

MOORFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
*Representing the Midlothian Villages of Borthwick, Carrington,
 North Middleton & Temple,
 together with, the surrounding landward area up to the Moorfoot Hills*

MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 2nd March 2011 at Moorfoot PS

| Item No. | Item | Action |
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| | PRESENT Ken Adam, (Chairman), Ed Stanley, Doris M. Stanley (DMS), Ian Quinn, Margaret Munro, Derek Scott, Sue Mitchell, Michael Stanway, Shona Hamilton, Richard Pentland, Colin Beattie. APOLOGIES – PC Emma Yetton VISITORS None | |
| 1 | MINUTES Minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd February were approved by ES and seconded by DS, subject to KA had an action to obtain and circulate Community Councillors contact details. These details have been circulated. | |
| 2 | MATTERS ARISING | |
| 2.1 | <u>Currie field</u> – CB said matter was resolved. | |
| 2.2 | <u>Ombudsman and Scottish Power</u> – MM has still to write to OFGEM | MM |
| 2.3 | <u>Temple speed bumps</u> – Midlothian Council are concerned over road safety if the speed bumps are removed. They were put there for the school, which has now gone, and the villagers want them removed. Matter to be deferred for 3 months. | Defer |
| 2.4 | <u>Right of Way</u> – KA will deal with this in April 2011. | KA |
| 2.5 | <u>Newbattle Abbey</u> – MS has passed on the message to Temple walkers. | |
| 2.6 | <u>Outerston Quarry</u> – IQ has spoken to concerned resident. Planning decision will not take place until end of 2011. | |
| 2.7 | <u>Open cast mining</u> – carried forward | SH |
| 2.8 | <u>Fly tipping</u> – KA had visit from Donald Cameron (Midlothian Environmental Health) Some of the tipped material has been removed, some not. Broken glass remains. CB will follow up. | CB |
| 2.9 | <u>HGV sign at Fushiebridge</u> – Being considered by Midlothian Council. | CB |
| 2.10 | <u>Pot Holes</u> – Pot holes in Cleuch Road have been temporarily repaired. Action still required at Borthwick. Questions were asked whether temporary repairs were cost-effective. | MM |
| 2.11 | <u>North Middleton Village Hall</u> – DMS reported that catering is still under discussion. Posters will be distributed when the opening hours are decided. | DMS |
| 2.12 | <u>A7 Petition</u> – ES reported on the meeting with Midlothian Council. A solar/wind powered flashing sign will be installed south of the junction of the A7 and Borthwick Castle Road as soon as possible. Residents are asked to report incidents at the junction before and after the installation to monitor its effectiveness. CB to find out to whom incident reports should be sent. Residents to be informed. | CB DMS |
| 3.0 | POLICE REPORT DMS read out a written report provided by PC Emma Yetton. A copy of her report is available if required | |

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| 4.0 | CHAIRMAN'S REPORT | |
| 4.1 | <p><u>Wind Farms</u></p> <p><u>Spurlens Rig</u> - KA has received a memory stick from Lomond Energy detailing the Environmental Impact Assessment. As yet, we have no date by which comments are to be submitted. Eddleston CC are submitting their objections this week. Discussion followed on pros/cons of wind farms. KA will put Spurlens Rig information on the Moorfoot web page and will put information posters onto the 4 village notice boards.</p> <p>Midlothian Council are reported to have carried out a study on wind farms. CB will investigate.</p> <p>MM suggested that the benefits from wind farms should go to those affected and not just money to the community.</p> <p><u>SSE/Carcant</u> – IQ and KA went to the recent meeting with Heriot, Stow and Oxtun CCs. A one off payment comprising combined funds of £100,000 is to be dispersed. The issue of the meeting was to find a common approach from the 4 community councils. Depending on how the available money is split, the benefit to Moorfoot could be between £7000 and £25000. It was considered most likely that the £7000 figure would apply. SSE had suggested that distribution of the money could be through SCF.</p> <p>4.2 <u>Moorfoot School Access</u> All community councillors signed the application form which will allow any councillor to gain access to meetings..</p> <p>4.3 <u>Paul Mellstrom</u> has resigned as a community councillor. KA has written to thank him for his work.</p> <p>4.4 <u>Dalkeith and Monktonhall Colliery Band</u> – The band were recently awarded Leader funding at a meeting of the Federation of Community Councils held at North Middleton village hall.. They subsequently suggested giving concerts in the rural areas. KA will contact the band to find out when they would like to perform. DS will contact North Middleton village hall committee to see what dates would suit them. Moorfoot CC would like to use the event as an opportunity to let residents meet the community councillors.</p> | <p>KA</p> <p>CB</p> <p>KA</p> <p>DS</p> |
| 5.0 | SECRETARY'S REPORT | |
| 5.1 | <p>Correspondence received includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short courses at Newbattle Abbey • Midlothian Council meeting minutes • Midlothian travel maps • Information from Scottish Water regarding keeping their prices down • Results of Midlothian "Meeting the Challenge" | |
| 6.0 | TREASURER'S REPORT | |
| 6.1 | <p>IQ reported annual grant from Midlothian Council of £467.20 had been received. Leader funding of £150 had been received as a contribution towards the cost of the 2011 newsletter.</p> | |
| 7.0 | <p>COUNCILLOR'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Middleton - fencing alongside the playground has been agreed. • The new Midlothian web site is now up and running. Training is available for the new Planning Dept. web site. • Midlothian Council plans to continue the subsidies for rural bus routes. • Midlothian Council budget has been balanced. This is year 4 of budget cuts with 2 years to go. Social work and education may share some services with East Lothian. Care cuts - trials ongoing. | |

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| 8.0 | PLANNING APPLICATIONS Nothing new in the Moorfoot Area | |
| 9.0 | CONSTITUTION | |
| 9.1 | Midlothian Council have reviewed Moorfoot CC constitution and do not need any more amendments. All community councillors have agreed the new Constitution, the Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct. Copies of these have been issued to each community councillor. | |
| 9.2 | EGM will be held at 7 p.m. prior to the April meeting to adopt the new Constitution. | |
| 10.0 | VILLAGE REPORTS | |
| 10.1 | <u>Borthwick</u> MM reported concerns with potholes and fly tipping. | |
| 10.2 | <u>Carrington</u> Speed bumps still require to be painted – CB said this work was scheduled to be done. SH asked why Midlothian had still used subcontractors to clear snow from footpaths after the community council had pointed out that this was not a priority. White lines were being painted on the Carrington to Temple road, which was too narrow to have two lanes. SH reported that a council operative had approached a Carrington farmer to ask if surplus road surfacing materials could be dumped on the farm as the operatives' working day was over. The material was used to fill a large hole in the farmyard. Moorfoot CC is concerned about this and other wasteful activities. | CB |
| 10.3 | CB will investigate. <u>North Middleton</u> | CB |
| 10.4 | DS asked CB to have the surplus winter road grit removed from Cleuch Road. <u>Temple</u> Still problems with flooding at top of village | |
| 11.0 | AOCB | |
| 11.1 | KA will put census information sheets on each village notice board. | KA |
| 12.0 | NEXT MEETING 6 th April at 7 p.m. in Moorfoot PS. | |