

Bonnyrigg and Lasswade Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 17th January 2008 in the Sports Pavilion, King George V Park, Bonnyrigg at 7.30 pm.

Present: Neil Stewart (Chair), Ian Baxter (Vice Chair), George Birrell, Cameron Scott, Ruth Scott, Gilbert Scott Stewart Renwick, Brian Scott, Dorothy Innes

In attendance: Councillor Bob Constable, PC Stewart, Tracey Murray (Advertiser).

Apologies: Councillor Derek Milligan

Amendments

None

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

These were proposed by George Birrell, seconded by Stewart Renwick

Matters arising

Remembrance day – letter sent to John Hilton thanking him for the organisation on the day.

Finance

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| Current Account | £844.44 |
| Twinning | £1725.60 |

Police Report

| Crime | Recorded | Solved |
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| Violent | 0 | 0 |
| Sexual | 1 | 1 |
| Dishonesty | 12 | 4 |
| Vandalism | 29 | 12 |
| Miscellaneous | 3 | 3 |
| Totals: | 45 | 20 |
| Solvency Rate 45% | | |

2 positive breath tests during December. Also a dramatic fall in youth crime recorded.

Public consultations will be taking place in Gorebridge and Penicuik over the next few weeks, to which all members of the public are invited.

Midlothian Councillors' Report

Councillor Bob Constable –

- Christmas lights were very good, thanks recorded to Derek
- Bonnyrigg Public Hall will be closed from 3rd – 11th Feb to improved disabled access
- Bus shelter in Lothian Street damaged – should be repaired tomorrow
- Airport runway repairs will result in overhead night flights during the summer
- Issue of confusion over bin collections during holiday period; report due out soon
- Council has received complaints about problems following first fall of snow

Transport

Brian Scott asked if the new bus stop outside Sherwood (for buses heading to Edinburgh) could have a shelter installed. Bob constable agreed to look into it.

Newsletter

Ian has circulated a template and contacted Poltonhall CC to discuss a joint

Ian to produce mock-ups and pass to Cam who will take round shops and busienseses to request donations (min £10) from them to include in 'list of sponsors'

Fun Day, Twinning, Buses, Youth Issues, CC membership, web site, Councillors' surgeries

Twinning

Letter received from new president of St Cyr Twinning (m. Concalvez). Committee has changed over last few years and new members have come in. New organisation has been set up and twinning is being considered as part of that. He will be in contact as soon as that exercise is complete.

AGM

In keeping with our new constitution, all those wishing to remain on CC need to submit a nomination by late February.

Stewart agreed to draw up a form and bring it to the next meeting. Forms will be placed in library for general use.

Proposed that Bob Constable be the Returning Officer, which he agreed to do.

Constitution

This has been submitted to Midlothian Council and it was presented to MC at which the changes were queried. Neil has presented all the relevant information to Bob Attack.

Planning

- Lasswade High Street – extension to existing office building
- Hopefield Yard, Cockpen View – erection of 10 houses
- Erection of Primary School at Bonnyrigg Primary School

Dalhousie Business Park – Neil reported that the situation has improved considerably with new crushing equipment for glass recycling to be located indoors, incorporating a sprinkler, shutters, sound insulation. More trees may be planted around the works. SEPA are monitoring the situation and Viridor have promised to ensure the hours of operation are as agreed. Re roads in locality, still looking for funding for improvements.

Keockvale Park homes – proposed re-development in caravan park. Agreed to await planning applications. Brian to look at proposals meanwhile.

Correspondence

- Letter from Community Service Officer – asking if CC could consider if there is any work in the community which could be performed by people given Community Service Orders. Agreed to invite him to April meeting.
- Spokes - newsletter
- Mctaggart Mickel - magazine
- Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust – newsletter
- NHS Lothian – consultation
- Poltonhall & District CC – discussion on amalgamation. Their view is it's better for now to remain separate but to co-operate on certain issues
- Local Area Coordination Committee for Disabled - asking for donation. Decided we could not help financially but would be willing to help in other ways.

Any Other Competent Business

The CC mourned the passing recently of Anna Dobson of LDCC and Esk Valley Trust. Neil agreed to pass on the condolences of the CC to Anna's family.

Brian referred to the levy charged on coal transfers through Bonnyrigg, which we had previously been asked to suggest uses. Brian suggested perhaps a piece of equipment for the health centre or the new community hospital.

Ruth had attended the Midlothian Federation of CCs meeting. She provided info on WREN funding and suggested we could look for similar funding.

Stewart attended a Midlothian Safety meeting, dealing with their mediation service. Meeting was poorly attended. Leaflets are available to publicise the service.

Gilbert raised issue of old Health Centre and asked if it was still the plan for it to be used by dentists. As far as we know it is still the case.

George – Polton Gardens – he had complained to MC about generator noise in area where new houses are being built. He had also complained about removal of the turning circle. Suggested contacting Environmental Health on noise grounds. Bob agreed to take the matter up.

Bonnyrigg Scotmid closing – discussed the issue and expressed a hope that the building remains a retail outlet of some sort. Concern was also expressed about where the Post Office was to be re-located to.

Date of the Next meeting: 21st February 2008.