

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 5th January 2011 at Carrington Village Hall

Item No.	Item	Action
	<p>PRESENT Ed Stanley (Chairman), Doris M. Stanley (DMS), Ian Quinn, Ken Adam, Margaret Munro, Derek Scott, Sue Mitchell, Michael Stanway, PC Emma Yetton PC Paul Graham, Cllr. Colin Beattie. APOLOGIES: Shona Hamilton, Richard Pentland, Paul Mellstrom. VISITORS: None</p>	
1.0	<p>MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2010 were approved. (The December meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather) Proposed by DS and seconded by IQ.</p>	
2.0	MATTERS ARISING	
2.1	<u>A7 Petition.</u> Meeting with Police and all three local Midlothian Councillors has taken place and a report has been issued.	
2.2	<u>Currie field</u> has had visit from officer. CB will pursue	CB
2.3	<u>Cycle route</u> at Cockpen. MM has received a reply from Midlothian Council. CB awaiting response.	
2.4	<u>Bluefin insurance.</u> IQ attended the Federation meeting where the matter was referred to Midlothian Council lawyer. ES and DMS attended the December Federation meeting where it was reckoned that there was adequate cover from Zurich Insurance.	CB
2.5	<u>Pot holes.</u> The problem of potholes has worsened due to the recent bad weather. MC are experiencing difficulty due to the financial restraints. Discussion followed and it was suggested that cold filling of potholes was ineffective.	
2.6	<u>Midlothian Consultation Document.</u> KA has written to Midlothian Council highlighting the difficulties of understanding their questionnaire. No response has been received. KA to email his letter to CB.	KA
2.7	<u>Association of CCs.</u> IQ went to November Federation meeting and got very little further information. Each CC has the right to vote but little detail has been provided about the candidate for each post.	
2.8	<u>Ombudsman and Scottish Power.</u> MM has emailed to OFGEM but was uncertain as to why there was no reply. She will email again and send a copy to DMS.	MM
2.9	<u>The request from N Middleton Youth Club</u> for a microphone should be put to SCF soon. If successful this equipment could be shared locally within Moorfoot.	DMS
2.10	IQ has made <u>payment for repairs</u> to village notice boards.	
2.11	CB confirmed that <u>painting of speed bumps</u> in Carrington has been agreed.	
2.12	<u>Temple speed bumps.</u> Removal of additional speed bumps in Temple was discussed. CB 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
2.13	<u>Recycling bins.</u> CB advised that he would try to get smaller suitable replacement bins.	CB
2.14	<u>A report on Twinning</u> was received and was included in the Newsletter. A member of Moorfoot PS staff has been elected to the Twinning committee to assist future involvement by the school. Moorfoot CC chairman has been asked to act as referee for the Twinning Committee's	

