

# 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 June 2013 at North Middleton Village Hall

No	Item	Action
1.0	PRESENT: Ken Adam (KA), Ed Stanley (ES), Doris Stanley (DMS), Wendy Fraser (WF), Shona Hamilton (SH), Derek Scott (DS), Davie White (DW) APOLOGIES: Keith McQuaid (KM), (Community Police). Kate Buxton (KB), Sue Mitchell, (SM), Dave Picken (DP), Catherine Johnston (CJ) (Midlothian Councillor).	
2.0	VISITORS: Davie White was introduced and co-opted as a new CC representing North Middleton.	
3.0	MINUTES: Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 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. SM will make payment of £35.	SM
4.2	<u>North Middleton Junction/A7</u> - The matter was discussed. ES noted that Midlothian Council had not acted upon the concerns of the residents of North Middleton and surrounding areas, who use this A7 junction	
4.3	<u>Right of Way at North Middleton</u> – No reply from Mr. Russell. KA will take up the matter with James Kinch at Midlothian Council.	KA
5.0	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	
5.1	<u>Received</u> - A grant of £350 has been received from SSE for 2013 newsletter. Cheque passed to SH to give to SM. <u>Small Grants</u> – KA will prepare posters for distribution and will put information on Moorfoot webpage. <u>Scheme for Community Councils</u> – The proposed scheme will now go to councillors for approval on June 25 <sup>th</sup> 2013. <u>New Newbattle Community High School – Possible Associated Facilities Closures</u> DMS will issue an e-mail to all Midlothian Councillors with the views of Moorfoot Community Council regarding transport. <u>Wind Farm.</u> Email received regarding another wind farm at Huntlaw, near Heriot. KA to make enquiries. <u>Main Issues report.</u> KA attended good meeting.	KA      DMS   KA
6.0	SECRETARY'S REPORT	
6.1	CORRESPONDENCE by email 1 Tellmescotland - email from Mathew Summers — benefits for community councils. <a href="http://www.tellmescotland.gov.uk">www.tellmescotland.gov.uk</a> 2 Public Consultation – Local Development Plan - email from Midlothian Planning Dept. – dates of drop in events – Various dates including - Gorebridge Primary School – Thursday 20th June	

	<p>3 Planning Application – Mount Lothian Moss – email from Midlothian Planning Dept, confirming application has been withdrawn.</p> <p>4 Town and Country Planning – email from Mathew Summers giving information regarding forthcoming changes to planning legislation. Further information from Alan Cameron at Scottish Government 0131 244 7065</p> <p>5 From Borthwick Green residents association – Concerns about the state o the BT phone box in North Middleton. DMS will phone BT by post</p> <p>1 Minutes presented to Midlothian Council on 14 May 2013.</p> <p>2 Midlothian News</p> <p>3 Magazine from Scottish Natural Heritage</p> <p>Verbal request from North Middleton Resident (Lisa Campell) – Could we start a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in North Middleton? KA to discuss with KM.</p>	DMS          KA
7.0	POLICE REPORT – KA will email this to all councillors	KA
8.0	COUNCILLORS REPORT – email from CJ, read out at meeting by DMS Highlights were: Health, Green dog walkers project, Main issues, SNP say no to closures, Full Council meeting on 14 <sup>th</sup> May and her surgeries.	
9.0	TREASURER’S REPORT – None	
10.0	PLANNING APPLICATIONS – No updates on tree felling in Carrington.	
11.0	VILLAGE REPORTS	
11.1	<u>Borthwick</u> : – email received from KB On 24th May I received an e mail from Ian Brown (of the Midlothian Path Group) regarding the current state of the Right of Way between Borthwick and Crichton. Because of the railway work, at present there is no access across the route of the railway at the Halfway Kiln Bridge. However BAM have agreed to make a temporary crossing which will be safety fenced in the next couple of weeks. The crossing may have to be closed at times for essential ground works, but BAM will try to keep a crossing available. The Paths Group is keen that this ROW is used as much as possible to help ensure its long term future.	
11.2	<u>Carrington</u> – Theft of tools from shed.	
11.3	<u>Fushiebridge</u> – Borders rail Liaison Officer met with WF. Good meting. Heavy vehicle will travel to Fushiebridge by rail, not road. Main work to be September – January, then may 2014.	
11.4	<u>North Middleton</u> – Flower tubs still not right. DS has spoken to Walter Redpath, of Guildiehowes Rd. He has been approached by Neil Williams, contractor, about lorries going in and out of quarry from A7.	
11.5	<u>Temple</u> – Twinning visit 13 <sup>th</sup> September. Open to all Moorfoot residents.	
12.0	ANY OTHER BUSINESS – 1 SH has confirmed October booking for Moorfoot meeting in October. 2 ES and DMS confirmed their resignations as they will be moving out of Moorfoot. They will, however, attend the July meeting.	
13.0	NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July at North Middleton Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.	