

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

**AGM HELD ON WEDNESDAY
 1st February 2012 at Moorfoot Primary School**

Item No.	Item	Action
	<p>PRESENT Ken Adam (Chairman), Doris Stanley, Ian Quinn, Shona Hamilton, Margaret Munro, Derek Scott and Ed Stanley.</p> <p>APOLOGIES Richard Pentland, Sue Mitchell, Mike Stanway, Community Police.</p> <p>VISITORS Kate Buxton, Dave Picken.</p> <p>MINUTES The minutes of the AGM held on 2nd February 2011 were approved. Proposed by ES and seconded by SH.</p> <p>CHAIRMAN’S REPORT (Ken Adam) As we come to the end of my first year as Chairman of Moorfoot Community Council, it is time to consider what has happened in the past year and what we might hope for the future. When I took over this role last year, I was unaware that it was a 3 year appointment – I hope the rest of the Community Council can cope with me doing this for the next two years! You can take comfort from the fact that our constitution prevents me from doing this again for 3 years after that. I think we have been fairly active as a Community Council over the past year, being involved in a range of activities in the area. I’d just like to mention a few of these in this report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A7 Signage Petition – as a consequence of the petition raised in 2010, and the subsequent meetings with the council organised by Ed, we now have an electronic warning sign installed on the A7 and North Middleton. • Wind Farm Grants – 2011 was the first year of the Scottish Hydro Carcant wind farm grants, which saw benefits going to Temple Village Hall, SWRI, Forest School at Moorfoot Primary, Moorflix and the Community Council newsletter. • Newsletter - Doris continues to work hard to produce an interesting annual newsletter, and it was encouraging to get positive feedback from new residents of the area. The funding that we received from Leader and from Carcant meant that this year we were able to post out about 20% of the newsletters, saving a lot of time and miles for hand deliver to the outlying areas. • Brass Band concerts – in a new venture this year we organised 2 Brass Band concerts. These were well received by those who attended, even if the turnout was rather less than we hoped for. 	

- Planning – we continue to monitor planning applications from the minor household modifications to the more major projects – this year we have been tracking 3 Wind farms (Spurlens Rig, Mount Lothian and Gilston) as well as the large housing development planned for Harviston which will increase the population of Moorfoot by around 50%.
- Constitution – we managed to get some minor updates to our constitution approved so that we can at least comply with the revised requirements. The new Model Scheme (which governs our Constitution) is still not available for review, despite being promised in March last year. It will not now appear until sometime after the Council elections in May.

As Chairman, I have been attending the monthly meetings of the Midlothian Federation of Community Councils, as a result of which, I am now the Federation representative on Midlothian Council's Community Planning Working Group. Although I attend on behalf of the Federation, it is recognised by the other members of the CPWG that I have a strong interest in ensuring that the needs of the rural communities are considered in their discussions, which can only be to the benefit of Moorfoot residents. As a spin-off from this, I have been invited to Council meetings concerning Winter Weather planning, and will shortly attend a meeting regarding "Care for People Affected by Emergencies". I'd like to thank all the Community Councillors for their efforts and support over the past year, and I hope those who are standing down from Community Council will not find the break too hard!

In particular, two of our office-bearers are retiring from the Community Council this year and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank them more formally for their contributions over a number of years.

Ian Quinn has undertaken the duties of the Treasurer for several years, while also representing the residents of Temple. His presence at and contributions to our meetings will be missed.

Margaret Munro has been a Community Councillor for about 20 years, having attended meetings for a while before she was persuaded to join the council. Her knowledge of the people and the background to some of the concerns that have been raised with the Community Council has added to our understanding.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Secretary Margaret Munro)

Moorfoot CC continues to receive mail from Midlothian Council and others both electronically and by post. Mail received is discussed at each meeting and appropriate action is agreed. Generally correspondence on behalf of Moorfoot Community Council is allocated to individual councillors who prepare and issue their own letters.

Current correspondence will be discussed during the normal Community Council meeting. MM resigned as secretary and as a Community Councillor, after 20 years service. She was presented with flowers in appreciation.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Treasurer Ian Quinn)

The accounts have been independently audited on 31st January 2012.

The present balance in the bank amounts to £2061.46.

IQ resigned as treasurer and as a Community councillor. He was presented with wine in appreciation of his service.

IQ handed over a balance sheet, Application form for Midlothian Council grant, Insurance details and Bank treasurer forms to be dealt with by the new treasurer.

There were no comments on the audited accounts.

	<p>ELECTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS: Following the resignations of Margaret Munro, Ian Quinn and Mike Stanway, the Chairman confirmed that we still have 7 community councillors. We therefore have 4 vacancies.</p> <p>Dave Picken was proposed by KA and seconded by ES to be a councillor representing Temple.</p> <p>Kate Buxton was proposed by MM and seconded by SH to be a councillor representing Borthwick.</p>	
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