



West Linton Community Council

Draft Minute of Meeting held in the Village Centre on Monday 10th February 2020 at 7.30pm

Present – Graham Tulloch (Chair), Mark McDavid, Marion Storrie, Murdo Anderson

In Attendance: Cllr Eric Small, Cllr Heather Anderson, Ryan MacDonald (SFRS Rural Support Officer) and 5 members of the public

1. **Apologies** – Carn Peaston, Anne McKenzie, Susan Groat, Gavin Jefcoate, Jez Everest, Cllr Small & Cllr Anderson (for part of the meeting).
2. **Declaration of Interests** – Members were asked to declare an interest in any matter on the Agenda. No members declared an interest.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** were accepted as accurate and signed by Graham Tulloch.
4. **Police matters**
 - a) **Police report:** No Police Officers were able to attend, however a report has been received and is appended to this minute. In brief, 3 Road Traffic incidents, A vehicle theft from Deanfoot Rd. In Tweeddale 6 calls were received re drugs 1 person has been charged.
 - i. **Neighbourhood Watch:** Telephone scams are continuing including bank, TV licence and telecom scams. An alert will be posted on Facebook.
 - b) **Fire and Rescue:** The appointment of a “Rural Support Officer” has been made by Scottish Fire and Rescue to further improve communication and engage with local communities.

The remit of the new post includes Rural Crime, Fire Safety, Resilient Communities including Weather Hazards, and liaising with Police Scotland Community Action Teams.

Local recruitment in the SFRS is to be increased. The role of Fire Fighters may expand to include responding to “trips and falls” and checking the safety of vulnerable residents. The Rural Support Officer will attend Community Council meetings regularly and is available to be contacted by members of the public at any time.
5. **Matters arising (not on agenda)**
 - a) The issue of Electric Car chargers was again raised and frustration expressed at the paucity of response from SBC to queries re installation of this facility. The issue is led by **GJ** on behalf of WLCC.
6. **Community Orchard.** Advice from WLCC on how best to proceed with the development of a Community Orchard was sought. A proposal has been made to plant a number of Fruit trees on the Bowling Club side of the Lower Green. The CC asked for wild flowers to be sown to increase the colour in the area. The upkeep of the trees, grass and wild flowers would be taken on by Sustainable West Linton..



WLCC had supported this approach previously and SBC are “happy” that trees be planted on this site

7. Open Floor Questions (max. 15 mins)

- a) Mr Brown of Border Mix informed the CC of a letter he had received from SBC informing him that a complaint had been received regarding the noise from his premises. **ACTION GT**
- b) Episode of Road Rage. Concern was raised that Police Scotland did not respond to report through 101 number. **ACTION GT**

8. 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>

Planning Application Reference	Description	Decision
20/00107/FUL	Erection of forestry hut (retrospective), Land South East of Srongarbh, The Loan West Linton	Minded not to support as outwith development boundary. Section 75 could secure support.
20/00064/MOD75	Discharge of planning obligation pursuant to planning permission 15/001178/PPP, Site To Rear of West Garth, Medwyn Road, West Linton	Support
20/00052/PPP	Erection of dwellinghouse (renewal of previous consent 16/00353/PPP), Land South and East of Sandyknowe, The Loan, West Linton	Support

- b) Planning Related Issues (decisions and appeals) –

Planning Application Reference	Description	Status
19/01646/PPP	Land South East of Tarf House West Linton; Erection of dwellinghouse, workshop/garage and associated works	Refused: The development would be contrary to policy HD2 and policy ED7 of the Local Development Plan 2016 and New Housing in the Borders Countryside Guidance 2008 that it is not essential that the development is located within the countryside



		and no overriding case has been substantiated.
19/01640/FUL	Leven Cottage Lower Green West Linton: Replacement windows	Approved
19/01506/FUL	Replacement windows, Kinkell Raemartin, Square West Linton	Approved
19/01499/FUL	Change of use from office and alterations to form dwellinghouse, Office Bogsbank Road West Linton	Withdrawn
19/01410/FUL	Erection of dwellinghouse Land East Of Achnacree Linton Bank Drive West Linton	Approved
19/00968/FUL	Siting of mobile catering unit Land West Of Kippit (Layby A702) Dolphinton	Withdrawn
19/00116/PPP	Erection of dwellinghouse and formation of access, Site To Rear of West Garth, Medwyn Road West Linton	Approved

c) Planning Related Issues

- i. Rutherford Castle Development: It is now 1 year since initial application lodged. Additional information was requested by Planning Dept in August 2019, however nothing has been supplied. This proposal is currently due to go to March Planning Committee, if no further contact from developer then proposal cannot be considered and may fall by default. (This item taken out of order to allow members of the public to speak.)

