

MINUTES OF PENCAITLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 26th SEPTEMBER 2007

Present Janet Bassett (Chairman), Bill Balfour, Patti Gordon ,
Jean McCormack, Ann McGowan, Nicky Neighbour, Bob Rees ,

Apologies John and Sandra Henderson, Councillors Currie and Grant

In Attendance Councillor J. Gillies, two representatives from the Police, Kenny Black of East Lothian Council and Julie Murphy

Minutes Minutes of the meeting of 29th August approved. Proposed, Bill Balfour, seconded Nicky Neighbour.

Police P.C. Moray Cairns and P.C. Jim McLeod introduced themselves. The community council now comes under the jurisdiction of Tranent. There will be regular reports but it was emphasised that any vandalism should be notified to the police

Anti-social Behaviour. Kenny Black, Antisocial Behaviour Coordinator with East Lothian Council then gave members a brief outline of his work. There were basically two types of problems – one mainly concerned complaints about property, individuals etc and the second one was of more neighbourhood problems, ie. gangs of young people. The community liaison team are often sent in to deal with the latter. The Coordinator oversees these matters. There is a shift towards concern for victims and the causes of anti social behaviour and also to have a more visible presence (community wardens) if possible.

Any problems of antisocial behaviour should be reported to either the local elected representative or to K. Black at the Council.

Mr Black was thanked for his input.

Matters Arising Bus shelter siting – Councillor Gillies enquiring into possibility of land purchase, but basically the bus shelter as at present cannot be moved.

£250 will be requested from East Lothian Council to help fund the PTA fireworks

Ann McGowan reported on Community Planning meeting she attended. Colin Martin of SIP was elected chairman and sub groups will be set up.

Police reported that it is hoped meetings will be set up with police and representatives from community councils concerning local issues. This has been piloted in Musselburgh.

School rail – Councillor Gillies to check out when this is likely to be repaired.

Correspondence Following correspondence Archaeology conference: Planning for People Workshop : Sc.Assoc. of Com.Councils agm : Response from tree felling query that tree was diseased : ELHA annual report : Signpost to funding details : letter from MP: Request for donations to Tranent Family Fireworks: Community Environment funding application {members to consider requests before next meeting}.

Any Other Competent Business Letter from Lilian Pryde circulated concerning conduct of some community councils. Water in hall kitchen still a concern to Day Centre. Will be checked again
Litter campaign – try for November 10 – Frank Stacey to be contacted.
Newsletter – Nicky Neighbour will convene a meeting.
Sign at crossroads vandalised – Councillor Gillies to check.
Speeding at Beech Terrace – maybe get the “Slow Down” sign.
AGM – agreed to hold this at next meeting at 7.00 p.m.

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 31st October in Trevelyan Hall. AGM at 7.00 followed by normal meeting.