

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 3rd July 2013 at North Middleton Village Hall

| No | Item | Action |
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| 1.0 | PRESENT: Ken Adam (KA), Ed Stanley (ES), Doris Stanley (DMS), Wendy Fraser (WF), Kate Buxton (KB), Sue Mitchell, (SM), PC Iain Anderson.(Community Police) APOLOGIES: Keith McQuaid (KM), (Community Police). Dave Picken (DP), Shona Hamilton (SH), Derek Scott (DS), Davie White (DW). | |
| 2.0 | VISITORS: 3 visitors from Fushiebridge/Catcune Representative from Network Rail | |
| 3.0 | PRESENTATION | |
| 3.1 | Representative from Network Rail attended the meeting to discuss concerns from local residents. KA , WF and visitors raised the following topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email contact – emails are mostly auto acknowledged but no replies are sent. • Communication – misleading and distressing information given to residents. • Conservation Area - Catcune is a conservation area and suitable materials should have been chosen. • Misinformation – regarding trees, badger sets, stone bridge piers and access routes for large vehicles. • Carelessness and Damage to the Area – dumping of concrete, damaging trees, damaging road and tearing out young planted trees. | |
| 3.3 | Discussion followed and Network Rail will provide detailed response to the above comments and will provide monthly updates to KA. | |
| 4.0 | MINUTES: Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6 th June 2013 were approved: Proposed by ES and seconded by WF | |
| 5.0 | MATTERS ARISING | |
| 5.1 | <u>Registration</u> – KA confirmed the need to register with Information Commissioners Office. SM will make payment of £35. SM expressed concern about Data Protection Act. KA will investigate | SM KA |
| 5.2 | <u>North Middleton Junction/A7-</u> The matter was discussed. DMS will email to suggest 3 evening dates in August to meet with local Midlothian Councillors, Midlothian Council Staff and Police. Discussion followed and the representative from Network Rail agreed to make application for Temporary Road Traffic Order for a 40 mph limit at the Quarry junction at North Middleton. BP lent his support to this | |
| 5.3 | <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 |
| 5.4 | <u>Small Grants</u> KA has distributed posters and has put information on Moorfoot CC webpage. | |
| 5.5 | <u>BT Phone box – North Middleton</u> – DMS has phoned BT twice. | |
| 6.0 | CHAIRMAN’S REPORT | |
| 6.1 | <u>Scheme for Community Councils</u> – The proposed scheme will now go to consultation in August. | |

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| 6.2 | <u>Wind Farm.</u> Email received regarding another wind farm at Huntlaw, near Heriot. KA has made more enquiries and awaits a reply. | KA |
| 7.0 | SECRETARY'S REPORT | |
| 7.1 | CORRESPONDENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMS passed a bulb catalogue to WF and KB with the suggestion that small grant funding might be used to plant some bulbs in the villages. • 18th July – conference on climate change at Lasswade High School | |
| 8.0 | POLICE REPORT – Police report was read out. Security leaflets were left in the village hall A letter drop had been carried out in North Middleton following break-ins. | |
| 9.0 | COUNCILLORS REPORT – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Newbattle High School – decision made to retain existing facilities and also to provide new school plus hub. • Midlothian Council are to hold seminars about traffic in Midlothian • Borthwick Castle Hotel has applied for a licence to carry out weddings. | |
| 10.0 | TREASURER'S REPORT – A cheque for £350 has been paid into Moorfoot CC account. | |
| 10.0 | PLANNING APPLICATIONS –None. | |
| 11.0 | VILLAGE REPORTS | |
| 11.1 | <u>Borthwick</u> : – None | |
| 11.2 | <u>Carrington</u> – Spate of vehicle thefts from farms. | |
| 11.3 | <u>Fushiebridge</u> – Break in to shed, large vehicles damaging roads and bridges and fly tipping of 1 ton of soil. | |
| 11.4 | <u>North Middleton</u> – Flower tubs now have white lettering but no bench yet. | |
| 11.5 | <u>Temple</u> – None | |
| 12.0 | ANY OTHER BUSINESS – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SM's Neighbour is interested in becoming a community councillor and will attend next month's meeting. • ES confirmed that there was a delay in moving house and therefore ES and DMS would remain as community councillors until September. | |
| 13.0 | NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 7 th August at Temple Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. | |