Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 25 January 2011 at 7.30pm in Trevelyan Hall, Pencaitland

Present Ralph Averbuch (In Chair), Bill Balfour (Vice-Chair), Lynn Donohoe , Patti Gordon , Jean McCormack (Treasurer), Nicky Neighbour (Secretary), Sheena Richardson , Frank Stacey, Phil Summerfield , Fiona Tennick, Andrew Watson

In attendance

Councillors Jim Gillies, Donald Grant, Kenny Mcleod, PC Robertson, Shamin Akhtar (local resident)

Item	Title	Action by
1	**Apologies** Stuart Lyness , Bob Rees , Tom Steele, Cllr Ruth Currie (Cllr Currie has an ongoing commitment in Edinburgh which clashes with our meetings. She will try, wherever possible, to get away early enough to attend).	
2	**Approval of Minutes** Fiona Tennick, Jean McCormack (amendment to include Bill Balfour in Apologies)	
3	**Police Report** PC McCluskey is moving on to a job at Dalkeith; his replacement is PC Robertson . Between 7 December and 24 January there were 15 incidents in the Pencaitland area, including a disturbance at the caravan store, antisocial driving and fraud. There were three crimes including a domestic incident and a car accident. Update on RASP (East Lothian Pub watch scheme) in which Winton Arms participates. Publicity to follow next month, PC Robertson left information cards and newsletter for distribution. ASB youth calls in the Tranent area are on a consistent downward trend, whereas calls in neighbouring areas are generally increasing. Bob Rees (by email) expressed concern about a scrap dealer appearing at his house, allegedly to remove a gate (Bob had no gate waiting to be removed). Illicit scrap dealing is an increasing problem nationally and locally, residents to be watchful.	
4	**Crossroads** Item moved up the agenda so that PC Roberston could provide information before leaving. Concerns have once again been expressed about the crossroads at the east entrance to the village, after several incidents in December/January. Since 1999 there have been 11 recorded accidents at this spot, including one fatality and two serious injuries. Anecdotal reports suggest that there are many minor incidents which go unreported. Discussion about general traffic concerns in Pencaitland and New Winton followed. Andrew Watson reiterated ongoing concerns about speeding in New Winton (generally at commuting times. PC Robertson suggested that concerns could be raised at CAPP meeting; Lynn Donohoe to follow this up. Brian Cooper attended the May 2010 CC meeting and agreed to conduct a survey on traffic in various spots around the village. Ralph to find out when report might be ready and to find out if Brian can attend future meeting. Suggestions of a roundabout at east entrance have been revisited; further information needed before comment can be made. Fiona Tennick has seen a pole being erected at Tranent approach to crossroads; speculated that it may be for a new traffic warning sign. Fiona also mentioned modelling technology that is available to Transportation Department and wondered if it could be applied to Pencaitland. Separate potted history of traffic concerns raised at previous CC meetings attached to minutes. PC Robertson left meeting.	**LD** **RA**
5	**Follow up on previous minutes**	

	Business card still outstanding. Ralph to follow up. Stuart Baxter will be arranging a traffic count within next few months. Ralph confirmed PTA secured LEADER funding for school sound system. No funding required from CC. Ralph to find out whether Church was successful in Civic Pride Fund application. Update on footpath – planning request submitted for church route. Concerns raised about possible cost of this plan – should we be supporting it or not? All agreed that public consultation would be required to establish community views on this proposal, once planning lodged and estimated costs established – Cllr Gillies to find out if this will be happening. Community Council can take no view before that. Residents of the Glebe also concerned about proposal; likely that some objections will be raised during standard notification period. Ralph to establish that all work carried out to date at church has been paid for by church funds. Pub landlord has raised concerns about damage to pub car park from all school traffic using it. Can parents and children be encouraged to walk or cycle more often to school?	**RA** **RA** **JG** **RA**
5	**Correspondence** Home Front newsletter, East Lothian & Residents Panel newsletter, Healthy Happy Bairns conference (7 February), letter from Lord Lieutenant asking that we encourage friends and neighbours to participate in the big lunch http://www.thebiglunch.com/ to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee on 3rd June	
6	**General business** **Community environment fund.** Projects of up to £3000; not enough to fund play equipment. Agreed to apply to replace damaged planter at crossroads and for bulbs at toll brae, new path and New Winton. Nicky to confirm previous planting with Bruce Allison and then complete application. All agreed we could look at possible planting in Glenkinchie or Boggs Holdings when next round of funding comes about. Play equipment can be funded by East Lothian Council. CC needs to agree priorities – there are four parks within the village and all need work. Further discussion needed. **Fraser Centre.** Plan to make improvements to this facility in Tranent to provide a community space available to all. All agreed it is a worthwhile project. Secretary to prepare a letter of support and to find out if we could arrange a meeting at the premises with Trustees for further information. Power point presentation with further details available. **Strategy and priorities for coming year**. To be discussed at February meeting **Promoting CC at other events.** We can do this at primary school annual fayre and at New Winton Fair in August. As an aside, a reminder that community councillors have been invited to attend a production on road safety by Baldy Bane Theatre company at the Primary School on 1st March at 1.30pm. **Litter pick up dates.** Proposal that we could try two pick up; one late Spring and one in early autumn. Agreed for now to continue with Spring date. Proposal to change to Sunday afternoon; Frank Stacey to check availability of equipment on Sunday 29 April. Can we incorporate New Winton and Glenkinchie into the event? Plenty of notice to be given to Guides/ Brownies/ Rainbows/ School so that they can be involved. **Association of East Lothian Community Councils** – meeting on Wednesday 8th February. Phil Summerfield and Patti Gordon to attend.	 **NN** **NN** **FS** **PG/PS**
7	**AOCB**	

	Dog Watch Scheme. All agreed dog fouling is a big problem in the area and agreed we should sign up to the scheme. All to identify areas which are particularly bad, then Nicky can provide list to Dog Wardens who will then place signs on bins and lamp posts in affected areas. Dog related gifts available to individuals who sign up to the scheme. More details to be posted on our website. Discussion about lack of bins in the area. Lynn to identify locations for bins and Councillor Grant to relevant department to see if any can be provided. **Reactive Speed Signs.** East Lothian Council have been approached by a number of Community Councils about purchasing these and we were asked if we would like one (discounts available to the Council for bulk buying). We do not have sufficient funds, and all agreed that it is not necessarily the best solution to traffic problems in the village. There is currently one at the East entrance to the village, which will in time be moved to another location in the county. **Dogs outside school.** Further complaints about noise from new dog 'pound' at school drop off and pick up times. Some discussion about this, but agreed that it is a matter for the school. Ralph to follow up with Headmistress.	**ALL/NN** **LD/DG** **NN** **RA**
8	**Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 29th February. Phil, Bill and Tom send advance apologies.	