

Pencaitland Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 7 December at 7.30pm in Trevelyan Hall, Pencaitland

Present Ralph Averbuch (In Chair) , Patti Gordon , Stuart Lyness , Jean McCormack (Treasurer), Nicky Neighbour (Secretary), Bob Rees , Sheena Richardson , Frank Stacey, Tom Steele, Fiona Tennick, Andrew Watson

In attendance

Councillors Jim Gillies, Donald Grant

Item	Title	Action
1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Lynn Donohoe, Phil Summerfield, Cllr Ruth Currie, Cllr Kenny Macleod, PC Mark McCluskey</p>	
2	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Proposed by Frank Stacey, Seconded by Tom Steele</p>	
3	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Written report from PC McCluskey. Very little to report. Car containing drugs passing through village; no further annoyance reported at Tyneholm; perpetrator of a crime in Ormiston apprehended in a house in Pencaitland.</p>	
4	<p>Follow up from previous minutes</p> <p>Ralph showed template for Community Council business card which could be used by members. General approval. Ralph will make a final version for printing and distribution.</p> <p>Ralph confirmed 40 snow shovels delivered to village. Stored in outbuilding at Trevelyan Hall; Ralph Averbuch and Nicky Neighbour hold keys. Details on website; Nicky to print posters to put on village notice boards. Top grit bin at Winton Court not being filled; reminder to Council to do this. Frank Stacey asked about possibility of grit bin at Boggs Holdings (perhaps at Boggs Hall). Nicky to contact Elizabeth Dobson about this.</p> <p>Ralph confirmed that Brian Cooper has agreed to carry out another analysis of traffic through village (last one was in 2008). Ralph to ask him to do this in Spring, rather than in Winter when volumes may be lighter. Led to discussion about effectiveness of speed sensors. Speeding in both Pencaitland and New Winton still a problem. Pencaitland sensor currently at East entrance to village. To have a permanent one would mean buying one (approx £5000). This has been discussed by Community Council previously and idea rejected. May revisit in the future. Fiona suggested that a speed sign on both sides of the road can prove effective (she has seen this in Milngavie).</p> <p>School PTA fireworks very successful, raising an unprecedented sum for school funds.</p> <p>LEAP day of action not going ahead due to lack of interest around the county so our application declined. Nicky to reply to Stuart Pryde's letter asking whether we can ensure the work is carried out anyway.</p> <p>Festive lights – we will not know the final cost of lights and trees until January, but it may be</p>	<p style="color: red;">RA</p> <p style="color: red;">NN</p> <p style="color: red;">NN</p> <p style="color: red;">RA</p> <p style="color: red;">NN</p>

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	<p>around £1600. To begin looking at sponsorship early in 2012 in preparation for next Christmas.</p> <p>Civic Pride application – sent to Church for them to apply for further funds for roof repairs.</p> <p>Current footpath proposal – some questions over detail. Ralph meeting with Francis Ogilvy and David Torrance to iron these out before submission to planning.</p> <p>Funding – Nicky to check with Landscaping Dept about bulb planting at Huntlaw Bridge and steps. Annual distribution of remaining LPS money to be finalised at February meeting. CC to approach the community in advance to ask what they want. There may be organisations we don't know about who would like help.</p>	NN
5	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Signpost to funding, police winter newsletter, SES plan consultation document. All to be posted to the website and emailed to members with email addresses.</p>	NN
6	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Wreaths at memorial need to be secured after service. Thanks to Janet Bassett's husband who rescued and secured them this year! Cllr Grant mentioned that ELC secure them in Tranent.</p> <p>Police Consultation on Monday 12th December re closure of public counter at Prestonpans and general opening hours at County stations. Ralph to attend.</p> <p>RELBUS looking for more volunteers. Ormiston and Gifford might wish to appoint representatives. Pencaitland represented by Peter Hamilton. Ongoing concerns about Gifford Circle service. RELBUS may help to address these. Jim Gillies will try to drum up some interest.</p> <p>Concerns raised by villagers about reinstated barbed wire fence, attempts to restrict public parking at Dovecot Way and restriction of access to field where dovecot is situated. Jim Gillies confirmed that all fencing along that stretch is barbed wire and reinstated section is consistent with this. Dovecot Way is public road so residents cannot enforce parking restrictions. Further investigation required concerning access to dovecot.</p> <p>Grit bin request for Beech Terrace declined. Jim Gillies to enquire again.</p> <p>Hand rail at Bruce Grove. This has been requested before but has not been put up yet. Ralph Averbuch to contact Stuart Baxter.</p> <p>Concerns raised by residents of the Glebe about parking during school drop off and pick up times. Driveways are being blocked and parents are parking in restricted area. Also concerns about new arrangements for dogs outside school. Some dogs are barking for 20 minutes at a time when they are tied up and left. Ralph to raise these matters with Headmistress.</p>	RA JG JG RA RA
7	<p>Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 25th January 2012</p>	

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year