

## **MINUTES OF PENCAITLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2006**

**Present** Janet Bassett (Chairman), John Henderson, Sandra Henderson, Jean McCormack, Ann McGowan, Susan Rae (part of meeting), Bob Rees, Frank Stacey, Thomas Steele,

**Apologies** Bill Balfour, Nicky Neighbour, Councillor David Costello

**In Attendance** P.C.Rory Hamilton, Julie Murphy

**Minutes** Minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> June approved and signed by Chairman, proposed Ann McGowan, seconded Sandra Henderson.

**Matters Arising** There had been an encouraging response to the Countryside Ranger's project on the railway.

**Police** P.C. Hamilton reported that there were more foot patrols in the village. There had been incidences in the village of vandalism involving children, i.e. fire damage to the play equipment in the park, bundles of newspapers taken to the waters meet in the woods where there appears to have been a camp. It is hoped that things will improve now that schools are back.

There have been thefts of street signage around the area, presumably to be sold for scrap value.

Members felt the parking of a large vehicle just round the corner outside Belfry Cottage was a traffic hazard. Police will look into the matter.

Speeding was still an issue through the village and members wondered if warning signs could be erected as these seem to be effective.

Boggs Holdings had had a spate of graffiti.

P.C.Hamilton also draw the council's attention to the fact that illegal hare coursing was in the area and that the public should inform the police of anything suspicious.

Bicycles : it could be made illegal in the future not to have a bell on a bicycle.

P.C.Hamilton then left the meeting.

**Correspondence** Following correspondence tabled : Health and Healthcare of Children and Young People leaflet and notification of public meetings : Ormiston and Pencaitland woods survey : E.Loathian Tenants Assoc. information : Rural Scotland : Ass.of Community Councils : Housing allocations information : Scottish Health Council volunteers : Mud in your eye newsletter "The Green Team" programme : Information on Fire Service : Information on Forth Bridge tolls from MSP : Community Planning : ELC Minutes : Community Health Development Grants : Museums Review Consultation Cultural Strategy : Letter from resident concerning the village footpath near the bridge. Request for help with costs of equipment in Bowling Club.

It was agreed to renew subscriptions to Rural Scotland and Assoc of Community Councils A reply will be sent on the museums review to the effect that the community council is in agreement with the proposed strategy.

Discussion took place on the concerns of villagers for the dangerous footpath but agreed that little could be done. However, the Council will again be informed of the concerns. It was felt that the only solution would be a bypass. More traffic is already coming through the village from the A68 turn off at Oxenford.

**Funding**

The council agreed the following funding:

£1000 to the Winton Walks project

£300 to the Bowling Club for equipment

£200 to the Playgroup

£200 to the Toddlers group

£200 to the PTA

£100 to the After School Club

This will leave some funds uncommitted at present.

The Trevelyan Hall garden project and Glenkinchie play park project are in abeyance at present.

**Any Other  
Competent  
Business**

Chairman informed the meeting that the seat at the Boggs Road end had been removed and that the station master's house at the Maltings had been demolished.

Council agreed to lay a poppy wreath on the war memorial in November as usual.

“Improve your Street” funding : the request of a handrail on the steps to the railway walk was accepted but we have to apply again for the money to improve the steps. It was suggested that these two jobs be done at the same time. The floral arrangements in the village look well. A further unit in the Hall kitchen may be requested.

Tom Steels circulated information on Jock Taylor to members.

Bob Rees : website re-registered.

Ann McGowan : Some Lunch club members have problems coping with two locks on the inner door at the Trevelyan Hall. It is understood that this a health and safety regulation. The disabled toilet has been altered and it is now very difficult for people in wheelchairs to use as the wash hand basin has been moved nearer the toilet. The Council will be informed of this

Report of motor bikes on the railway walk.

Items for the newsletter were requested but the members present felt there was no need for a newsletter in the next few months.

**Date of next  
Meeting**

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 p.m. in the Trevelyan Hall.

