

Bonnyrigg and Lasswade Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 20th September 2007 in the Sports Pavilion, King George V Park, Bonnyrigg at 7.30 pm.

Present: Neil Stewart (Chair), Ian Baxter (Vice Chair), Dorothy Innes (Treasurer), Cameron Scott, Brian Scott, Gilbert Scott, Stewart Renwick & Jane Park.

In attendance: Councillor Jack Aitchison, Councillor Bob Constable, Constable Roddy Stewart & Inspector Neil Simpson.

Apologies: Ruth Scott, George Birrell & Linda Black.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

These were accepted without amendments, proposed by Dorothy Innes and seconded by Cameron Scott.

Matters arising

Buses – No 31 at Cockpen to be extended to new distributor road from end of September 2007.

Twinning – Neil Stewart had written to Bob Atack (Midlothian Twinning Association), requesting formal intervention by Midlothian Council to re-establish contact with St Cyr l'Ecole Town Council.

Federation of Community Councils – BLCC needs to send a representative, to be discussed and agreed.

Finance

Current Account	£1017.88
Twinning	£1720.61

Police Report

Constable Stewart had now taken over from PC St Clair-Gunn as community police constable for the Bonnyrigg & Lasswade area. He reported on crime solvency as follows:-

Crime	Recorded	Solved
Violent	2	2
Sexual	1	0
Dishonesty	31	22
Vandalism	20	10
Miscellaneous	11	11
Totals:	65	45
Solvency Rate 69%		

Inspector Neil Simpson outlined a proposal to send a letter to the parents of school students at Lasswade High School, highlighting the problems of youth disorder in the area. Community councillors agreed to fund £200 towards the cost of issuing the letter.

Midlothian Councillors Report

Jack Aitchison –

- New lighting now in place and drainage in KGV Park installed.
- Peden's garage site being developed for housing and should be inhabited by end of 2007.
- Former bicycle shop – an estate agent is interested in it, but a planning application involves change from retail to non-retail use. Due to shortage of retail premises locally, it's been recommended for refusal and will go back on the market.
- New licensing act in force on 1st Jan – Licensing board will meet as necessary. Extra training required for all involved. Premises and/or individuals can be licensed rather than just the individual as at present.
- New care home in Gorebridge to be opened in February 2008. At Nazareth House, there are plans for a 'care village'.
- Funding committed by Scottish Government for the new community hospital. Building should start next year.

Bob Constable –

- Flooding at Cameron Crescent now resolved – caused by leaves.
- Attended opening of Lasswade Rugby Club.

Planning

There was nothing of significance for the community council's consideration.

Up coming developments at Nazareth House (see above).

Dalhousie Business Park

Viridor has asked us to attend meetings to understand developments in the Business Park. Cameron Scott attended on behalf of BLCC and made the following report: Meeting well attended. Viridor claims to be mitigating the problems of powdered glass in the vicinity of the plant. Extensions planned to the operations on the site, proposing further office as well as operational plant. Intend to install more modern equipment to contain effluents. SEPA is making regular weekly site visits and sampling materials escaping from the plant. Rhona Brankin had attended the meeting and registered concern at the lack of control of operations by the company by Midlothian Council.

Councillor Aitchison promised to look into the developments and report back.

Correspondence

- Proposal for a mobile phone mast within Bonnyrigg Parish Church tower.
- Library Service (Midlothian Council) – now conduit for info from/to Community Councils
- Midlothian Council – Park & Ride (deferred to next meeting)
- Girl Guides – annual report
- Esk Valley Trust – membership confirmation
- Midlothian Council – Newsletter
- Edinburgh & Lothians Green Space – newsletter
- Email from PC David St Clair-Gunn, former community constable, thanking all for support over the years.

Any Other Competent Business

A further newsletter is to be planned. Neil Stewart & Ian Baxter will liaise on the matter. Ian Baxter will create a first draft.

Constitution – Stewart Renwick is reviewing the existing constitution documentation. It was agreed to set up a special meeting, possibly in November, to agree an updated draft constitution for submission to Midlothian Council for approval.

Ruth Scott had tendered her resignation as BLCC Secretary and this had been accepted.

Date of the Next meeting: 18th October 2007