9. **Roads and Footpaths**

- a) A702–speed cameras/ traffic calming. **Cllr Chapman – GT** to contact.
- b) Electric car charging points consultation with SBC. **Cllr Chapman – GT** to contact.

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

- a) Issues with the Stagecoach Service continue frequent notification of “no show”, breakdowns and cold buses. Stagecoach have committed to having an extra bus at Edinburgh Bus Station to minimise delay. **ACTION** Continue to monitor **ALL**.

11. **Environmental Issues**

- a) Borders River Cleanup. Led by JE Details at next meeting C/F
- b) MA has a proposal to plant more trees to reduce water run off the uplands and offset carbon emissions. Action MA
- c) Household Refuse Collections: Residents have reported that some areas of the Village and environs have had no waste collection despite this being notified to SBC. GT advised that with the growth of the Village and consequent rise in waste that the collection run routes are to be revised to ensure this is not repeated.
- d) Commemorative Chair. To be installed as part of VE Celebration in May.



12. **Reports of Meetings Attended:**.

13. **Councillors Reports** – All matters discussed during the meeting.

14. **Miscellaneous Correspondence** – The Chair of WLPS is now Louise Fraser.

15. **AOCB**

16. **Date of Next Meeting** – 9th March 2020



Police Report February 2020

Road Safety

Carlops

There were 3 Road Traffic related incidents with 1 driver being reported for no MOT

West Linton

There were 6 Road Traffic related incidents.

There were no other incidents or crimes reported in February.

Crimes of Dishonesty/Protecting people

Counterfeit Notes

During February a number of shops in the area were passed forged Royal Bank of Scotland £20 notes. Specific advice on the paper £20 note (and all other RBS notes) can be found at <http://ow.ly/5pIP50yj90w> Paper notes can be easily tested using widely available counterfeit note detector pens. These create a black stain when applied to counterfeit paper notes but no stain when applied to genuine notes. Polymer notes (currently £5 and £10) with £20 notes due to be introduced later this month) cannot be checked with a pen. Low cost UV detectors can be used to check polymer notes. The Bank of England provides a wide range of advice and materials to assist businesses and the public in checking for counterfeit notes <http://ow.ly/9vqQ50yj90y>

Information on Irish banknotes is available via the Association of Commercial Banknote Issuers website <http://ow.ly/P89M50yj90x>

Shut Out Scammers

The national 'Shut Out Scammers' prevention campaign will commence on Monday, 23 March 2020 and will run for three weeks.

Working in partnership with Trading Standards, the campaign will focus on doorstep crime and bogus worker /rogue trader related crime.

A wide range of local activities will be undertaken by Community Beat Officers and Crime Prevention Officers including the following;



- Partnership Engagement Stalls aiming to directly engage with public and raise awareness and provide prevention advice (venues will be advertised).
- Patrols with Trading Standards and CBOs advising/checking tradesmen carrying out gardening/home repair work.
- Advisory cards distributed to pharmacies for inclusion in home delivered prescriptions (i.e. targeted at vulnerable customers).
- Community Beat Officers delivering prevention advice to local group meetings they are attending during the campaign.

Coupled with these activities, a sequence of Social Media and SBAAlert prevention messages will be posted throughout the campaign.

Current Police Scotland advice regarding Doorstep Crime and Bogus Callers is available at <https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/doorstep-crime-and-bogus-callers>

Animal Traps

As of the 1st April 2020, all current Unique ID Trap numbers previously issued by Police Scotland will become void, and any person wishing to use Multi Cage Traps, Larson Traps and Larson Mate Traps **from 1st April 2020** must register with Scottish and Natural Heritage (**SNH**) direct where they will be issued with their own unique new number.

Any persons not registering direct with SNH, and continue to trap certain wild birds after the 1st April 2020, may be liable of committing an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

This is purely for information only, to give people an opportunity to register direct with SNH.

Anyone with information relating to any criminal activity can contact Police Scotland by dialling 101 or alternatively anonymously by calling CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555111 or via their anonymous online form at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

Should the Community Council wish to discuss any matters highlighted in the report, please contact:

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