

**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 ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at Moorfoot Primary School at 7.00 p.m.**

No	Item	Action
1.0	PRESENT: Ken Adam (Chairman), Derek Scott, Doris Stanley (DMS), Ed Stanley, Ian Quinn, Michael Stanway, Margaret Munro, Sue Mitchell, Scott Meechan and Mark Singleton (Community Police). APOLOGIES: Richard Pentland, Shona Hamilton	
2.0	VISITOR: None	
3.0	VISITOR MATTERS: KA raised the snow clearing problem highlighted by Pandora Somerfield with Midlothian Council.	
4.0	MINUTES – The minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2011 were approved. Proposed by MS Seconded by MM	
5.0	MATTERS ARISING	
5.1	<u>Arniston Estate</u> David Picken will meet with Arniston Estate soon. If Moorfoot CC have not heard by the next meeting, KA will contact Arniston directly to confirm that David Picken is not a community councillor and does not represent Moorfoot CC.	KA
5.2	<u>Bridge at North Middleton Right of Way</u> KA has been advised that Midlothian Council believe that the land at the bridge belongs to Scottish Water. SM will contact Scottish Water estates department.	SM
5.3	<u>Newsletter</u> KA will put the newsletter on the web page soon.	KA
5.4	<u>Midlothian Council Developer Contribution</u> ES has received acknowledgement of his letter, confirming that the content will be considered. Public meetings will take place in Gorebridge on Friday/Saturday 9/10 December 2011. KA will email details of times and exact location.	All KA
5.5	<u>Brass Band Concert</u> The concert held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2011 was a success and the band was happy with the £90, which they received. Attendance was slightly disappointing (the event clashed with two other local events on the same evening) and it was suggested that future events should be advertised on Black Diamond Radio also and that tickets might be sold in the North Middleton Post Office. It may be possible to arrange for the band to perform at the North Middleton Village fete.	
5.6	<u>Action by CB</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CB has phoned Mr. and Mrs. Morton but has not managed to contact them yet. He will try again.</li> <li>• Speed bumps in Temple will be painted as soon as possible.</li> <li>• Drainage at the end of Temple will be dealt with as soon as possible</li> <li>• Windows – All the information requested from IQ should already be available to Midlothian Council. Following discussion, it was agreed that Moorfoot CC should continue to pursue this matter. MS will liase with IQ and will write to Midlothian Council.</li> <li>• Redside Road will be jet-patched soon.</li> <li>• Drain covers at Cockpen Road have been repaired.</li> </ul>	CB          MS/IQ
5.7	<u>Carrington Graveyard</u> closure has been successful. Youths are no longer entering the graveyard.	
5.8	<u>Community Resilience Planning</u> Discussion took place regarding the practicality of preparing and implementing an action plan. It was considered to be not practical for	

	<p>Moorfoot CC to become involved in implementing an action plan. This will be further discussed at the Federation meeting next week.</p> <p>KA represents rural communities on the Midlothian Community Planning Working Group and in considering rural communities, Borthwick was used as an example. MM reported that oil suppliers had made special arrangements for the delivery of oil where normal tankers could not gain easy access.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding vulnerable people under extreme winter conditions and it was noted that persons not normally vulnerable could become so if they were blocked in by snow and there were power cuts. North Middleton Village hall committee had suggested using the hall as temporary refuge in an emergency.</p>	
6.0	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	
6.1	Police report was received and read out by Mark Singleton.	
6.2	Scott also reported on the proposed closure of the counter service at Gorebridge Police Station. There is to be more consultation – refer to LB web page ( <a href="http://www.lbp.police.uk">www.lbp.police.uk</a> ).	
6.3	SM reported that further incidents of fly tipping had been seen in the Carrington area. SH had also asked SM to report on fly tipping in this area.	
6.4	KA reported that he had noted that temporary traffic signals at the construction of the new roundabout at the Persimmons housing development were not working. He had endeavoured to report this to the police but had had some difficulty with the call centre. Scott would raise the matter with the call centre.	Police
7.0	<b>CHAIRMAN’S REPORT</b>	
7.1	KA had received an email from Midlothian Council advising a road closure at the North Middleton lime works. A map showing proposed diversion was included.	
7.2	<u>Community Council Insurance</u> This is still under discussion.	
7.3	<u>South East Scotland (SES) Plan</u> KA had attended a recent for community planning meeting. A very large number of new houses are planned for the proposed Borders Railway corridor. Additional land will be required. There may also be a need for additional police station, fire station and secondary school. Discussion followed.	
8.0	<b>SECRETARY’S REPORT</b>	
8.1	<p>MM reported as follows on mail received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local review body reported on two planning applications Dalhousie Business Park and Carlisle Lodge at Fushiebridge.</li> <li>• Policy on road safety – the number of places where drivers parking illegally in disabled spaces can be charged has been increased.</li> <li>• The Big Picture.</li> <li>• SES plan (document and disk) had been received and was passed to KA. Comments are required by mid December.</li> <li>• Letter from charity for Midlothian disabled children seeking funding to maintain a caravan at Berwick. KA suggested that MVA might help. He will contact them.</li> </ul>	All KA
9.0	<b>TREASURER’S REPORT</b>	
9.1	IQ reported that the bank balance was in excess of £2000 but expenses were still to be submitted by Chairman and Secretary.	KA/ MM
10.0	<b>COUNCILLOR’S REPORT</b>	
10.1	None	
11.0	<b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>	
11.1	DS reported that a notice has been posted at the Middleton Inn with respect to an application for a licence.	

12.0	VILLAGE REPORTS	
12.1	<u>Borthwick.</u> Road problems with drainage have been reported to Midlothian Council.	
12.2	<u>Carrington. Quotes</u> are being sought to upgrade the village hall. Grant to be sought from SSE energy efficiency trust.	
12.3	<u>North Middleton.</u> Existing bulbs in the Village hall are to be replaced by low energy bulbs. Grant to be sought from SSE energy efficiency trust.	
12.4	<u>Temple IQ</u> suggested that a sign be erected giving directions to the historic church. CB will action. MS and IQ cannot find a twinning sign but CB thinks that he has paid for it.	CB CB
13.0	AOCB	
13.1	All councillors are to consider how CB's environmental fund can be used. Suggestions are required for the January meeting.	All
14.0	NEXT MEETING Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 7p.m. at Moorfoot Primary School.	