

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 5th October 2011 at Moorfoot Primary School at 7.00 p.m.

Item No	Item	Action
1.0	PRESENT: Ken Adam (Chairman), Derek Scott, Doris Stanley (DMS), Ed Stanley, Sue Mitchell, Ian Quinn, Michael Stanway and Mark Singleton (Community Police).	
	APOLOGIES: Richard Pentland, Shona Hamilton, Margaret Munro and Councillor Colin Beattie	
2.0	VISITORS: Dave Picken, Irene Stewart, Hazel Brown, Andrew Hudson. Colin Williams, Karen (Wind Prospect), Alex Orr (Orbit).	
3.0	VISITOR MATTERS	
3.1	Dave Picken presented the Arniston Estate plan. The Forestry Commission have asked Moorfoot Community Council to comment on the plan by mid October. It was felt that there was insufficient time to consider the plan and make meaningful comment and Mr. Picken agreed to seek an extension to the period for comment. MS agreed to examine the plan and provide comments.	MS
3.2	A presentation was given by Wind Prospect in respect of a proposed wind farm development at Mount Lothian. This was a preliminary briefing only. Moorfoot Community Council had agreed to allocate 30 minutes to this presentation, including questions, and this time limit was re-confirmed and agreed before the briefing started. Half way through the presentation, visitors (Andrew Hudson, Irene Stewart and Hazel Brown – all from Temple) joined the meeting and questioned the Wind Prospect team. When the allocated period had expired the matter was closed to allow Moorfoot Community Council to carry out their normal business. The visitors were invited to remain for the Moorfoot Community Council meeting, but it was confirmed that, if they wanted to further discuss the proposals with Wind Prospect, these further discussions should take place outwith the meeting.	
4.0	MINUTES – The minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 7 th September 2011 were approved. Proposed by ES Seconded by DS	
5.0	MATTERS ARISING	
5.1	CB was not present at the meeting and actions allocated to him were carried forward as follows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Intruders in Temple</u> CB will contact Robin and Alison Morton • <u>Rights of Way</u> John Pope has met Mr. Russell of Torcraik Farm to discuss ownership of the land at the bridge. CB may have an e-mail with more information which he will forward to Moorfoot Community Council. • Speed bumps still not painted in Temple and Carrington • Road Drains still flooding in Temple. IQ suggested new drain might be needed. • CB will investigate paint colour and window style in council houses in Temple and advise why the Midlothian Council appears to be disregarding planning requirements in a conservation area. • Redside Road in Carrington has still to be repaired. 	CB

5.2	SH to contact Mr. Dobie (landowner) in connection with the Right of Way at the bridge near North Middleton.	SH
5.3	<u>Community Council Insurance</u> ES and KA attended the Federation meeting at which insurance was discussed. It was suggested that the Federation might take the role previously carried out by SACC. It was hoped that the payments previously made to SACC in respect of community council membership could be passed the Federation to allow them to administer the insurance.	
5.4	<u>OFGEM</u> A written response is still awaited from OFGEM – ES will pursue	ES
5.5	<u>Newsletter</u> All items have now been submitted to DMS who will proceed with the printing.	DMS
6.0	POLICE REPORT	
6.1	Police report was received. PC Mark Singleton had to leave the meeting early but had discussed the report with SM. Operation Adamant was highlighted. Members of the public can assist by reporting any suspicious activity/ metal thefts (0131 311 3131). KA will put this information on Moorfoot Community Council's web page.	KA
7.0	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	
7.1	KA attended the meeting at Spurlins Rig. No planning approval yet.	
7.2	<u>Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)</u> ES agreed to write to Midlothian Council to comment on the consultation document as it relates to Developer Contributions associated with possible housing development in North Middleton. Discussion followed on the new Harveston and Redheugh developments. These are within the Moorfoot Community Council area but the developers have failed to inform Moorfoot Community Council. An exhibition for the Harveston Development will take place in Gorebridge in December and it was suggested that Moorfoot Community Councillors should attend. KA will contact Chair of Gorebridge CC. The implication of the additional housing within Moorfoot Community Council area, which would double the number of houses, was discussed.	ES KA
7.3	<u>Brass Band Concert</u> KA will issue posters and tickets for the concert on 3 rd December	KA
7.4	<u>HGV Warning Sign</u> The sign has been erected but the local farmer is having difficulty with his deliveries. KA will contact CB to arrange amendment to the sign.	KA
7.5	<u>Grit Bins</u> Midlothian Council has agreed to drop grit bags at all villages. Locations have been agreed.	
8.0	SECRETARY'S REPORT	
8.1	Carried forward to November	
9.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
9.1	The cheque for £680 received from Eon was not signed. A replacement cheque has been received. IQ will issue a cheque to Forest School.	IQ
9.2	IQ invited members to submit applications for expenses. DMS has received a cheque for the purchase of printer ink.	All
10.0	COUNCILLOR'S REPORT	
10.1	None.	
11.0	PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
11.1	None	
12.0	VILLAGE REPORTS	
12.1	<u>Borthwick</u> No Report	

12.2	<u>Carrington</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise from shooting close to the village was reported to the police by SH. • SM reported strangers in cars on quiet roads close to the village. • Cockpen to Carrington road - missing drain covers marked by cones are potentially dangerous. • Redside Road – still flooded and has deep potholes. 	CB CB
12.3	<u>North Middleton</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DS reported recent charity disco in the village hall had raised £600 for Maggie's Meals. • Macmillan coffee morning raised over £1000. 	
12.4	<u>Temple</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed bumps still to be painted. IQ will contact Midlothian Council for both Temple and Carrington • MM is presently on holiday. When she returns, a check will be made to confirm that a letter has been sent to Midlothian Council regarding the paint colour and window style in council houses in Temple. 	IQ MM
13.0	AOCB	
13.1	<u>Newsletter</u> Councillors agreed to proceed with printing 550 copies of the newsletter by Dalhousie Press for issue in November.	DMS
13.2	<u>40mph Speed Limit on A7 at Dewar Park</u> KA will email P.C. Mark Singleton to establish whether there is a 40-mph speed limit in this area and if so where it ends.	KA
14.0	NEXT MEETING	
	Wednesday 2 nd November 2011 at 7p.m. at Moorfoot Primary School.	