

## **MINUTES OF PENCAITLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 31st JANUARY 2007**

- Present** Janet Bassett (Chairman), Patty Gordon, John and Sandra Henderson, Jean McCormack, Ann McGowan, Nicky Neighbour, Bob Rees (part of meeting), Frank Stacey, Tom Steele, Andrew Watson.
- Apologies** Bill Balfour
- In Attendance** Councillor David Costello, Councillor Sheena Richardson, P.C. Stuart Gunn, Julie Murphy
- Minutes** Minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> December approved and signed by Chairman, proposed Bob Rees, seconded Frank Stacey.
- Police Report** P.C. Gunn reported that someone had been apprehended concerning various offences who was possibly responsible for the recent poaching in the area. Following a question concerning cyclists, he informed the meeting that although they were expected to travel in single file in traffic, it was not the law.
- Matters Arising** Extra kitchen units have been erected in the Trevelyan Hall kitchen. Replanting of Beech Terrace hedge and two years maintenance will cost £1200. Money now available to improve steps and handrail at Huntlaw Bridge. The unveiling of the cairn and following refreshments to honour the late Jock Taylor had gone very well. The Chairman was congratulated on her vision, hard work and sensitivity in organising this event. It was noted that Jock Taylor's mother had just died.
- Correspondence** Following correspondence tabled : East Lothian Tenants Assoc. newsletter and litter initiative, Postwatch workshops, Council budget consultation paper, Scottish Executive Discussion paper on community councils, Core Paths initiative drop-in to Trevelyan Hall on March 13 (some members to attend). NHS Public Partnership forum, Sick Kids update, Details concerning byelaws in relation to alcoholic consumption in public places, National Planning seminars (none in Edinburgh/East Lothian), Council minutes, thanks from After School Club for donation, Open Day on plans for new library/museum/cultural centre in Haddington, Heritage strategy consultation paper (members to read before next meeting. Seminar on "Alcohol - it's everybody's responsibility" to be held 23 February. Venue to be notified.
- Planning** No controversial planning.
- Newsletter** It was agreed to produce another newsletter to be distributed mid April. Items to Nicky Neighbour
- Litter Clean up** The annual litter clean up will take place on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. Frank Stacey to organise. It was suggested that this may be promoted at the Core Paths event on 13<sup>th</sup> March.
- Trevelyan Hall** Chairman had been approached concerning the lack of storage in the hall and the possibility of using the meeting room for this purpose. All present felt that this room had an important role to play in the community and should under no circumstances be lost. Chairman is meeting local Community Development worker shortly and will relay these views.
- Any Other Competent Business** The handrail on the school path has been damaged in the local gales. To be reported. The paths around New Winton have been left in a mess after tree clearing. The problem of water on the bridge is still there – awaiting work by Scottish Gas. There had been no response from Councillor McNeill concerning road matters in New Winton. It was agreed to write again to him. The slope in Bruce Grove can be dangerous in icy weather and the possibility of erecting a handrail on the corner was mentioned. This will be passed to the Council. A recent National Trust event on the historical work being planned in Prestonpans was very impressive and could have a knock-on effect for other areas.
- Date of next Meeting** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2007, at 7.30 p.m. in the Trevelyan Hall.

