

## **Bonnyrigg and Lasswade Community Council**

### **Minutes of Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 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, Dorothy Innes.

**In attendance:** Councillor Derek Milligan, Councillor Jackie Aitchison, Inspector Neil Simpson (L & B Police).

**Apologies:** Brian Scott, Stewart Renwick, PC Rod Stewart, Councillor Bob Constable, Tracey Murray (Advertiser).

#### **Amendments**

None

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

These were proposed by George Birrell, seconded by Dorothy Innes

#### **Matters arising**

A response was received from Councillor Bob Constable on bus shelters – a costing of around £6,000 was provided by Midlothian Council.

Twinning – Provost Adam Montgomery has written to Mayor Bernard Debain of St Cyr l'Ecole inviting him to re-establish the link and to Midlothian Council's Europe day in May 2008.

AGM – Accounts have been prepared and audited.

Polton Gardens – The generator mentioned has now been removed by the contractors.

Bonnyrigg Post Office will be relocated at SPAR supermarket, Polton Street with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

#### **Finance**

Current Account	£694.44
Twinning	£1730.27

A cheque for £150.00 had been sent to Lothian & Borders Police for BLCC's share of the cost of producing the "Youth Disorder" letter recently distributed.

#### **Police Report**

Inspector Simpson gave the following report:-

Crime	Recorded	Solved
Violent	1	1
Sexual	0	0
Dishonesty	11	2
Vandalism	18	5
Miscellaneous	26	27
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>35</b>
Solvency Rate 61%		

There were 34 recorded 'youth disturbance' calls during January 2008, which is considered to be quite low (9% of all recorded calls).

It is hoped that a new Community Action Team will be located in Bonnyrigg.

## **Midlothian Councillors' Report**

### **Councillor Jackie Aitchison –**

- Nazareth House proposed 'care village' – The housing units can be purchased by residents but must be sold back to the 'village'.
- New houses, including amenity housing to be built at Campview Road.
- Eskdale Drive/Cameron Crescent - new council houses to be handed over around April 2008.
- The old library buildings in Lothian Street have been refurbished and now have disabled access.
- Lothian Buses No.49 bus service has now been extended to Rosewell on Sundays, every 30 minutes.
- Lothian Health Service – The old health centre is having its existing flat roof replaced with a sloped one and new flowerbed arrangements are planned for the front of the building.
- Boundary Commission proposals include plans for Bonnyrigg to be part of a new 'North Midlothian and Musselburgh' parliamentary constituency for the Scottish Parliament.

### **Councillor Derek Milligan –**

- Midlothian Council's Budget has been agreed with extra money allocated for smart boards in schools, school estates and pavements. Also extra money for policing. Funding has been set to assist Vogrie Festival and various gala days.
- Councillors Milligan & Aitchison apologised on behalf of Midlothian Council for problems encountered with refuse bin collections and road gritting over the New Year period. Measures are being put in place to ensure that there will be no repetition of these problems.

## **Constitution**

This has now been fully approved by Midlothian Council.

## **AGM**

In accordance with the new constitution, nominations are now open for elections to BLCC. Councillor Bob Constable has been appointed returning officer and nominations close on 29 February 2008. Information and nomination forms are available from Bonnyrigg Public Library and also via the BLCC web site.

## **Newsletter**

Ian Baxter provided a draft newsletter and he passed a copy to Cameron Scott for circulation around shops & businesses in the town.

Material is now required and needs to be given to Ian Baxter by end of March 2008 to ensure that the newsletter is available for circulation by mid-May 2008.

## **Planning**

A copy of a letter submitted to Midlothian Council [Planning Dept], by a resident in Broomieknowe, objecting to a proposed planning application in the area, had been received. It was agreed that BLCC would await the formal application being submitted.

A letter had been received from Midlothian Council [Planning Dept] advising that we need to register as a contractor to receive future copies of Ordnance Survey information.

## **Transport**

A new travel map for Midlothian was now available. Copies were circulated to BLCC members.

Ian Baxter gave details of the "mybustracker.co.uk" web site that was now up and running.

The bus tracker system should be installed in centre of Bonnyrigg soon. It was currently awaiting the installation of signage and a cable connection.

### **Correspondence**

Association of Scottish Community Councils (ASCC) – It was noted that we would soon need to register in accordance with Data Protection Act (circa £35.00 per annum).

ASCC – A meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> March in Edinburgh giving the opportunity to meet Lothian MSPs.

Viridor (Glass recycling plant at Dalhousie Business Park) – A meeting had been rescheduled for April 2008.

NHS Lothian – Invitation had been received to a lunch on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at the Scottish Mining Museum when future plans would be shared.

Lothian & Borders Police Board – A letter and leaflet introducing the “Custody Visiting Scheme” had been received.

### **Any Other Competent Business**

Gilbert Scott asked about car parking at the new Bonnyrigg Health Centre. He said that it was very restrictive. Discussion followed and it was suggested that it may even be related to a ‘park and ride’ problem experienced along the Lothian Buses No. 31 bus route. Councillor Jackie Aitchison will raise the matter with Lothian Health Board.

**Date of the Next Meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> March 2008 – 7.30 pm