

MINUTES OF PENCAITLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 28th JUNE 2006

Present Janet Bassett (Chairman), , John Henderson, Sandra Henderson ,
Ann McGowan, Nicky Neighbour, Bob Rees, Frank Stacey, Thomas Steele,

Apologies Bill Balfour, Patti Gordon, Jean McCormack, Councillor David Costello

In Attendance Julie Murphy

Minutes Minutes of the meeting of 31st May approved and signed by Chairman, proposed Bob Rees,
seconded Sandra Henderson.

Matters Councillor Costello had contacted the Chairman with apologies for non-attendance
Arising at meetings due to ill health. He will look into outstanding matters.

The Council responded to our comments on various road issues in the village and some matters are in hand. The zebra crossing light is now functioning and the delay in the painting of the crossings is due to the acquiring of a new road marking contractor by the Council.

Correspondence Following correspondence tabled - Recent Council minutes: Report on Educational Standards :
Questionnaire from Lothian and Borders Police : Spokes magazine :
Request for personal memories of the railway from Countryside Rangers:
Letter from resident concerning the stone at the crossroads.

Police questionnaire : asking for details of community council practice, i.e. how often meetings held, communications etc. This will be completed and returned suggesting that more communication between community council and police would be useful.

Railway memories – details of this will be posted on the noticeboard. It was suggested that Mrs Jean Young, a former resident, might be able to help with this project.

The points raised from the resident concerning the stone were discussed. It was agreed that a reply be sent to the fact that the Council had agreed to this action some time ago and in fact the money would not be coming from the community council budget.

Any Other Chairman has discussed the matter of the disappearance of the litter bin at the church.
Competent with Stuart Pryde. These bins are often removed and at a cost of £250 each replacement
Business is a costly business. It was suggested that a concrete base may deter people from moving them. In the meantime it is hoped the Council can replace ours but the community council may have to consider purchasing one itself.

East Lothian Litter Initiative – members signed up to the Good Citizen Campaign. Currently recycling boxes are only in villages but a new contractor is to be appointed and it is hoped that the scheme can be extended to further areas.

Members were reminded that the Bowling Club is available for functions. Membership £5.

Trevelyan Hall – the safety of the water in the hall has been questioned and is being investigated. There is also lying water in the toilets [again reported] which could be dangerous, especially for older people. The community council will contact the council's area office

Members of the Council commented on the improved surface and new seats on the railway walk and also the clearing up of the Woodhall site by the Ranger Service. Secretary to acknowledge this improvement in the area.

The recent Heritage meeting attended by some members was considered very interesting. One concern was the number of empty buildings which could be turned into homes.

Work on the cairn for the west end of the village is still delayed. As this will have a plaque in memory of Jock Taylor it was felt that there should be some local event to recognise this when the cairn is completed. In the meantime Tom Steele will research the background

Nicky Neighbour asked members to consider input for the next newsletter. She also reported that the refurbishment of the school toilets, to which the community council, gave a donation, has been completed.

Date of next Meeting Wednesday, 30th August at 7.30 p.m. in the Trevelyan Hall.

PLEASE NOTE : NO JULY MEETING