

BONNYRIGG AND LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15.03.07

Present: Neil Stewart, Ian Baxter (minutes), Dorothy Innes, Cameron Scott, Brian Scott, Gilbert Scott, Ruth Scott

In Attendance: Tracey Murray (Advertiser), Margaret Workman, Bob Constable, Councillor Jackie Aitchison (arrived 7.55 pm)

Apologies: Councillor Derek Milligan

Minutes of previous meeting. Date of AGM is 15th March, not April. Amended minutes proposed by Brian Scott, seconded by Cam Scott.

Matters Arising: St. Cyr. Response received by Martine Derome – she is no longer involved in the Twinning Association, although she did not intimate who was. However, the Mansart School in St Cyr is interested in setting up correspondence. Neil will meet with Albert Jaster of LHS to hopefully move this forward. Neil will write back asking for details of who is now involved.

Financial Report:

Current Account £1097.48

Twinning Account £1712.04

No expenditure since last report.

Grant from Midlothian council for £688.02 received.

Police Report None provided. Neil will contact the community constables asking for a written report in advance of meetings in the event of their inability to attend.

Report from Councillor Jackie Aitchison

The council is mainly tidying up on approach to the local elections.

- 1) Recreation ground & rugby ground – progressing and may even be ready for the new season. The 2 football pitches and astro turf 5-a-side pitch should be available soon.
- 2) Poltonhall council houses have now begun. Names are being suggested for the new housing streets.
- 3) Planning committee – extension to land at Dalhousie, threatening access. from Rosewell Road. The owner offered evidence that the land is owned by him. A compromise was agreed to allow access adjacent to the plot, with access also available to the neighbouring farmer.
- 4) Town centre improvements will be opened Tuesday 20th March.
- 5) New police officers will be dedicated to street policing to counter anti-social behaviour. Mopeds have also been purchased.

Planning.

Neil reported there was nothing of concern in the recent notices.

Dalhousie Dairy – Margaret Workman had written to MC following consultation with other CC members since last meeting, essentially objecting to the proposed demolition of the dairy itself. Concern was also expressed that the proposed development borders the Green Belt.

Correspondence.

1. Midlothian Council – invitation to official opening of the town centre improvements – Tuesday 20th March at 6.15pm
2. Scottish Executive – leaflet on future planning guidelines
3. Scottish Executive – newsletter
4. Spokes – newsletter
5. Midlothian Council – amended by-laws on drinking in public places
6. Midlothian Council – amendment to traffic orders – loading/unloading on Dundas Street
7. Midlothian Council – extension to waiting restrictions on Westmill Road, Lasswade
8. Midlothian Council – Council minutes

Transport.

Brian Scott raised the issue of Lothian X31 services not picking up at the end of Baird's Way, together with the issue of lack of paths linking stops with housing and bus shelters not installed on the distributor road to Hardengreen. Jackie will take this up with Midlothian Council.

AOB

Ian reported that the web site has been transferred to a new server. Currently experiencing technical problems in uploading which should be resolved in the next fortnight.

Gilbert highlighted the problem with people not being allowed to retrieve salvage like bicycles from council skips (these can be refurbished). Jackie said there was currently oversupply of bicycles in need of refurbishment.

Jackie advised that funds had built up from the Newbiggin mine work fund for use on environmental projects in the area and suggestions are welcome.

Brian raised the issue of Cockpen Road speed warning lights which are still not operating during school opening/closing times, months after being installed. Jackie will follow this up.

Cam advised of a boxing tournament taking place next month. However, the organisers need to pay £1,500 for use of Lasswade High School with no help from Midlothian Council. Jackie expressed surprise that they had not received a grant – Cam to enquire about this.

Ruth and Gilbert had attended a symposium on child protection, run by Midlothian Council. There is a young persons' fund available for organised groups.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 19th April, 2007, at George V Pavilion, at 7.30 PM