



# *West Linton Community Council*

## **Draft Minutes of Meeting held in**

**Village Centre Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm**

**Present** – Graham Tulloch (Chair), Carn Peaston, Gavin Jefcoate, Susan Groat, Mark McDavid, Marion Storrie, Anne McKenzie, Fiona Lawson

**In Attendance** – Cllr Eric Small and 2 members of the public

1. **Apologies** – Jez Everest, Cllrs Anderson & Chapman

**2. Police matters**

- a) Police report for December is appended.
- b) Neighbourhood Watch update – meeting held and leaflet drop to be carried out to raise awareness of the scheme and to encourage more volunteers in the village. WLCC to register with Neighbourhood Watch website for alerts. Window stickers and signs for lamp posts to be investigated.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - the Minutes of the previous meeting were signed by the Chair as accurate.

4. **Matters arising** (not on agenda)- Graham-Yooll Memorial Sundial update - a member of the community will provide further details having attended a talk on sundials in the village recently.

5. **Open Floor Questions (max. 15 mins)** – A member of the community noted a dip in the road at Cunzie Neuk and wanted information on where to report this. The Chair advised that there was a Council website where this could be reported.

[https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/site/xfp/scripts/xforms\\_form.php?formID=297&language=en](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/site/xfp/scripts/xforms_form.php?formID=297&language=en)

**6. Planning Issues (WLCC Area)**

- a) Planning applications: may be viewed online at <https://eplanning.scotborders.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=advanced&searchType=Application>

<b>Planning Application Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>CC comment</b>
18/01/01699/TCA – Margaret Johnstone	Works to Trees – Yarrow Cottage, Upper Green	Noted

18/01702/AGN – A Struthers	Erection of General Purpose Agricultural Building, Kettleshill Farm, Medwyn Road, West Linton	Noted
18/01684/FUL – Ms Linda Shand and Mr Michael Cotter	Erection of detached garage/garden store/workshop, attic studio/office, Mendick Foot, Golf Course Road, West Linton	Supportive
18/01606/FUL – Dr E Bruford	Extension to dwellinghouse, Hearthstane Cottage, Teapot Lane, West Linton	Approved by SBC

**b) Planning Related Issues (decisions and appeals) – None**

**c) Planning Related Issues - other**

- (i) Main Issues Report Meeting – On 28<sup>th</sup> November there was a drop in session at the Village Centre where representatives of the SBC were present to discuss the report with interested residents from 2pm – 6pm. There was a good attendance. Main concerns were poor infrastructure, the possibility of more housing and lack of employment land. The consultation exercise runs for another 2 weeks.

**7. Roads and Footpaths**

- a) Station Road flashing speed sign – ES will update when he receives an update from the Council on 15<sup>th</sup> January
- b) Robinsland Drive and the new School – ES confirmed that pencil bollards will be put up by the Council between the two areas and elephant crossing signs will be painted on the pavements. The WLCC requested that the current elephant crossing signs on Deanfoot Road be repainted as they are very faint, additionally there is one bollard missing from the eastern speed table on Deanfoot Road: could the existing ones be replaced by the new pencil type and the old ones repositioned along Deanfoot Road to reduce poor parking.
- c) The flashing 30 signs on A702 on the south side of the village is not working and has not been working for some time. A member of the community has been in touch with Amey with no response. The Chair contacted Amey and asked when the signs would be repaired. Amey stated that the signs were to be updated in February.
- d) Councillor Small mentioned the hole in the road near the bus stop at Cunzie Neuk and asked that members of the community report it via the website and he would also raise with SBC.

**8. Public Transport Issues, including School Transport.**

- a) The Bus Users representative noted that the bus stop sign at the north of the village was dirty and not visible, the Chair said he would contact SBC. The representative also noted that Stagecoach had taken up all the space on the board at the bus stop opposite the Gordon Arms with their new timetable, the Chair said he would contact SBC.
- b) Taxi from Penicuik to West Linton (Ring and Go)–The 3 taxis from Penicuik will now be at 2015, 2215 and 2315. 481 registrants with 73 cards still to be distributed for the service. It has been used consistently but the usage could be increased. The WLCC encouraged scheme members to use the taxi service.

- c) The school buses from West Linton to Peebles High were discussed. One bus route includes collecting pupils from Eddleston, meaning the bus has to travel via the dangerous Leadburn junction. WLCC will write to SBC to raise our concern of the length of the journey and highlight the risk to the children on a route which uses an accident blackspot during the morning rush.

## **9. Environmental Issues**

- a) Commemorative Seat and Centenary Field – the Lower Green has been accepted as a Centenary Field and the plaque is awaited along with registration on the website. ES will enquire about progress on the Commemorative Seat.
- b) There has been a large increase in owners not picking up after their dogs, particularly on the Lower Green. Members of the community are reminded this is both an offence and a health issue and are requested to pick up after their dogs around the village.

**10. Reports of Meetings Attended** – Timothy Stephenson, SBC Passenger Transport Manager has asked to hold a meeting with SPT and Dumfries & Galloway Council (101/102 consortium) meeting in the Village Centre and will meet the Chair afterwards to get an update on the Ring and Go scheme. Expected date – during March.

**11. Councillors Reports** – Councillor Small reported a meeting with Midlothian Councillors, SBC Councillors and officials and David Mundell MP concerning the Leadburn crossroads. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

**12. Miscellaneous Correspondence** - none received

## **13. AOCB**

- a) Village Centre update – progress is being made to transfer the asset to the Community.

**14. Date of Next Meeting** – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019



**Police Report: Period Covering 12th November 2018 to 14th January 2019**

**Rural Thefts**

Between 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November a property in Alice Hamilton Way was broken into and a Golf GTI stolen. The vehicle has not been recovered and enquiries are ongoing. **Storm Incident 2272 11/11/18 refers.**

Between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 garages were entered at Slipperfield House, West Linton but nothing was stolen.

A report was received on 20<sup>th</sup> November that the Post Box in Deanfoot Road had been forced open and mail stolen.

Between 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November the Olde Toll Tea House, Main Street was broken into and a small amount of cash stolen.

Between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December reports were received regarding suspicious persons within the village and further enquiries are being made to identify them.

Please be vigilant and report any suspicious persons or vehicles in your area by **contacting police on 101**

Home Security advice can be found on the Police Scotland website  
<http://www.scotland.police.uk/>

**Speeding/Road Traffic**

On 9<sup>th</sup> January two separate road accidents occurred on the A702 and the drivers causing them were reported for Careless Driving.

- Two vehicles collided 1 mile south of West Linton.
- Three vehicles collided opposite the entrance to Hazlieburn House

Road Policing officers and the Road Safety Partnership along with local officers continue to give attention to the A702.

**Indiscriminate Parking**

On 25<sup>th</sup> November a complaint was received regarding a vehicle obstructing the junction in Deanfoot Road. Officers attended and although the vehicle was not causing an obstruction the owner was contacted and moved it.

On 8<sup>th</sup> January a complaint was received regarding a van which was parked in Main Street causing a traffic jam. Officers attended and traced the owner who moved the vehicle.