

Bonnyrigg and Lasswade Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 16 April 2009 in the Sports Pavilion, King George V Park, Bonnyrigg at 7.30pm.

Present: Ian Baxter (Chairman) Dorothy Innes (Vice-Chair), Stewart Renwick (Secretary), Elaine Ferguson (Treasurer), George Birrell, Cameron Scott, Ruth Scott, Gilbert Scott, Brian Scott.

In attendance: Councillor Bob Constable, Councillor Jackie Aitchison, Tracy Murray (Advertiser), PC Gillian Taylor (Lothian and Borders Police).

Welcome: The Chairman Welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies: Eddie Ramsay, Derek Milligan and PC Rod Stewart

Minutes of Previous Meeting: These were proposed by George Birrell and seconded by Dorothy Innes

Matters arising:

September Meeting

- Secure post Box within Spar— waiting response from the Post office. *IB has written again to the post office*

Action: IB

November Meeting

- Broomieknowe Gardens Walkway — Information passed onto appropriate council department. *The commercial services replied that the pavements were on their list, but due to budget constraints were unlikely to be carried out this year — Discharged*

January Meeting

- Pedestrian Crossing — Road safety report from director commercial service and Strategic service Lothian Street (between the Waverley Cres and Eldindean Rd junctions) and meeting with SR. John Blair would not have the relevant information ready until beginning of March. *Information still not available*

Action: John Blair (Director Commercial Services) (Carried Forward)

- Bonnyrigg Organisation Contacts— Bring records up to date. SR asked all members to supply him with any details that they have regarding any organisation.

Action: SR/ALL (Carried Forward)

February Meeting

- Polton road Traffic — Volume and speed giving concern to residents. SR to send email again to JA for JA to respond. The survey detail handed in to March meeting will be sent. *Warning signs regarding speed have been installed at the top and bottom of the road. — Discharged*

- Holiday vaccination appointments — write to find out average waiting time *SR has written to the PPF asking if they have details*

Action: SR (Carried Forward)

- Invite to Deputy Commander Jackie Conway (E Division) to CC meeting. *Jackie Conway has accepted our invite for the June meeting. — Discharged*

- Dundas Street illegal parking — Notify traffic officers — **Discharged**

- Police report for newsletter. *Pc Taylor will chase — Discharged*

- Rubbish on Cockpen to Carrington road — Notify council department — **Discharged**

- Visit to Police Call centre — SR to arrange

Action: SR (Carried Forward)

- Change to Dalhousie medical practise boundaries — Notify NHS of support — **Discharged**

- Midlothian Council directory — Contacts to enable SR to contact departments direct — **Discharged**

Financial Report:

Cheques paid out are
£50 for gift
£35 Federation of Community Councils
Income to twinning account £400 from Midlothian Twinning

Current Account	£1,673.27
Twinning	£2139.42

Police Report:

PC Gillian Taylor provided the following report

Crime	Recorded	Solved
Violent	2	2
Sexual	2	1
Dishonesty	14	17
Mal Misc	27	4
Other Crime	8	7
Totals:	53	31
Solvency Rate 58%		

Midlothian Councillors' Report:

Councillor Jackie Aitchison:

Bonnyrigg Primary School is on schedule, to open in August, as is Penicuik and Woodburn.

The council environmental officer has been requested to monitor the rubbish in the town centre.

The council chief executive is retiring and the procedures for selecting a new chief executive is progressing.

The Midlothian News has achieved delivery to 97% households. It is changing to quarterly and will contain 10 pages. It is planned to allow one page for community news i.e. Community Council newsletter.

To mark international workers day the trade unions have picked the health service for recognition and are erecting a statue of Nye Bevan in the peace park.

The new licensing laws are now coming into operation and there will be two licences one for the proprietor and the second for the premises. The committee are to re-introduce visiting the license premise.

Councillor Bob Constable:

There are a number of complaints regarding the Bonnyrigg district heating system; this is due to a flat rate for all houses whereas the system covers various sizes of accommodation.

SR raised, on behalf of a resident of Laird Terrace, an issue regarding the developers of Bonnyrigg primary school causing damage to Laird Terrace Park due to vehicles either parking or turning on the grass. Both Councillor Constable and Aitchison assured the meeting that the contractor, as part of the planning consent, requires to rectify the damage. Midlothian Council will rectify any problems and then bill the contractor should they not meet their commitment. SR will respond to the resident

Action: SR

GS Congratulated the councillors on the work that has been carried out in Polton. He was however afraid that horses and dogs fouling on the shale paths would spoil a very good facility. BC intimated that it was not possible to keep horses or dogs out of the area.

