

MINUTES OF PENCAITLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 25th JUNE 2008

Present Janet Bassett (Chairman) Bill Balfour, Patty Gordon, John and Sandra Henderson, Jean McCormack, Nicky Neighbour, Ann McGowan, Frank Stacey, Andrew Watson

Apologies Tom Steele, Councillor Currie

In Attendance Councillors, Gillies, Grant and Julie Murphy

Minutes Minutes of meeting of 14th May were approved, proposed Sandra Henderson, seconded Bill Balfour.

Matters Arising The felled tree in the park was diseased and dying. Apologies for not informing us beforehand of its felling.

Bob Rees, a former community councillor, was formerly elected to the new council.

Quad bikes still on railway walk. Most signs to be erected to the effect that motor bikes are not allowed.

Correspondence Following correspondence tabled:

EL Tenants Panel newsletter / Fa'side Fireworks committee / EL Involvement group newsletter / Spokes / Thanks from Mother and Toddler group and New Winton hall for donations / War Memorial Trust update / ELC Minutes / Public meetings re commonwealth games in 2014 / Access Panel on dropped kerbs / Heritage Explorer and Leaflet / Fa'side Community Planning newsletter / ASCC Leader funding meeting on 10th July and nomination for area rep / Licensing board meeting 3rd September

Frank Stacey agreed to attend meeting on 10th July and John Henderson meeting on 3rd September

General Business Pelican crossing will go ahead in village towards end of the year.

Environmental grant applied for and £3000 approved. The garden at back of Trevelyan Hall will be tidied up, grass sown, seating etc.

Crumbling wall near dovecot – Councillor Gillies will check as to ownership.

Table at Trevelyan Hall. Community Council can dispose of if it so wishes and meeting agreed to do so. Nicky Neighbour will check to see if anyone is willing to purchase it.

Any Other Competent Business Cousland proposed open-cast mining (Scottish coal) This will be near East and Midlothian border and among other things could cause more traffic problems.

Frank Stacey reported that the “litter” lady in the Boggs area was very concerned about the amount of litter on the roads. It was however decided that the council should organise another clean up later in the year.

Paper on running of community councils from Scottish Government will be looked at by Frank Stacey, Bill Balfour and Patti Gordon who will respond accordingly.

Bill Balfour reported back on his attendance at the SACC AGM. He asked if the broken gate in the park was due to be repaired and was assured that it would be shortly. The Railway Walk boards were officially ‘opened’ recently and all thought to be done well Post Offices – consultations in July re closures. If post offices have not been visited before 19th July it is likely that they will remain open.

Pothole damage in Huntlaw Road will be checked out by Councillor Gillies.

Question of recycling boxes outwith village was brought up. It was noted that areas such as the Boggs do not have this facility.

Grass at post office is still in need of repair after lorry had to drive over it.

At a recent training session question of data protection and the website were discussed.

Accounts are with the auditor. Copies available.

Phone box – apparently monitoring of use taking place. Councillor Gillies to check out.

Trevelyan Hall kitchen asked to lend teapots to Haddington Show. This will be pursued..

Beech Terrace residents hope to hold a 101st birthday party, the houses having been erected in 1907.

The Chairman asked that members acknowledge the regular attendance of our East Lothian Council councillors and thanked them for this.

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 27th August, at 7.30 p.m. in the Trevelyan Hall