

# 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 ON WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2013 at North Middleton Village Hall

No	Item	Action
1.0	PRESENT: Ken Adam (KA), Ed Stanley (ES), Doris Stanley (DMS), Wendy Fraser (WF), Derek Scott (DS) Shona Hamilton (SH), Dave Picken (DP), Sue Mitchell, (SM), Kate Buxton(KB). Catherine Johnston (CJ) (Midlothian Councillor), Keith McQuaid (KM)(Community Police)	
2.0	VISITORS: None	
3.0	MINUTES: Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> 2013 were approved: Proposed by SH and seconded by WF	
4.0	MATTERS ARISING	
4.1	<u>Registration</u> – KA confirmed the need to register with Information Commissioners Office. Discussion. SM will make payment of £35	SM
4.2	<u>Federation</u> - £30 cheque passed to KA who will make payment at the next meeting of The Federation of Community Councils	KA
4.3	<u>North Middleton Junction/A7-</u> DMS has emailed Lindsay Haddow requesting a meeting. Response awaited.	
4.4	<u>Right of Way –North Middleton</u> – CJ has made enquiries and the land appears to belong to Mr. Murray at Torcraik Court. DMS to write to him. KA to provide information	DMS KA
4.5	<u>North Middleton Flower Tubs</u> – DMS has contacted Gary Cormack (Midlothian Council) who advises that the black lettering will be changed to white.	
5.0	CHAIRMAN’S REPORT	
5.1	<u>New Scheme for Community Councils</u> – Draft document has been issued to all MCC councillors. Comments awaited	All
5.2	<u>Wind Prospect</u> – Planning application has been lodged. DMS has received notification and will distribute to all. DMS to register interest with Ian Johnston (Midlothian Council) and to request extension of time to respond.	DMS
5.3	<u>Newsletter</u> – KA will pass spare copies of the newsletter to CJ who will distribute to local libraries	KA CJ
6.0	SECRETARY’S REPORT	
6.1	<u>Correspondence;</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scottish Water has issued a survey email asking for response from MCC. DMS will forward to all MCC councillors and will complete the survey on receipt of views from councillors.</li> <li>2. Midlothian Science Festival will be held in October 2013. Suggestions are requested for items to be included.</li> <li>3. Letter From Midlothian Council about development management. Passed to KA for action.</li> <li>4. Letter from Midlothian Access Forum SH KA and DS will attend.</li> <li>5. Email received from Public Partnership for Health – Meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2- 4 pm. At Loanhead Miners Welfare. SH may attend.</li> </ol>	DMS  All KA  SH/KA/ DS SH

	<p>6. Email “Fraud and Error 2013” Conference in London.</p> <p>7. Email Community Resources Network Scotland – Invitation for MCC to join.</p> <p>8. Post 16 Reform – Scotland – Conference in Edinburgh on 19 March 2013.</p> <p>9. Email Proludic – Play Equipment</p> <p>10. Email – Information about Defibrillator and training – Suggested as possible community benefit to be funded by wind farm community benefit. KA will contact EON in this respect</p> <p>11. Email – Implementing the Public Records, Scotland Act – Conference in Edinburgh Wednesday 24th April 2013.</p> <p>12. Midlothian News.</p> <p>13. Email - Mount Lothian Wind Farm – Planning Application – responses requested by 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013. DMS will forward Email to all MCC Councillors.</p> <p>14. Midlothian Council Minutes of Meetings.</p> <p>15. Email regarding new model scheme for community councils. Comments to be passed to KA.</p>	<p>KA</p> <p>All</p>
6.2	KA advised that responses were required to the community resilience plan. He will issue copies to all.	KA
7.0	<p>POLICE REPORT – KM read out the current police report copies of which are available if required.</p> <p>A crime prevention meeting will be held in North Middleton Village Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 1900 hrs. KA to advertise meeting on Moorfoot web page.</p>	
8.0	COUNCILLORS REPORT	
8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harveston Steading – Midlothian Council will send a representative to visit.</li> <li>• North Middleton residents have reported street lights out in Borthwick Castle Terrace. The bin at the phone box is not being emptied.</li> <li>• New Byres Medical Centre – Meeting at Gorebridge with Midlothian Council and Local Area clinical Director on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 to discuss difficulties at the practice.</li> <li>• Review ongoing as to whether public toilets in Midlothian are to be closed or not.</li> <li>• Temple Road. – A decision has been made regarding the measures required to repair the slippage and to prevent recurrence. – SH reported slippage on the road close to Carrington Mill which could lead to a large beech tree toppling. CJ will investigate.</li> <li>• Midlothian Council and the provost will hold a reception in March to thank local volunteers. Nominations were requested.</li> <li>• BT Infinity is expanding into the Moorfoot area. CJ will enquire about the coverage at local postcodes.</li> </ul>	<p>CJ</p> <p>CJ</p> <p>ALL</p>
9.0	TREASURER’S REPORT – As detailed in AGM	
10.0	PLANNING APPLICATIONS – A recent advert appeared in the Dalkeith Advertiser under the heading “Gorebridge” about the removal of trees in Carrington Main Street. CJ will enquire.	CJ
11.0	VILLAGE REPORTS	
11.1	Borthwick : Borders Railway – Mud is being left on the roads by construction traffic. KB reported a heavy ready mixed concrete truck on a bridge with a 7.5 ton	

