

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

**MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011 at Temple Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.**

Item No	Item	Action
1.0	PRESENT: Ken Adam (Chairman), Derek Scott, Doris Stanley (DMS), Ed Stanley, Margaret Munro, Ian Quinn.	
	APOLOGIES: Richard Pentland, Sue Mitchell, Michael Stanway, Shona Hamilton.	
2.0	VISITORS: Andrew Noble, Raymond Paterson, Angus Waugh, Alison Morton, Robin Morton.	
3.0	VISITOR MATTERS	
3.1	<p><u>Temple Twinning</u> Members of the Temple twinning group reported on their recent visit to France. The benefits of the twinning arrangements were discussed and it was agreed that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group should include all of the Moorfoot area</li> <li>• The group should be self-financing and therefore would require to be constituted to allow them to apply for grants.</li> <li>• The group will provide an article to be included in the 2011 Moorfoot newsletter.</li> <li>• KA will make a sub-web-site on the Moorfoot web page.</li> </ul>	KA
3.2	Concern was raised at intruders within gardens in Temple. Police had been involved and had taken the matter seriously. Stolen bikes had been found. Mr. Morton expressed his concern as to whether anti-social families were being re-housed in Gorebridge/Birkenside. He had hoped to speak to local Midlothian Councillors at the meeting. It was noted that Colin Beattie would be attending the next Moorfoot Community Council meeting in September and the matter would be discussed. Following further discussion, it was agreed that KA would raise the matter at the next Federation of Community Councils meeting	CB KA
4.0	MINUTES – The minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 6th July 2011 were approved. Proposed by IQ Seconded by MM	
5.0	MATTERS ARISING	
5.1	ES had met Mr. Kinch who confirmed that the cycle ramps were unsafe. They were to be removed from Midlothian Council property. ES advised Gillian Lithgow accordingly and she contacted the boys and their parents. Some of the ramps have been removed. Colin Beattie had agreed to speak to Midlothian Council officials about an alternative play space. Mr. Kinch suggested a purpose built concrete structure and Gillian Lithgow said she would investigate sources of funding.	CB
5.2	<p><u>Rights of Way:</u> John Pope from Scotways has visited the broken bridge forming part of a right of way in North Middleton. He said the path is overgrown and needs to be cleared. He proposed that the path-clearing group (based at Vogrie) be asked to help. DS agreed to establish the owner of Torcraig House so he could be asked to arrange for the right of way to be cleared.</p> <p>The bridge building group (also based at Vogrie) might be persuaded to rebuild the bridge. Estimated cost of material £200 – 300. IQ will contact Eon with regard to funding.</p>	DS IQ
5.3	KA has still to contact Midlothian Council about the Fintry wind farm scheme.	KA
5.4	<u>Police Reports</u> : It is now 4 months since a police report has been received by MCC. KA will contact the police about reports and attendance.	KA

5.5	<u>Moorfoot School Forest School</u> : KA provided information regarding potential costs to be forwarded to Eon. KA would forward the details of costs to Eon.	KA
5.6	<u>Midlothian Council Newsletter</u> : MM has contacted Midlothian Council who have agreed to stop sending multiple copies of their newsletter to MCC. <u>Health Link</u> : will also stop sending bulk copies of their newsletter.	
5.7	<u>Insurance</u> : The elected part of the SACC has been disbanded. The charity part will continue up to April 2012. MCC's insurance will continue until then. The Federation of Community Councils intend to discuss this at their September meeting. KA and 1 other to attend.	KA/ES
5.8	<u>Planning Application Appeals</u> : KA reported that appeals do not go to Midlothian Council or Community Councils for consideration. Borthwick school is to become one dwelling only.	
5.9	<u>Moorfoot Newsletter Address List</u> : KA is working on updated list of outlying area addresses.	KA
5.10	<u>Brass Band Concert</u> : North Middleton Village hall and the brass band have been booked for Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2011.	
6.0	POLICE REPORT	
6.1	No police report was received.	
7.0	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	
7.1	KA had received copies of carbon trust grant details from CB. DMS will pass copies of the "Youth in Action" details to North Middleton Youth Club.	DMS
7.2	<u>Fly Tipping</u> Has been reported in various areas.	
7.3	<u>HGV Access to Fushiebridge Road</u> : HGVs are still using this road and the road sign "Not Suitable for HGVs" has not been provided. The banking in one area has been damaged.	KA
8.0	SECRETARY'S REPORT	
8.1	See section 5.6 above	
9.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
9.1	<u>Bank Balance</u> The current balance is £2400.	
10.0	COUNCILLOR'S REPORT	
10.1	No Report	
11.0	PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
11.1	<u>Temple</u> Midlothian Council owned houses have recently been painted yellow. Replacement brown windows (not sash and case) have been fitted. The Council has told private house owners that as Temple is a conservation area, their houses and windows have to be white and that replacement windows are to be sash and case. MM will write to the Council about this.	MM
12.0	VILLAGE REPORTS	
12.1	<u>Borthwick</u> Fly tipping reported.	
12.2	<u>Carrington</u> Fly tipping reported	
12.3	<u>North Middleton</u> DMS reported that Cleuch Road has been marked to show the extent of repairs required but no repairs have taken place. DMS commented on the deteriorating state of the former Middleton Inn. Discussion followed.	
12.4	<u>Temple</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twinning – See 3.1 above</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See 3.2 above</li> <li>• See 11.1 above</li> <li>• Road drains are still flooding. IQ will contact Midlothian Council.</li> </ul>	IQ
13.0	AOCB	
13.1	<p>ES has received a letter and email from SP Energy. They report the way in which fines imposed by OFGEM are used to reduce the overall cost to all consumers. ES will respond stating that we are seeking a fairer distribution of this money.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note:</u> ES responded to SP energy who confirmed that OFGEM decide how the money raised from fines is distributed. SP Energy agreed to provide contact details within OFGEM. In the meantime, MM is also continuing to pursue OFGEM in this respect.</p>	ES
14.0	NEXT MEETING	
	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7p.m. at Moorfoot Primary School.	