

## MINUTES OF PENCAITLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2004

**Present** Janet Bassett,(Chairman) , Bill Balfour, Patti Gordon, Ann McGowan, Bob Rees, Frank Stacey, Janice Seaton, Andrew Watson

**Apologies** Avril McCracken

**In Attendance** Councillor D. Costello, Councillor S. Richardson , Police , Julie Murphy

**Minutes** Minutes of the meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> June approved and signed by Chairman. Proposed: B.Rees, Seconded B.Balfour.

**Police Report** Police reported that the summer months had been relatively quiet, one incident of vandalism at water treatment plant. Football tournament went well. Members reminded of the Dump the dealers project /Anti-social behaviour initiatives - information tabled. Police then left the meeting

**Matters Arising** Councillor Richardson reported on the meeting held at Boggs Community Hall concerning the proposed path in the area. The meeting decided to form a committee to progress this further and report back.

Councillor Costello reported that the fencing at the Woodhall Road end site had been Repaired, however the path is used more often now and a suggestion was made that perhaps a ramp could be installed for ease of prams, wheelchairs etc.

He is pursuing the matter of the site in Trevelyan Crescent. Litter is bad and the question of the street cleaner in Pencaitland will be checked out. The crossroads sightline to the west is bad due to the hedge at Deanwood. Fencing on Gifford Road at post box also in bad state. These points will be taken up by Councillor Costello who, along with Stuart Pryde from the Council, will be meeting with Chairman next week to look at the state of the beech hedge on the A6093.

New Winton: the question of speeding was brought up again. The feeling was that the only way to improve this was to catch a few speeders. Councillor Costello will see if speed checks can be arranged for peak periods. He will contact the Police and suggested that the Community Council did likewise. The question of speed limits on the Gifford Road was also discussed.

[At this point the two councillors left the meeting.]

Beech Terrace speed limits : letter received from Council to the effect that it considered the situation did not warrant any changes. The Council will however drop the pavement at the Cemetery.

Council to be reminded that repairs have not been carried out at Huntlaw Bridge.

No response from Kirk Session concerning a representative attending community council. Will be checked out.

LRT buses now running to Pencaitland. Discussion about timetables, which are available in Post Office and shops. Maybe note of this on notice board.

Plaque at Station House to be replaced.

Website: Bob Rees gave presentation of proposed website. Agreed for this to go ahead. Bob and Janice Seaton will work on newsletter for village to be distributed at Christmas.

**Planning** No controversial planning

**Finance** Letter received suggesting £350 for Christmas lighting in Pencaitland. This to be checked out. Money will be needed on the beech hedge. It was however agreed that additional bulbs (600) be bought.

**Correspondence**

Details of 20mph speed limits around school.  
Water Services / Report of East Lothian Tenants Assoc. / Maintaining Housing (Sc.Exec.)  
Funding / Coalfields Conference / Environmental Products / ELC Minutes / NHS Out of Hours service details / Sc.Parliament proposed public meetings / Changes to registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths / Invitations to all councillors to reception at John Muir House : responses to be sent to Lilian. / Carers of East Lothian to be invited to open meeting in new year / War memorial wreath holder – Chairman to meet with Council to discuss.  
Community Environmental Fund – Chairman has applied for two new benches and picnic bench in park.

**Constitution** Constitution has to be adopted along with new office-bearers at an agm, to be held in October. Sub committee of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, F.Stacey and secretary to meet to organise.

**Any Other Business** The Green – The Glebe path very fouled. Council to be informed.  
Noted that nothing was happening with the Smiddy Inn.

**Date of Next mtg** Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2004, at 7.30 p.m. in the Trevelyan Hall.