Colin Beattie MSP

Request to attend one of our meetings – agreed to invite Colin to the January or February meeting.

Stewart Renwick

letter of thanks for gift

Esk Valley Trust

Newsletter

Lothian & Borders Police

Review of Midlothian Police Stations

NHS Midlothian

Health Link magazine
Public Partnership Forum minutes 22 September
Midlothian PPF Bulletin – November 2011

Association of Scottish Community Councillors

Community Councillor magazine
Confirmation of insurance policy

Scottish Water

Protect Your Pipes campaign

Edinburgh & Lothians Green Space Trust

CSGN Community Projects Fund

Heather Preston (local resident)

Suggesting re-introducing the fireworks display – see under AOCB

AOCB:

Fireworks – there was a general feeling that we should explore the suggestion made by Heather Preston. Agreed to look into financial viability (e.g. using a company which specialises in providing displays, seeking sponsors). If viable, we will look into setting up a steering committee involving ourselves, Poltonhall CC, Poltonhall Gala committee, Bonnyrigg Events Committee and others, including Heather and her friends who have offered to help.

IB to look into the feasibility of using a company to run the event and the costs of doing so.

ACTION: IB

EF asked if we planned to do anything for the day of the duck race. After discussion it was agreed that this would be a good way of raising our profile and possibly raising funds for use in the community. However, it was felt this was too short notice to arrange anything for this year, but we would so for 2013.

EF raised an issue of the 31 bus, due to delays resulting from numerous roadworks in Edinburgh, have been transferring passengers on buses at The Murrays to catch up with timetable. People being transferred from Polton Mill buses to those with destination Bonnyrigg, and vice versa. Also buses heading for Bonnyrigg or Polton Mill have been overtaking those destined for Polton mill or Bonnyrigg respectively at bus stops in Edinburgh. IB to contact Lothian buses with these concerns.

ACTION: IB

CS advised that the white lines on the road at the entrance to Lasswade Primary school have now been completed.

Next Meeting: 19 January 2012, Sports Pavilion, K G V Park at 19.30hrs.