	application for SCF funding. Following discussion it was agreed that this would not be appropriate.	ES
2.15	<u>Lap top</u> KA passed a cheque for £50 for MCC laptop lease to IQ.	
2.16	<u>Right of way.</u> KA will wait until 1 st April to join then we will have full year benefit.	KA
2.17	<u>Grit bins.</u> No additional grit bins had been provided and existing bins contained no grit. CB advised that grit bins were being raided and the grit was being removed for illegal resale. As an alternative, arrangements are in place, for local deliveries of grit, to specific locations for spreading by residents. This appears to be working reasonably well.	
3.0	POLICE REPORT A written report for November/ December was received. A copy of the report is available for inspection if required. PC Emma Yetton was introduced as the new community police representative. Attention was drawn to the ongoing Operation Ether.	
4.0	COUNCILLOR'S REPORT CB reported that Midlothian Council had spent £2.5m on snow clearance so far this year. This does not include for any subsequent repairs to roads as a result of damage caused by the weather. Discussion took place with regard to the potential savings and it was noted that clearing of footpaths in rural areas was not worthwhile, as, generally there was nowhere for residents to walk to. Clearance of roads to allow the use of cars was much more important. CB would raise the matter within the council. CB warned of a scam, which is presently being carried out. Emails purporting to come from the Inland Revenue offer tax rebates and ask for bank details to make the payment.	CB
5.0	SECRETARY'S REPORT	
5.1	Correspondence received includes, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midlothian Council Meeting Minutes • Borders Railway newsletter – Copies are provided for distribution. • Lomond Energy proposed additional wind farm at Spurlin Rig - Meetings will take place on Thursday 13th January at Howgate Village Hall at 3.30 and 7 pm. KA will attend • NHS newsletter – copies are provided for distribution • SEPA questionnaire. Future copies will be issued electronically to allow easier internal distribution. MM to reply. 	KA MM
6.0	TREASURERS REPORT	
6.1	IQ reported that expenditure to date this year had exceeded the amount of the grant provided by Midlothian Council. The grant had not been increased for 10 years and CB agreed to investigate to see if an increase was possible. A major part of the expenditure was the newsletter but it was agreed that this was fundamental to the communication element of the Community Council. It might be possible to reduce the standard of the printing process but that was not considered desirable. However, the introduction of advertising into the newsletter could provide additional funding. ES and IQ would meet separately to discuss what application for wind farm funding could be made. IQ suggested that future agendas should include a specific section on planning applications. SH to monitor planning applications.	CB DMS IQ/ES ES/SH

7.0	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>BORTHWICK – No report other than ongoing problems with potholes in roads.</p> <p>CARRINGTON – Cockpen Road – fly tipping reported. Aitkendean Farm – water leak leads to bad ice on the road recently. Telephone box – broken glass SM to report to BT. Post box old and opening too small. SM to contact Royal Mail</p> <p>FUSHIEBRIDGE – Flytipping has been reported to the Council. Response is awaited.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>NORTH MIDDLETON – Pot holes</p> <p>TEMPLE – As above</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>SM</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
8.0	AOCB	
8.1	<u>Newsletter</u> – Distribution of the Newsletter for next year to be co-ordinated in September. The snow last month caused distribution problems.	
8.2	<p><u>A7 Petition</u> – A flashing sign warning of a dangerous junction could be erected south of the North Middleton junction but this would cost £5000. Midlothian Council in conjunction with others is examining the whole of the A7 for speed limits and this junction will be considered as a part of that process. The petition will be included as part of that consideration. If the Community Council could raise the £5000, the sign could be erected immediately. It was agreed that wind farm funding would not be eligible and therefore the community council could not raise the money. CB agreed to discuss the matter with Cllrs. J Muirhead and W Chalmers to see if their environmental funds could provide the cash.</p> <p><u>Midlothian Council Speed Review</u> on the A and B Class Roads - Consultation Questionnaire. This has been completed and returned to Scott Wilson highlighting the A7 junction and our petition.</p>	<p>CB</p>
8.3	<p><u>AGM</u></p> <p>Reports will be required from, Chairman (ES), The Secretary (MM) and the Treasurer (IQ)</p> <p>Accounts to be audited</p> <p>Nominations for new office bearers</p> <p>Treasurer – IQ was nominated and there were no other nominations</p> <p>Secretary – MM was nominated and there were no other nominations</p> <p>Minute Secretary – DMS - was nominated and there were no other nominations</p> <p>Chairman – ES advised that he would be standing down as chairman but would remain as a CC. KA was nominated and there were no other nominations</p>	<p>ES MM</p> <p>IQ</p> <p>IQ</p>
8.4	<u>Constitution</u> – was discussed and a decision was made to adopt our proposed constitution at our AGM. The Federation of CCs has not finally agreed the Government model constitution for CCs. ES and DMS to go to the next Federation meeting and raise this matter.	<p>DMS</p> <p>ES</p>
9.0	NEXT MEETING at Moorfoot Primary School at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 2 nd February 2011	