

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 at Moorfoot PS**

Item No.	Item	Action
	PRESENT Ed Stanley (Chairman), Doris M. Stanley (DMS), Ian Quinn, Ken Adam, Margaret Munro, Derek Scott, Sue Mitchell, Michael Stanway, PC Emma Yetton PC Mark Singleton, Shona Hamilton, Richard Pentland, APOLOGIES: Paul Mellstrom. VISITORS: Andrew Hudson and Fay Sinclair (Dalkeith Advertiser)	
1.0	MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2011 were approved. Proposed by MS and seconded by MM	
2.0	MATTERS ARISING	
2.1	<u>Currie field</u> has had visit from officer. CB will pursue	CB
2.2	<u>Bluefin insurance</u> . ES and DMS attended the December Federation meeting where it was reckoned that there was adequate cover from Zurich Insurance.	
2.3	<u>Midlothian Consultation Document</u> . KA has had a reply from the CEO. There are approximately 20.000 households in Midlothian but only 230 replies were received to the Consultation Document. The CEO confirms that the views expressed in the returned questionnaires will be considered when the budget is set.	
2.4	<u>Ombudsman and Scottish Power</u> . MM received a reply but further information is awaited. A further email will be issued to OFGEM	MM
2.5	<u>The request from N Middleton Youth Club</u> DMS has contacted Carrie Bennett who will make a direct application to SCF for a microphone.	
2.6	<u>Temple speed bumps</u> . Removal of additional speed bumps in Temple. CB had advised that it would cost £400 to remove two more speed bumps. CB will try to arrange removal. Water leak at top of village is still a problem. This has been determined a low priority by MC. Concerns were expressed about road safety on ice.	CB
2.7	<u>Twinning</u> ES confirmed having advised Temple Twinning Committee that it would not be appropriate for the Chairman of Moorfoot CC to act as a referee for their funding application to SCF	
2.8	<u>Right of way</u> . KA will wait until 1 <sup>st</sup> April to join then we will have full year benefit.	KA
2.9	<u>Spurlens Rig Wind Farm</u> KA attended both the meetings on 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2011. Minutes of the meeting (5 pages) are available if required. KA offered to email them to all CCs. The next meeting of the group is in April.	KA
2.10	<u>Funding</u> ES and IQ met to discuss funding applications. Applications were submitted to EON, SCF and to the Leader fund for Newsletter expenses.	
2.11	SM still to contact BT and Royal Mail	SM
2.12	<u>Constitution</u> ES and DMS attended the last Federation of Community Councils meeting and raised the subject of the model constitution issued by the Scottish Government. It had been reported that the Federation were delaying implementation by not agreeing the format. At the meeting it was reported that Midlothian Council were making amendments to the model constitution and that these had not yet been passed to the Federation. MCC had submitted a proposed amended constitution, based on the model, to Midlothian Council and it was agreed that MCC would write to Midlothian Council advising that in the meantime MCC intended to adopt this constitution.	MS KA

3.0	<p><b>ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS</b>  <u>Chairman</u> – Ken Adam - Proposed by ES, Seconded by SH  There were no further nominations and Ken Adam was appointed as chairman. KA took over as chairman and thanked the outgoing Chairman for all his hard work.  <u>Secretary</u> – Margaret Munro - Proposed by ES, Seconded by DMS  There were no further nominations and Margaret Munro was appointed as Secretary.  <u>Treasurer</u> – Ian Quinn – Proposed by ES, seconded by SM  There were no further nominations and Ian Quinn was appointed as Treasurer  <u>Minute Secretary.</u> – Doris Stanley - Proposed by MM , seconded by ES  There were no further nominations and Doris Stanley was appointed as M. Secretary.</p>	
4.0	<p><b>POLICE REPORT</b>  A written report for December – January was received. A copy of the report is available for inspection if required. Attention was drawn to the ongoing Operation Ether.</p>	
5.0	<p><b>COUNCILLOR’S REPORT</b>  None</p>	
6.0	<p><b>SECRETARY’S REPORT</b>  Correspondence received includes,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midlothian Council Meeting Minutes</li> <li>• OFGEM Email received awaiting further information MM to send email.</li> <li>• Copies of Midlothian News</li> <li>• Midlothian Council Tourism – Event Organisers Meeting at Newbattle Abbey Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 4 – 6 p.m. MS and IQ to tell Temple Walk Organisers</li> </ul>	MM IQ MS
7.0	<p><b>TREASURERS REPORT</b></p>	
7.1	<p>IQ reported that Eon seemed to be reluctant to provide an annual amount of grant, which was available. Instead they would consider specific applications and allocate funding to those, which they approve. Discussion followed. ES is in communication with Dave Lock from Eon.</p>	KA ES
7.2	<p>KA had been advised that in addition to the Carcant wind farm benefit administered by SCF, a further Carcant benefit was available for energy efficiency. This will be discussed at the March meeting.</p>	All
8.0	<p><b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b></p>	
8.1	<p>KA had examined on-line planning notifications and it was agreed that there were no current applications, which required further attention.</p>	
8.2	<p>Outerston Quarry’s planning approval is due for renewal soon. The conditions of the existing approval prohibit movement of materials by road transport and it was considered important to ensure that this continued to apply when the approval was renewed. SH/KA to monitor Planning Applications and advise when renewal is sought.</p>	KA SH
8.3	<p>SH confirmed having some difficulty in accessing on-line planning notifications. KA gets automatic email updates. Midlothian Council’s web page is due to be updated in February 2011 so access should be easier.</p>	SH
8.4	<p>Andrew Hudson (visitor) expressed concern over the proposed Lomond Energy Windfarm at Spurlens Rig. He believed that the visual impact had not been assessed and suggested that the Community Council should consider the impact on Moorfoot and not be bribed by potential community benefits. KA confirmed that the meeting that he had attended made it clear that approval / support for the project was quite separate from benefits. Following discussion it was agreed that further information was required and that the matter would be discussed again at the next meeting.</p>	KA

9.0	VILLAGE REPORTS	
9.1	BORTHWICK – No report other than ongoing problems with potholes in roads.	
9.2	CARRINGTON – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice board has been replaced.</li> <li>• Speed bumps need to be re-painted.</li> <li>• Open cast mine at Rosewell appears to be getting closer. The work starts at 5.30 a.m. and the noise can be heard in Carrington. RP suggested reporting this matter to the Police as 5.30 a.m. as too early.</li> <li>• Burst pipe in Manse Road. SM to contact Scottish Water.</li> </ul>	SH SM
9.3	FUSHIEBRIDGE – Flytipping has been reported to the Council. Response is awaited. HGV using the road to Fushiebridge are too big and are getting stuck on the bends and damaging walls. Request for a sign saying Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles.	CB RP DMS
9.4	NORTH MIDDLETON – Potholes in Cleuch Road RP and DMS will report to Midlothian Council. Village Hall DMS reported that the village hall is now open certain days with catering and bar. DMS will get posters for other Village notice boards.	DMS CB
9.5	TEMPLE – There are still problems with potholes and flooding at the top of village.	
10.00	AOCB	
10.1	<u>Newsletter</u> – DMS gave out extra copies of the Newsletter to SH	
10.2	<u>A7 Petition</u> – ES confirmed that Wilma Chalmers had offered to finance traffic calming measures at the North Middleton access to A7. ES had contacted Ricky Moffat to arrange a meeting to discuss the most appropriate measures. It would be useful if DS and MS are available for that meeting. ES will email possible dates to them for this meeting and would then contact R Moffat to confirm.	ES
	NEXT MEETING at Moorfoot Primary School at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2011	