

Pencaitland Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 28 September 2011 at 7.30pm in Trevelyan Hall, Pencaitland

Present Ralph Averbuch (In Chair) , Bill Balfour (Vice-Chair), Lynne Donohoe , Patti Gordon , Stuart Lyness , Jean McCormack (Treasurer), Nicky Neighbour (Secretary), Sheena Richardson , Frank Stacey, Tom Steele

In attendance

Councillors Ruth Currie, Jim Gillies, Donald Grant

Item	Title	Action by
1	<p>Apologies Jean McCormack, Fiona Tennick, PC Mark McCluskey</p>	
2	<p>Approval of Minutes Proposed by Frank Stacey Seconded by Stuart Lyness</p>	
3	<p>Police Report No Police report this month</p>	
4	<p>Follow up on previous minutes</p> <p>Neighbourhood watch RA indicated that before setting up and sponsoring a scheme, we should establish whether there is an opportunity for this within the village, and whether there is an appetite for it. PC Mark McCluskey to be approached for further information about these schemes.</p> <p>Raising profile of Community Council Suggestions include a presence at the School Spring Fayre; ‘business’ cards which can be handed to members of the community; publishing in local newsletters such as Pencaet News. Discussion about possibility of restarting annual Gala, or similar. Gala was wound up some years ago due to lack of interest from within the community; many younger members considered it ‘not cool’. Suggestion that we could organise a family fun day, distinct from the annual School Spring Fayre, perhaps to be held at the Football Park. Opportunity to fundraise and engage with community. Could build on annual football festival? Further information about organisation of Gala in previous years and any left over money to be obtained (perhaps from Elaine McCormack).</p> <p>Buses and Taxi Card RC confirmed that those entitled to taxi card service have been contacted. Administration have requested a report on background to changes to bus services (was proper consultation process followed, for example). Many complaints, verbal and on Community Council website, about reduced 123 service. Other villages have also complained. Cuts to subsidies for services have led to reduced services, but further £100,000 to be put back into subsidy to alleviate some problems. Local resident Peter Hamilton is representing Pencaitland on RELBUS. Timetable booklet being revised due to changes to other routes.</p> <p>Bulb planting Details to be obtained from Gordon Bauld on planting – outstanding from last minute.</p>	<p>Ralph Averbuch</p> <p>All members</p> <p>Lynne Donohoe</p> <p>Nicky Neighbour</p>

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	<p>Ormiston Community Award A number of community councils give awards to members of the community. Nominations come in from members of the community and a panel of judges assist with final decision. Pencaitland usually judge on Ormiston award. Possibility of introducing such an award in Pencaitland?</p> <p>Church fundraising All agreed it is good news to see the temperature rising on the gauge outside the church. CC members agreed to donate £200 to fund at this time. General discussion about CC spend this year. Treasurer to be contacted for full details of spending so far. Clarification to all members at next meeting of funds available at the start of the year and what still remains.</p> <p>Repairs around village Lead on hall roof repaired; footpath from Mercat Cross to Old Farm Court to be resurfaced in due course; awaiting estimate for repair of step at cross; bin near Spar moved to steps at Woodhall Road as considered to be of more benefit there; narrow footpath has been swept.</p>	<p>Ralph Averbuch</p> <p>Nicky Neighbour</p>
5	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Severe Weather Review ELC would like Community Councils to identify locations where equipment such as snow shovels and brushes, for use by whole community, can be stored. Key holders for storage to be identified and communicated to community. ELC also reviewing salt bin provision. Residents who would like a salt bin, should check with all neighbours and lodge request with ELC (although provision may not always be possible). RC confirmed that salt 'piles' may be provided on some occasions and that salt has been stockpiled over the summer. Some discussion about possible sites – suggestions included Trevelyan Hall and Village school. Would additional stock be required at Boggs Holdings/Glenkinchie/New Winton? Trevelyan Hall janitor to be approached about storage shed in Hall garden.</p> <p>LEAP Council is planning an environment day of action to be held on 29 February 2012. Council will offer materials and resource up to sum of £500 to improve a site or facility within immediate community. Community Council to identify an area suitable for this and return application before 28 October 2011. Land opposite church thought to be a possible candidate. Boggs Hall garden also a possibility. Eligibility of Boggs Hall committee to make separate application to be checked. Eligibility of land opposite church to be checked.</p> <p>Ormiston Medical Practice Planning application lodged for new Practice Building and Pharmacy. To be located adjacent to new housing planned. Funding gap still to be met before Practice can be built.</p>	<p>Jim Gillies</p> <p>Frank Stacey</p> <p>Nicky N</p>

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	<p>Tenants and Residents Panel newsletter DG explained that these were set up about 10 years ago to help tenants and residents groups deal collectively with common problems, and assist with matters which affect them. Not one in Pencaitland (no need for one at this point). Regular newsletters sent to all Community Councils for information.</p>	
6	<p>AOCB</p> <p>PTA fireworks Request for funding for this. Agreed to donate £200.</p> <p>Transport Meeting FT and PG will be attending the transport meeting on 11 October. Any matters to be raised should be communicated to them before the meeting.</p> <p>Chicken Sheds Public meeting to be held in Humber Village Hall on Wednesday 5th October at 7.30pm about proposed chicken sheds at Leaston Farms.</p> <p>Fencing at Football Park Local resident has raised concerns about gaps in hedging around the Park, particularly near play area. Attempts have been made previously to address this, but saplings are being destroyed by people squeezing through gaps. Possibility of gates or fencing suggested. Options to be investigated</p> <p>Equipment in play park at Football Park Roundabout in play park (and equipment in general) in need of fresh paint and general tidy up. Grass growing out of roundabout! Council to be approached.</p> <p>Led to general discussion about play parks around Pencaitland. All could do with additional or better equipment. Maree Johnson (Landscape and Countryside Manager) to be approached.</p> <p>Footpath Update RA tabled latest version of proposed footpath through churchyard. Costs still unknown. Concerns voiced about people hanging around in churchyard once path is completed and lighting is better.</p> <p>Heavy lorries through village Concerns raised about volume of heavy lorries coming through Pencaitland. FS pointed out that route through village is a little shorter than going via A1 to connect with A68; this may explain why lorries' SatNavs may take them this way. Can we obtain update on traffic volumes through village?</p>	<p>Nicky N</p> <p>Fiona Tennick/Patti Gordon</p> <p>Jim Gillies</p> <p>Jim Gillies</p> <p>Ralph Averbuch</p> <p>Ralph Averbuch</p>
7	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>26 October 2011 7.30pm NB AGM will be held at 7pm prior to regular monthly meeting</p>	