



West Linton Community Council

Draft Minute

Zoom Room Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm

Present – Graham Tulloch (Chair), Murdo Anderson, Anne Mckenzie, Marion Storrie, Mark McDavid, Jez Everest, Gavin Jefcoate (Vice Chair)

In Attendance – Councillor Eric Small, Councillor Heather Anderson, plus 7 members of the Community

1. Apologies – Carn Peaston
2. Declaration of Interests – Member were asked to declare any interest in any of the matters on the Agenda, now or in advance of the discussion.
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – these were approved as accurate with one amendment and signed by the Chair.
4. Emergency Services matters
 - a) Police report – report for Tweeddale was received. Police had been contacted concerning gatherings at the West Linton Primary School and Tennis Club and had attended the venues. They encouraged the community to continue to report these gatherings.
 - b) Neighbourhood Watch – no issues to report, but a general comment to raise awareness of dog kidnapping throughout the country
 - c) Fire and Rescue Service – no report received
 - d) COVID-19 Resilient Communities Team – no report received, but GT has been in touch with them this month
5. Matters arising (not on agenda)
 - a) New 20mph speed signs – JE suggested some more signs on Main Street and will review locations which may be possible. GJ will review provision on bins on A702
 - b) Resilient Communities – GT had been in touch with SBC and awaited more information on what skills were required to establish a Resilient Community network in West Linton
 - c) Mobile recycling – a trial took place in Jedburgh for a mobile recycling service for larger items, unfortunately it didn't have a huge uptake. A discussion also took place concerning food waste composting and the groups in the Village who had been trying various trials of composting.

6. Open Floor Questions (max. 15 mins)

- a) A member of the Community updated the WLCC on the sale of the Red Cross shop and the possibility of community ownership, which was being pursued by a small Working Group
- b) The discussion also included the future of the Council Estate and Rural Schools, which SBC are due to report on in the coming months. It was agreed to wait for the publishing of the reports
- c) A discussion took place on the value of forming a West Linton Local Development Trust. WLCC was supportive of a group being formed to draft a Community Plan which may include the formation of Development Trust. GT will circulate current information on Community Plans and Development Plans to the members to facilitate a further WLCC discussion

7. 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
21/00285/PPP	Erection of dwellinghouse. Land West of The Old Barn, Westwater, West Linton.	Supportive subject to access
21/00229/FUL	Variation of condition 4 of planning permission 16/01526/FUL pertaining to landscaping. Land North East of North Slipperfield Farmhouse, West Linton	Not supportive
21/00226/AMC	Erection of dwellinghouse and associated access (approval of all matters specified in conditions of planning permission 19/00116/PPP) Site To Rear of West Garth Medwyn Road West Linton	Withdrawn
21/00181/FUL	Alteration and extension to dwellinghouse, 17 Alice Hamilton Court West Linton Note – GJ noted interest	Approved by SBC
21/00321/FUL	Change of use of book shop and alterations to form additional accommodation for dwellinghouse, Book Shop Deanfoot, Road West Linton	Supportive

b) Planning Related Issues (decisions and appeals) –

Planning Application Reference	Description	Status
20/01382/PPP	Residential development comprising of five houses and associated access, Redundant Station Yard and Associated Grounds, Dolphinton	Approved
20/00378/PPP	Erection of dwellinghouse, Land North East of Burnside, Lower Green, West Linton	Approved, by Reporter Section 75

c) Planning Related Issues

- (i) Rutherford Castle Golf Course [19/00153/FUL](#) – Proposed Committee date is 26 April 2021, information from the developer is outstanding
- (ii) Slipperfield Quarry [21/00152/FUL](#) - GT will circulate spreadsheet to members to summarise EIA report, with comments to be received week commencing 22 March 2021, in advance of organising a community meeting. WLCC will place an advert in the Peebleshire News to confirm timings.

8. Roads and Footpaths

- a) Robinsland Roundabout – Councillor Anderson has contacted Bear Scotland, they stated that Inspectors would be visiting the site
- b) Millennium Bridge – The Bridge has been temporarily repaired and reopened. Councillor Small has contacted SBC for a longer term repair/replacement plan and will organise a meeting with GT and SBC on site
- c) A702 crossing – GJ has contacted relevant parties with drawings

9. Public Transport Issues, including School Transport – No comments

10. Environmental Issues

- a) Electric vehicle charging point – awaiting meter being installed. GT to contact EDF/SBC
- b) Blether Bench – sign to be installed on a bench in the Lower Green and advertised on Facebook to trial a Blether Bench for the village

11. Reports of Meetings Attended

- a) Red Cross shop – see 6 (a)

12. Councillors Reports

- a) Councillor Anderson reported on meetings which she had attended concerning the Council Tax for 2021 (no increase), Sustainable Environment raising awareness of planning regulations for solar panels and ground source heat pumps and finally children returning to schools

13. Miscellaneous Correspondence

14. AOCB

- a) COVID testing unit – letters to BBC, Peeblesshire & NHS objecting to tone of press release & articles.
- b) Community newsletter – currently with printer
- c) MS raised the issue of non collection of bins. Councillor Anderson and Small will raise with SBC

15. Date of Next Meeting 12th April 2021