

MINUTES OF PENCAITLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 28th FEBRUARY 2007

Present Janet Bassett (Chairman), Bill Balfour, Jean McCormack, Nicky Neighbour, Frank Stacey, Andrew Watson.

Apologies Patty Gordon, John and Sandra Henderson, Bob Rees, Tom Steele

In Attendance, P.C. R. Hamilton, Julie Murphy

Minutes Minutes of the meeting of 31st January approved.

Police Report P.C. Hamilton reported. The van confiscated in connection with poaching was still being inspected for illegal fuel. He had checked out the concerns of speeding in New Winton but the 40mph stretch of road was not long enough for prosecutions to be raised. A local Bruce Grove resident had raised the question of motorbikes on the railway walk. He had called police but so far the police have been unable to catch the young riders. The question of erecting barriers was raised and will be passed to the East Lothian Council Countryside Division. Concern was expressed about the number of cars not stopping at the zebra crossing. The possibility of changing this to a pelican crossing was discussed. Police surgeries are to be held on Saturday morning at the Town House, Haddington. – more information in newsletter to be published shortly. P.C. Hamilton then left the meeting.

Matters Arising Core Paths Drop in on 13th March is now to be held at Ormiston Library 5.00 –8.00
Proposed meeting between Liz Wilcox of Community Development, East Lothian Council was cancelled.

Correspondence Following correspondence tabled : Housing allocations information: Scottish Executive/ Community councils : Core Paths information and brochure : Mud in your eye publication : Police concerning attendance at council meetings : Budget information.
It was agreed to reply to police letter to the effect that our current PC is with us regularly but that in the past there have been long periods with no attendance by the police.

Planning Community Council had been sent plans of proposed extension at Bowmont.

Newsletter Draft to be available at next meeting.

Litter Clean up Details concerning this event were discussed Leaflets to school with newsletter after Easter holidays. Routes to be drawn up.

Budget £1295 of our budget is to date uncommitted and will be lost if nothing is done. It was agreed to ring-fence £1000 for the proposed Garden Project at the Trevelyan Hall, give £245 to the Day Centre and £50 to be used for expenses at the Clear up day. This will be notified to Lilian Pryde.

Any Other Competent Business The first Community Council Chairman, Robert Robertson, recently died. A donation was given to the British Heart Foundation in his memory.
The repairs to the bridge are still awaited. Sir Francis Ogilvy to be written to for contact name in the Council.
Trevelyan Hall inside clock not working. Area office to be notified.
Newly moved bus stop opposite nursing home office is badly sited – to be reported.
Road surface at entrance to Bruce Grove continually breaking up – to be reported.
Question of some roads in New winton being adopted again brought up.
Outdoor Access – some people are abusing the “freedom to roam”. Reminder of the Code to be in the newsletter.
Concern expressed re recycling vehicle leaving broken glass on road.
As two members of the Council had not attended for some time it was agreed to write to them.

Date of next Meeting Wednesday 28th March ,2007, at 7.30 p.m. in the Trevelyan Hall.

