



West Linton Community Council

Draft Minute of Meeting held in the Village Centre on Monday 13 August 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Gavin Jefcoate (Chair), Marion Storrie, Carn Peaston, Anne McKenzie, Jez Everest, Fiona Lawson, Susan Groat and Mark McDavid.

In Attendance: Cllrs Eric Small, Heather Anderson and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Graham Tulloch and Cllr Kris Chapman.
2. **Declaration of Interests:** There were none.
3. **Minutes:** The Minutes of previous meeting on 11 June were signed as accurate. A member of the public pointed out that as these minutes had not been published there was no way that they could ascertain they were accurate.
4. **Police matters:** There were no Police present and no notes provided.
5. **Treasurers Update:** The Accounts have been Audited. The Balance of the Funds is £651 with a bill for annual insurance of £261.00 outstanding.
6. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
7. **Open Floor Questions:**
 - a. It was pointed out that the Minutes were not posted early enough for a response from the general public. This is contrary to the Constitution.
 - b. Visitors Centre. Progress is being made. Consultation will start in September with the Business plan due in November. Constituting group must submit all relevant paperwork by December 2018. The next meeting, on Monday 20 August, needs 20 committed people to create a formal constitution. Under Asset Transfer conditions the Council will bring the unit up to standard.
8. **Planning Applications: (WLCC Area)**

Applications may be viewed online using the Scottish Border planning portal or by clicking the application number below.

- a. Planning Applications:
 - i. [18/00980/S37](#) - SP Energy Networks -11KV overhead line refurbishment/re-build. Land NorthWest and North East of Tarfhaugh Farmhouse, West Linton, Scottish Borders. **Approved.**

- ii. [18/00971TCA](#) and [18/00950/TCA](#) Lizzie Campbell - works to trees, Chestnut Cottage, South Main Street. **Approved.**
 - iii. [118/00780/FUL](#) Mr Oliver Peppe - Alterations to domestic store to form ancillary accommodation, Cairnsmore, Deanfoot Road, West Linton. **Supported.**
- b. Planning Related Issues (Decisions and Appeals) :

- i. [18/00536/TPO](#) Richard Price works to trees Culzean, Carlops Road, West Linton. **Granted to crown reduction, refused to tree removal.**
- ii. [18/00514/FUL](#) Mr and Mrs Stoker - single storey extension to dwelling house - 1 Deanfoot Drive, West Linton - **Approved**
- iii. [18/00097/FUL](#) Mr S J Kat - Demolition of original existing buildings and erection of four dwelling houses with associated car parking, access and landscaping - The Stables, Keepers Cottage and redundant Farm Steading North Slipperfield Farm, Golf course Road, West Linton - **Approved**
- iv. [17/01470/NECON](#) South Lanarkshire Council - Consultation by South Lanarkshire Council for Formation of new access for Walton Cottage - Garvald Home Farm, Dolphinton - **Granted**

c. Planning Related Issues (Other)

There have been no further submissions by Rutherford Castle.

The missives for the development on the grounds of the old Primary school have been granted for occupants of 65+. The agreement should be signed by Monday 20 August.

d. Reports of meetings attended.

MS and FL attended a GDPR meeting on digital compliance in Galashiels in July. An email with the Powerpoint presentation will be distributed to all members of the WLCC.

9. Roads and Footpaths.

- a. Dryburn Brae and Robinsland adoption documents are ready to be signed.
- b. Springfield path is open with 2 steps. This is not accessible for all users especially those in wheelchairs. ES was told there was no room for a ramp but has agreed to discuss this further.
- c. Hedges overgrowing footpaths. The WLCC agreed to distribute polite letters to householders requesting that they cut back their hedges so that the footpaths are clear.
- d. It was noted that the A701 is in very poor condition between Romanno Bridge and Mountain Cross. Roads Department have said that this was to be resurfaced in May. ES to follow this up.

e. Speeding. It was pointed out that this occurs in all roads in the village. Could witnesses of poor driving please report it to the Police citing the number plate details.

10. Public Transport.

a. The new timetable comes into effect next week with the last service from Edinburgh to WL leaving at 7.30. Only 5% of the daily traffic travelled on the last 2 buses so Stagecoach opted to cut them. The subsidy for each passenger journey now stands at £0.65. HA stated that there is very little chance of getting the decision reversed though there might be an option for having an 20.30 bus instead of the 19.30 if the majority of users thought this would be preferable. Borders buses will not extend the No 65 to Carlops. It was recommended that the public keeps complaining to the Council to keep it on the Agenda. If 10 people sign a petition it must be heard by the Petitions Committee. CC to call a meeting inviting Carlops and Dolphinton CCs, Shona Haslam, Gordon Edgar and Stagecoach. It is vital that the OBJECTIVES are sorted out prior to the meeting.

11. Environmental Issues.

- a. Rectifying leaning trees by Bowling Green. Awaiting feedback from GT.
- b. Puddle in Play Park. As Above.
- c. Employment land. The parcel of land for Business development in WL is now up for sale. There is demand for industrial units but no funding. Council have a duty to assist/own units for rental. Perhaps the £10m Government fund that has been set aside for development in Southern Scotland could be accessed. Some of the Small Businesses initially interested have found alternative premises as it would take 2 years to complete any building. If units were built, businesses would probably come to fill them.
- d. Commemorative Seat - feedback to come from GT.

12. WLCC Website.

The new website can be found at www.westlintoncc.com Borders Council to be asked to link up to post relevant information. A generic address is needed. (The present contact is the personal address for GT). This could cost approximately £25.00 pa.

13. Miscellaneous Correspondence.

There was none.

14. AOCB

- a. Visitors Centre. See point 7b.
- b. Neighbourhood Watch. A volunteer is needed to steer this. The village needs to be registered on the NW website. 1/2 volunteers are needed to help. There will be no electronic recording of information.
- c. GDPR See point 8d.

15. Date of the next meeting will be Monday 10 September 2018

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