

# 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 2nd October 2013 at Carrington Village Hall

No	Item	Action
1.0	PRESENT: Ken Adam(KA), Wendy Fraser(WF), Derek Scott(DS), Kate Buxton(KB), Keith McQuaid(KM - Community Police) APOLOGIES: Sue Mitchell(SM), Shona Hamilton(SH), Davie White(DW), Catherine Johnston (CJ – Midlothian Councillor)	
2.0	MINUTES: Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2013 were approved: proposed by DS and seconded by WF	
3.0	MATTERS ARISING from September 2013 meeting	
3.1	KA will investigate the need to register with Information Commissioner's Office.	KA
3.2	City By Pass: KA has forwarded E- mail about re-routing of the road during railway works to Moorfoot Councillors.	
3.3	Laptop: Eon granted money for new laptop which has since been purchased by KA. KA has now been reimbursed. New laptop case is to be purchased by KB. The cost to come out of Community Council funds.	KB
3.4	Moorfoot Annual Newsletter: some village reports have been submitted to WF. KB to send photo to WF. KA will approach printers to make arrangements.	KB KA
3.5	Right of Way in N Middleton: KB informed that the bridge requires a new bed and that the stone work will have to be inspected. KA reported that James Kinch will try again to contact the gentleman who may own the relevant land. Meanwhile KB will make further local enquires as to the identity of the owner of the land. KA informed the CC that it might be necessary to ask the Land Registry for information although this could be expensive.	KB
4.0	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	
4.1	Moorfoot CC Micro Grants: after discussion it was agreed that Temple Nursery and Playgroup should use their grant within 1 year.	
4.2	Meeting with Kenneth Lawrie 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2013 (ref: September 2013 minutes): discussion of the problems which Moorfoot and Tynewater CCs have experienced when trying to communicate with Midlothian Local Authority. General concerns and issues were raised with references to some particular examples. Kenneth Lawrie assured those present that he would be looking into how matters could be improved. Moorfoot CC looks forward to a timely response.	
4.3	Closure of Police Station Offices: the plan to close the office s at Bonnyrigg plus changes to the opening hours at Penicuik and Dalkeith were noted and discussed.	
4.4	Newbattle High School: the architects for the new school have offered to attend the next meeting of Moorfoot CC. It was decided that this offer should be accepted and that KA will invite representatives from PTG of Moorfoot Primary School to attend. It was noted that a public meeting about the new school is to be held at the present Newbattle High School on Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2013.	KA

5.0	SECRETARY'S REPORT	
5.1	Meeting with Kenneth Lawrie and others about A7 junction at N Middleton: it is noted that to date there has been no response from Midlothian Local Authority. Also noted that, for the last 2 months, BAM have not sent their promised reports to Moorfoot CC. Small grant funding: notice that applications opened on 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2013 and will close at Noon on Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2013.	
6.0	POLICE REPORT	
6.1	Keith McQuaid presented the September crime figures for the Moorfoot area.	
7.0	COUNCILLOR'S REPORT	
7.1	Report from CJ was read out. Topics included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shadow Health and Social Care Board</li> <li>• Winter Readiness</li> <li>• Council meetings budget to be finalised</li> <li>• Midfest – a good turnout at Dalkeith on 28<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• Dog trust offering free micro-chipping for dogs (KA offered to forward E mail to Middleton dog trainer).</li> <li>• Newbattle High School consultations</li> </ul>	KA
8.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
8.1	Statement of current balance	
9.0	PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
9.1	Nothing to report	
10.0	VILLAGE REPORTS	
10.1	<u>Borthwick</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is concern about the deterioration of the stonework on the bridge over the Gore. KB will contact Midlothian Local Authority.</li> </ul>	KB
10.2	<u>Carrington</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moorflix will be at Carrington Village Hall on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013</li> </ul>	
10.3	Fushiebridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major concerns continue regarding the Borders Rail works.</li> <li>• WF has obtained the survey of her retaining wall.</li> </ul>	
10.4	<u>North Middleton</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midfest Folk Concert well attended</li> <li>• Accident involving 3 vehicles at the A7 junction on the evening of Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September.</li> <li>• Fly-tipping between Easter Middleton and Esperston reported on 2<sup>nd</sup> October</li> </ul>	
10.5	<u>Temple</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts event, "Temple and Friends", was well attended.</li> </ul>	
11.0	ANY OTHER BUSINESS Discussion of possible reduction of number of CC meetings to 10 per year, missing out January and July. Discussion of location of meetings. Discussion of the urgent need for more community councillors.	
12.0	NEXT MEETING Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November at <b>North Middleton Village Hall</b> at 7pm.	