BS raised his concerns that licensed premises were continually open until 2am during mid-week and he could see no need for this. BC responded by informing him that the core hours are 11am until 1am.

There were a number of premises with Grandfather Rights which the licensing committee could do nothing about.

Planning:

Premier Inn at Melville dykes—there was a healthy debate on the pros and cons on the allocation of planning permission for this new hotel. BS was disappointed that the CC and the other organisations objections were disregarded in the planning process. JA pointed out that none of the organisations had attended the meeting to officially object, but had only lodged their concerns by letter.

BC told the meeting that the planning application had the backing of the Midlothian council planners. DM had voted against with BC and JA voting in favour of the application as tourism was essential to Midlothian and there was a shortage of accommodation in the area. Planning is conditional that the hotel must be build first.

Transport:

Lothian buses have made significant changes to the 31 route by extending the route, to Rosewell, to off-set the problems of First bus withdrawing from the area.

Twinning:

The only report on twinning is that the proposed visit top St Cyr will be on the 21st June, when they are hoping to celebrate the 45 years of twinning with Bonnyrigg.

Newsletter:

PDCC do not wish to take part in this year's newsletter. The print run will be 4000 to cover the houses in Bonnyrigg. IB has already advertising revenue of £60 for one advert. IB would like to move to two issues per year as there is plenty of material. CS will sell advertising space to the local businesses

Action: CS

Planning Meetings:

- (a) Planning seminar on Planning Gain or planning obligations on the 14 May. IB is attending but it was open to all.
- (b) Introduction of E-planning within Midlothian. BS and SR will attend this meeting.
- (c) The introduction of the new planning regulations will have an impact on CC. Ian Johnson

Spring clean:

IB has contacted Claire Taylor-Brown regarding volunteers from the newly formed youth forum.

The ASCC have advised that their insurance will cover the Spring Clean event as well as annual cover for members of the CC. It was agreed to take out the insurance for a cost of £52

Action: SR

Nine of those members of the CC present agreed to attend the clean-up.

Model Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils:

SR informed the meeting that Midlothian Council officers were looking at the proposals and would make a recommendation on where MC would adopt them for there CC. The documents are in the correspondence pack and SR asked all to read.

Correspondence:

Public Partnership Forum

Last months minutes
This month's agenda.

Midlothian Council

Minutes presented to Midlothian Council on 24 March 2009

Applications for premises Licence

Polton Bowling Club, Bonnyrigg Social Club, Lasswade rugby Club, Lodge Dalhousie, Bonnyrigg and District ex-servicemen club, Broomieknowe Golf club and Bonnyrigg Bowling club

Notice of adoption of local plan (as modified) Letter explaining where it can be viewed. SR has a copy if anyone wants to read it contact SR.

Colin Beattie SNP group budget proposals

Detail of the SNP budget proposal which was not supported by the administration.

Model Scheme of establishment of community councils and Code of conduct

Included letter, model constitution, Model Standing orders, Model scheme for the establishment of community councils

Esk Valley trust

Spring newsletter. AGM papers on Tuesday 5th May St Davids Church Hall Dalkeith at 7.pm for 7.30pm. Association application form with and donation.

The meeting agreed to donate £60 SR to send cheque and application.

Action: SR

Learning regeneration Skills workshop

Thursday 2nd June

Travel team Newsletter

Emails

Small Projects Regeneration Fund

Advising that we are opening the first round of SPRF funding for 2009, it will open on the 14th April and close at the end of May.

Awards for All and Scottish Community Councils

Information regarding changes to the Big Lottery Fund's small grants scheme - Awards for All.

AOCB:

Condition of pavements in the High Street and Polton Street — CS raised the state of the pavements due to chewing gum etc, and asked was there a machine that could clean them up. JA confirmed that there was and he would notify the commercial service to have the area put on the list for cleaning.

Bin Locks — IB raised the state of the "new" bins their inadequacies. JA stated that they were to be taken away and replaced.

Entrance to park from Park road — BS highlighted the amount of loose bark that was lying in the gutter in the entrance to the park. New bark had been laid down in the garden but the old bark that was lying on the road had been left. JA will notify commercial service.

Action: JA

Borders Railway — BS enquired if the councillors had any up date information on the railway and was it delayed. There was no up date but the councillors reiterated that both Midlothian and Borders council were still very keen to have the railway built.

Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 21 May 2009
(Sports Pavilion, King George V Park, Bonnyrigg) at 7.30 pm.