



West Linton Community Council

Minute of Meeting held in the Village Centre on Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Graham Tulloch, Gavin Jefcoate, Marion Storrie, Carn Peaston, Susan Groat, Fiona Lawson

In Attendance: Cllr. Eric Small, 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Anne MacKenzie, Jez Everest, Cllrs Heather Anderson and Kris Chapman.
2. **Declaration of Interests.** Gavin Jefcoate declared an interest in Planning item 7aiii.
3. **Police matters:** Due to operational necessity, there were no Police at the meeting however GT read a report. Please see appendix. Cllr Small added that the SBC have voted to pay the wages of 6 Police Constables and 1 Sergeant to target local issues - Parking, dog fouling, anti-social behaviour etc.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Approved and signed.
5. **Matters Arising** (not on agenda)
 - a. Village Centre: The Town Council was subsumed into SSBC so the people of West Linton did not own the Village Centre buildings.
 - b. The next Village Centre Meeting into be held on Wednesday the 21st of Feb. to allocate jobs within the group.
 - c. Vacant Secretary Post: **SG and GT** met to discuss division/allocations of this post
6. **Open Floor Questions:** There were no questions.
7. **Planning Issues (WLCC Area)** may be viewed online at <https://eplanning.scotborders.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=advanced&searchType=Application> or by clicking the hyperlinked application number.
 - a. Planning Applications:
 - i. [18/00097/FUL](#) Mr S J Kat: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of four dwellinghouses. detached garage with associated car parking, access and landscaping, The Stables, Keeper's Cottage and Redundant Farm Steading North Slipperfield Farm, Golf Course Road, Medwyn Road, West Linton. **Supported**
 - ii. [18/00085/TPO](#) Mr J Stirling: Removal of Leylandii tree, Rowanbrae, Bogsbank Road, West Linton. **Supported.**
 - iii. [18/00062/FUL](#) Dr R Aitken: Erection of dwellinghouse (amendment to house design previously approved under consent notice (16/01090FUL), Garden Ground of Fordings Lower Green, West Linton. **Supported.**

- b. Planning Related Issues (decisions & appeals):
- i. [18/00070/FUL](#) Mr I Cameron: Siting of mobile snack bar, Layby on A702 near Dolphinton Dolphinton. **Withdrawn**
 - ii. 17/01692/ADV [Installation of new signage](#) Bank of Scotland Halifax Main Street West Linton Scottish Borders EH46 7EE. Approved subject to conditions. **Approved.**
 - iii. 17/01674/FUL [External alterations](#) Garvald Home Farmhouse Dolphinton West Linton. **Approved.**
 - iv. 17/01657/FUL [Erection of boundary fence \(retrospective\)](#) Mulberry Cottage, Croft Road, West Linton. **Approved.**
 - v. 17/01642/LBC [Internal and external alterations](#) Garvald Home Farmhouse Dolphinton West Linton. **Approved.**
 - vi. 17/01556/FUL [External re-decoration](#) Former Bank of Scotland Halifax Main Street West Linton. **Approved.**
 - vii. 17/01486/FUL [Replacement windows](#) Hearthstane Cottage Teapot Lane Main Street West Linton. **Approved.**
- c. Planning Related Issues (other):
- i. [18/00109/PAN](#) Development comprising holiday lodge and luxury camping accommodation, clubhouse and informal recreation, Land South of Rutherford House West Linton. **Noted**
 - ii. [18/00118/SCR](#): Development comprising holiday lodge and luxury camping accommodation, clubhouse and informal recreation, Land south of Rutherford House West Linton. This is for information only as there has been no forthcoming information. **Noted**
 - iii. Old School: Planning permission is going through legal discussions for the clarification of Section 75. Payments must be made before building can commence.
 - iv. Hotel at North Slipperfield: Developer is trying to address objections from SEPA about waste runoff. Discussions are ongoing.

8. Reports of Meetings attended:

- a.) **SBCCM:** see report appended.
- b.) **Village Centre:** There have been 2 meetings and a core of 23 members of the public have volunteered to help. They have been invited to a third meeting on 21st Feb. where they will consider the possible usage of the building - Commercial use during the day and Community use during the evening, as the building must be profitable. A stall at the Saturday Market has been suggested as a way to widen interest. Business Plan Templates will be issued to help people understand the scope of the work that will need to be covered.
- c.) **Tweeddale Area Partnership:** A meeting was held in The McFarlane Hall, Peebles, with a new format. There were no SBC briefings, a brief CC Comment item (Limited to 10-15 mins), then multi-table Question and Answer Sessions. After a led outline of the topics Economy: Skills: Planning. CC members and the Public discussed/responded. These responses will then be collected to form the skeleton of the next local development plan. It is therefore very important that as many residents attended as possible. The

next meeting is to be held in West Linton Primary School on 7th March at 7.00pm where the topic will be 'Our Health Care and Well Being'.

