

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 November at North Middleton Village Hall

Present

Derek Scott(DS), Wendy Fraser(WF), Kate Buxton(KB), Dave Picken(DP), Keith McQuaid(KM Community police)

Apologies

Ken Adam(KA), Shona Hamilton(SH), Dave White(DW), Sue Mitchell(SM)

Introduction of Visitors

Representative from: Midlothian Local Authority, contractor Morrisons, Hub South East, Architect Cooper Cromar

Presentation as part of pre-planning consultation concerning **Newbattle High School**

Details of layout and size of buildings, sports fields, car parking, position of drop off points given.

Discussion of facilities planned and their availability to the public.

Concerns expressed about the adequacy of library and swimming pool to meet community needs.

Doubts raised about whether existing local libraries and swimming pool would indeed remain open as promised.

Problems of transport from the Moorfoot area, especially Temple and Carrington, to the site of Newbattle High School emphasised. Assured that Midlothian LA are in discussion with transport companies including LRT.

Questions asked about the amount of parking planned. Assured that this will be more than adequate for staff and visitors with overspill factored in.

DP raised question of ease of access to the new school in the light of the very great problems experienced with SKANSKA at the North Middleton School. The Midlothian Representative assured us that there is provision made in PPI contracts for a certain amount of community use and that this should be investigated. The new High School is not PPI and will be staffed with council employees. There should be no problems with access for the public.

Other information: news of the school project is to be available on Facebook consultations, especially for catchment area parents, are to be held in libraries
a meeting with Morrisons will be arranged for local tradesman who might wish to tender for work on the school project

Police Report

- KM reported on a small number of crimes committed in the area.
 - Crime Prevention Presentation open to all to be held in Temple Village Hall on 20th November 6 – 8pm
- KM then left meeting.

Minutes of October meeting approved: proposed by DS and seconded by WF

All cc expressed their concerns for the Chairman and wished to send him their very best wishes.

Matters Arising

- 1 case for new laptop** was purchased by KB who will be reimbursed in due course.
- 2 laptop** appears to have no wordprocessing program as yet
- 3 Newsletter:** update from WF
all cc have submitted their reports
agreed that an appeal for new cc members to be made prominent in the newsletter
WF and DP will put together the newsletter and organise the printing ***action**
WF to email thanks thanks for offers of help from former secretary and deputy
Chairman ***action**
- 4 Right of Way N Middleton:** no progress
- 5 September meeting with Kenneth Lawrie:** to confirm in due course if there has been a response
- 6 A7 junction:** no response from Midlothian LA
- 7 Small Grant Funding:** KB to check on details ***action**
- 8 Wester Middleton Forestry application:** no need for response
- 9 Maudslie Farm Forestry application:** KB to respond with no objections ***action**
- 10 Travel Team Newsletter:** no wish for copies
- 11 Scotland's National Planning Framework and Scottish Planning Policy:** no response
- 12 Diversions on A7 for BAM work:** cc aware of these and no issues
- 13 Fly tipping discussed earlier with KM:** advised to inform Midlothian LA and to look at "dumbdumpers" website
- 14 Info** given about Shandwick Place and buses
- 15 KB to contact MS** about booking hall for Federation Meeting ***action**
- 16 Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill Consultation:** all agreed to look at this so response can be discussed at the December meeting ***action**

Councillor Report: none

Treasurer Report: none

Planning Applications: none to discuss

Village Reports:

Borthwick

Concerns about the bridge at Borthwick have been allayed. Midlothian LA have inspected the bridge and met with a representative from BAM. The bridge and the route through Borthwick and N Middleton have not to be used by heavy goods vehicles and any misuse has to be reported directly to the BAM representative. Midlothian LA have stated that they will monitor the condition of the bridge.

Carrington:

no report

Fushiebridge:

Concern about the amount of very heavy BAM traffic on the road. WF to contact BAM
KB to email contact no to WF ***actions**

North Middleton:

nothing to report

Temple:

- Road from triangle up to village to be repaired soon.
- Disappointment about “temporary” closure of the Post Office with opening in future to be restricted to 2 hours per week and only once new postmaster can be found. Strong feeling that no real consultation took place, but given information only
- DP asked that appreciation of the good services of the former postmistress at Temple should be put on record
- Concern about the safety of the unfenced woodpile which currently has no warning notice
- Continuing attempts to persuade Midlothian LA to review the catchment area for Newbattle High School. Many Temple residents feel that it would be more appropriate for children to be in the catchment for Penicuik. This again raises issues over lack of transport.

AOCB:

DS to check on hall bookings and payments for cc meetings ***action**

KB to bring milk next meeting ***action**

Next Meeting;

Wednesday 4th December 7pm at North Middleton Village Hall