

# 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 MARCH 2013 at North Middleton Village Hall

No	Item	Action
1.0	PRESENT: Ken Adam (KA), Ed Stanley (ES), Doris Stanley (DMS), Wendy Fraser (WF), Kate Buxton (KB), Keith McQuaid (KM) (Community Police). APOLOGIES: Derek Scott (DS) Shona Hamilton (SH), Dave Picken (DP), Sue Mitchell, (SM), Catherine Johnston (CJ) (Midlothian Councillor).	
2.0	VISITORS: None	
3.0	MINUTES: Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 were approved: Proposed by WF and seconded by KB	
4.0	MATTERS ARISING	
4.1	<u>Registration</u> – KA confirmed the need to register with Information Commissioners Office. SM will make payment of £35. To be continued.	SM
4.2	<u>Federation</u> - KA has made payment to The Federation of Community Councils	
4.3	<u>North Middleton Junction/A7-</u> The matter was discussed and it was agreed to contact ROSPA and Christine Graham (the local MSP). KM had spoken to traffic police who advise that the matter is Midlothian Council's responsibility. Copies of recent correspondence have been distributed to Moorfoot councillors.	DMS
4.4	<u>Right of Way –North Middleton</u> – DMS has written to Mr. Murray. A reply is awaited. DMS will try to phone him in 2 weeks if there has still been no response.	DMS
4.5	<u>North Middleton Flower Tubs</u> – DMS has again contacted Gary Cormack (Midlothian Council) who advises that the black lettering will be changed to white and the new bench should be installed in April.	
4.6	<u>New Scheme for Community Councils</u> – Draft document had been issued to all Moorfoot councillors. Favourable comments have been received. Moorfoot will comment that they would like to be consulted in respect of licensing applications.	KA
4.7	<u>Wind Prospect</u> –DMS has registered interest with Ian Johnston (Midlothian Council) and has requested extension of time to respond. DP has drafted a response but this has still not been seen by Moorfoot councillors.	DP
4.8	<u>Scottish Water Survey</u> No response has been issued.	
4.9	<u>Midlothian Council Management Development Meeting</u> KA will attend the meeting on 12 <sup>th</sup> March and will raise the subject of the Border's Railway.	KA
4.10	<u>Midlothian Access Forum</u> KA attended the meeting and found it useful as Network Rail made a detailed presentation. The effect on rights of way was discussed. The railway plans will go on Borders Railway website soon.	
4.11	<u>Defibrillator and Training.</u> Matter discussed.	
4.12	<u>Midlothian Resilience Plan</u> 20 names have been lodged. May be supervised by community councils. KA also talked about the Midlothian 4X4 group.	
4.13	<u>Trees in Carrington</u> SH has lodged an objection asking for replacements for the trees being removed.	
4.14	<u>Borthwick</u> KB has contacted Borders Railway about lorries using the stone bridge and about mud on the road. Good response.	

5.0	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	
5.1	<u>Leader Funding</u> – After discussion regarding the large volume of correspondence, it was agreed to leave the matter meantime. If the information submitted to date remains insufficient, the grant payment may be returned.	
5.2	<u>Carcant</u> – Application for this year's newsletter funding has been submitted by KA. The application has been acknowledged.	
5.3	<u>Small Grants</u> – KA proposed to set up a reserve fund to be used for small grants to local groups. Councillors to consider details for the next meeting.	All
6.0	SECRETARY'S REPORT	
6.1	<p><u>Correspondence</u>;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Midlothian Newspaper 1 copy received</li> <li>2. Letter about draft Midlothian open space strategy received.</li> <li>3. Letter to and from Midlothian Council Chief Executive regarding A7 junction at North Middleton.</li> <li>4. Midlothian Council Labour Group re proposed closure of public toilets received.</li> <li>5. Email from Welfare Reform Scotland – Conference 27<sup>th</sup> March in Edinburgh.</li> <li>6. Community Renewable Energy – Seminar at McSense 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013 email received</li> <li>7. Annual County Event, Girl Guiding 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013 in Loanhead.</li> <li>8. Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill. Consultation responses to Matthew Summers by 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013..</li> <li>9. Public Sector Show – London 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Free</li> <li>10. I Woz Here – exhibition –Artist in residence 15-16 February 2013.</li> <li>11. Two emails in support of A7 junction improvement from BP and CJ received.</li> <li>12. Change Works – Leaflets distributed.</li> </ol>	
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 was held in North Middleton Village Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013. The meeting was well attended. and KM offered to make similar presentations in Carrington and Temple.</p> <p>He also provided information about Police Scotland, the non-emergency number 101, the structure of the new J division and the Midlothian local policing plan 2013-2014</p>	
8.0	COUNCILLORS REPORT – CJ was unable to attend the meeting but emailed a report which was read out by DMS	
8.1	<p><u>Temple Land Slide</u> Not been able to identify an exact date when the work will begin but likely to be late spring/early summer and a likely timescale of 6 to 8 weeks. Gabions are to be put in place to stop further landslides and the trees toppling near to the wee bridge at Carrington Mill.</p> <p><u>Fair Trade</u> Midlothian is now a fair trade county.</p> <p><u>Newbattle Community High School</u> The Special Council Meeting held on 25 February 2013. The proposed recommendations were voted through by all elected members. There will be further consultations possibly starting in March/April.</p>	

	<p><u>Over Fifties Activities</u> To help keeping the over 50s age-group fit and so avoid falls. Falls are a contributory factor into putting people into hospital and losing their independence. There are special keep-fit classes/activities for the over 50s in all the Leisure Centre.</p> <p><u>Bus Service</u> The aim of the bus service is to provide a network of bus routes linking the county together, and not specifically to have direct bus routes from villages to villages, etc.</p> <p><u>Public Toilets</u> The review is not completed so we will have to wait for update before any decisions or announcements are made.</p> <p><u>Broadband</u> Still waiting on an update about this from BT, and Council is liaising with Parliament on this due to its importance.</p> <p><u>More Equal</u> Lots of activities in various villages in the county this week finishing of with a Wellbeing Mela on Sunday in Loanhead.</p> <p><u>Local Enquiry</u> A villager has asked me to find out why Neil William Haulage is “dumping” in the old lime works – I have started an investigation into this and will update as soon as I have something to report.</p> <p><u>Surgeries</u> Mixture of contacts by residents in person, letter/email, phone and surgeries.</p> <p>I hope to be at the next meeting.</p>	CJ  CJ
9.0	TREASURER’S REPORT – None	
10.0	PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Borders Rail	
11.0	VILLAGE REPORTS	
11.1	Borthwick : None	
11.2	Carrington - None	
11.3	Fushiebridge – Railway works beginning	
11.4	North Middleton – Moorfoot School coffee morning at the village hall on Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	
11.5	Temple – None	
12.0	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS – ES and DS advised that they had put their house on the market and that when the sale took place, they would be moving from the area and would therefore resign as community councillors.</p> <p>DMS advised that she would retire from producing the newsletter now.</p>	
13.0	<p><b>NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 at 7 pm.</b></p> <p><b>Location to be advised</b></p>	KA



<b>MOORFOOT CC - AGM HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2013 at North Middleton Village Hall</b>	
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	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