- d.) A neighbouring community council has compiled a comprehensive file on road defects related to the A701 with suggested required repairs. SBC is to host a meeting of all interested Tweeddale community councils to discuss the problems with the route and discuss what can be done to rectify these and over what time frame. The meeting is scheduled to be held on 7th March, prior to the Tweeddale Area Partnership. **GJ** to attend.

9. Roads & Footpaths.

- a. Dryburn Brae - no progress, Council still pursuing Cala.
- b. There has been a complaint about a Supermarket van seen going round the roundabout the wrong way. Please inform Police/Supermarket so this can be followed up.
- c. Potholes: these are numerous along Boggsbank Road, Main Street, Deanfoot Road, and the Moor Road. Please inform the Council if any new ones appear. Potholes on A702 by 30mph sign need to be notified to Amey.
- d. Possible accident site at Main Street ingress when snow hides the extended pavement.

10. Public Transport Issues: (including School Transport.)

- a. There will be a meeting held in Galashiels to discuss the time lag between arrival of 101/2 and departure of 93.
- b. Mauricewood Road will close for roundabout works on 5th March for 16 weeks. This should not affect the A702 at this time.
- c. Changes to timetable are activated on 25th Feb. 2018
- d. On 19th Feb there was an incident with a Peebles High School bus. A Safety Inspector from SBC followed this up at the High School and the bus Depot. CC has requested a copy of his report.

11. Environmental Issues.

- a. Flood risk to Lower Green. This is very low, the main danger is from fallen trees blocking the bridge.
- b. GT is still to talk to NC re the leaning trees by the Bowling Club.
- c. Proposed Resurfacing/Surface Dressing plan, for the A701, was shown to the WLCC

12. WLCC Web site:

The progress on the new website was shown. There will be an update at the next meeting, with a possible launch the following month.

13. Miscellaneous Correspondence:

Friends of the Pentlands. It was decided to continue to support this organisation.

14. AOCB.

- a. The WLCC should consider applying to the first tranche of Locality Fund to finance the move and repair of the sundial and provide a commemorative seat to replace the rotten seat round the tree opposite the Play park.
- b. Neighbourhood Watch: All original Volunteers have been contacted, also Community Police Constable. It was decided to focus on being 'Vigilant for the Vulnerable'. Ideally there should be a member on every street in the village so that a regular check on neighbours can be maintained. There will be another call for volunteers.
- c. New Member of the WLCC. Of the three initial volunteers, two withdrew leaving Mr. Mark McDavid. He provided a very interesting and comprehensive Bio and was duly welcomed onto the CC.
- d. Secretary's Position: A division of the workload of the Secretary was discussed. FL will type up the minutes with SG supporting: SG will draft the Agenda : GJ will provide the Planning element for the Agenda : SG will open a DropBox to show the Minutes and the Agenda for those that do not use Facebook.
- b. Constitution: This was read and signed by GT, CP, SG.
- c. General Data Protection Regulations change on 25th May. WLCC must comply with these.

15. Date of Next Meeting: 12th March 2018

Action	Responsible Member	Date to be completed	Comment
A701 Group Meeting	GJ	04.03.2018	
Request for Safety Report on School bus incident	GT	12.03.2018	
Rectifying leaning trees on bank by Bowling Green	GT	12.03.2018	
Work on website.	GJ, SG, JE	12.03.2018	
Locality Fund Application.	?		



Period Covering 8th January to 12th February 2018

Rural Thefts

There were no thefts reported since the last meeting.

Speeding/Road Traffic

02/02/18 – An Anti-Social Behaviour Order was issued to the driver of a vehicle on the A702 regarding their manner of driving.

During the snow in January a number of calls were received regarding vehicle accidents on the A702 but these were on the section covered by legacy Strathclyde.

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

Indiscriminate Parking

There have been complaints of vehicles obstructing driveways but the vehicles have moved prior to police attending.

PC N Craig
Tweeddale West
Peebles Police Station

Non-emergency Telephone 101