	limit. Borders Railway have agreed to change the route and KB will monitor	KB
11.2	Carrington - SH reported tyres being dumped over the wall adjacent to the road at Carrington Mill. CJ will investigate.	CJ
11.3	Fushiebridge – No report	
11.4	North Middleton – No report	
11.5	Temple – No report	
12.0	ANY OTHER BUSINESS – None	
13.0	NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7 pm. <b>North Middleton Village Hall.</b>	

<b>MOORFOOT CC - AGM HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2013 at North Middleton Village Hall</b>	
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2.0	The minutes of the AGM held on 1st February 2012 were approved. Proposed by SH seconded by DS
3.0	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>This is my second report (of my 3 year term) as Chairman.</p> <p>We have been fairly active as a Community Council over the past year, although perhaps not so much as in 2012.</p> <p>* A7 Junction – Dangerous incidents continue and we are still pursuing this with Midlothian Council as it seems that their “rules” regarding speed limits and other signage are quite variable according to the current views of their Road Safety Team. We have requested a further meeting.</p> <p>* Wind Farm Grants – we have now had the second round of Wind farms Grants, and the process is now under the direct control of SSE, rather than SCF. A number of small grants were made to the community as result of the 2012 awards; along with a larger “one-off” Energy Efficiency grant to Carrington Village Hall for insulation.</p> <p>* Newsletter - Doris has again produced an interesting annual newsletter, which resulted in more feedback from residents. We plan to review both the content and distribution prior to the production of this year's edition – hopefully we will be able to obtain a grant to cover the costs.</p> <p>* Planning – Issues this year have been concerned with Wind Farms, Borders railway and the Wimpey development at Harvieston. Problems with the e-Planning notification system appear to have been resolved.</p> <p>* Right of Way – for some time we have been trying to resolve the issue of ownership of the bridge on the North Middleton right of way, so that we can arrange the repairs to the bridge. The most recent map provided from the Midlothian planning system by Cllr. Johnstone has clarified some issues that may finally help us take this forward.</p>

	<p>In addition to chairing the Community Council, I am also Chair of the Community Planning Working Group, which I attend on behalf of the Midlothian Federation of Community Councils. This gives the opportunity to raise rural matters directly with the Community Planning Partnership in Midlothian.</p> <p>Last year, I commented on the lack of progress with the new Midlothian Scheme for Community Councils over the previous few years, which had resulted in significant constitutional problems for various Community Councils including our own. In my capacity as Chair of the CPWG, I obtained agreement from the Council Chief Executive and Leadership, and from the other Community Councils, to produce a new draft Scheme in collaboration with Annette Lang of Midlothian Council. This adopted the “co-production” approach that is favoured by the Future Model of Service Delivery.</p> <p>Started in November, this draft document has now gone out for initial review by Community Councils, and we are hopeful that it can go to public consultation in a few months. The new scheme is intended to be less prescriptive and restrictive, and provide a basis for better working between the council and the community councils.</p> <p>Once adopted, the new Scheme will require us to review our constitution, and perhaps we can consider whether we should expand our remit to undertake further activities.</p> <p>I’d like to thank all the Community Councillors for their efforts and support over the past year.</p>	
4.0	Treasurer’s Report - Details of income and expenditure were presented and discussed. Some outstanding expenditure has still to be taken into account. Once these have been finalised, the accounts will be examined by an independent person.	SM
5.0	Election of Members - WF was co-opted last year and was formally elected. Proposed by KA seconded by ES.	
6.0	Election of Office Bearers – KA has one year remaining of his period as Chairman. Other office bearers were confirmed as follows Vice Chairman – ES Secretary – DMS Treasurer - SM	
7.	Future Meetings – It was confirmed that meetings would take place on the first Wednesday of each month. The meetings will be held in North Middleton Village Hall apart from April (in Carrington Village Hall) and October (in Temple Village Hall). KA/SH and DP will make the appropriate bookings. KA to amend Moorfoot webpage	KA SH DP