

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 4th December at North Middleton Village Hall

Present:

Ken Adam(KA), Derek Scott(DS), Wendy Fraser(WF), Kate Buxton(KB), Dave Picken(DP), David White(DW), Keith McQuaid(KM Community police)

Apologies:

Shona Hamilton(SH), Sue Mitchell(SM)

Introduction of Visitors:

Ms Rosemary Newlands and Mr Walter Munro
Representatives from Banks Renewables

Ms Newlands raised issue of post code mistakes in Carrington. This was discussed and various suggestions made as to how this could be solved. **KA** to e mail name of useful contact in Midlothian Council to Ms Newlands.

Mr Munro raised concerns about possible pollution of the North Middleton Burn. **KB** to contact SEPA

Request that Midlothian Council be approached regarding extension of Lothian Region Bus service as far as North Middleton. **KB** to contact Midlothian Local Authority.

Mr Munro left meeting.

Presentation:

Banks Renewables reps repeated broad description of proposals for Huntlaw Wind farm and some ideas of possible funds for the community. It was felt that there was little point in the cc spending time on discussion until definite proposals were available. Photos and one paper copy showing definite location and impact of turbines to be e mailed to cc in March 2014

Banks representatives left the meeting.

Minutes of November Meeting approved: proposed WF and seconded DS

Police Report:

KM reported a small number of crimes mostly thefts from garden sheds.
Crime Prevention Presentation, Temple Village Hall on 20th November was well attended.

KM left the meeting

Matters Arising

- 1 **Laptop case:** KB to be re-imbursed by **SM**
- 2 **CC laptop:** KA clarified use
- 3 **Newsletter update from WF and DP:**
Newsletter gone to print. KA handed over envelopes, stamps and cover note to WF. **DS** to give revised list of names to WF. Hope that newsletter ready for delivery by end of next week. **WF KB DS DW SM DP** to deliver in own areas / **WF** to post.
- 4 **Communication with Midlothian Local Authority:** KA suggested John Blair as contact
- 5 **A7 junction:** note taken of rejection of speed restriction request. Disappointment registered and decision taken to discuss this further at future meeting.
- 6 **Small Grant Funding:** approved application for £150.00 to fund hire of Village Hall, Middleton for start of new babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers group.
KB to inform applicant and cc treasurer.
- 7 **Travel Team:** revised holiday timetables distributed to be placed in village notice boards. **KB DP DS Ms Newlands**
- 8 **Scotland's 3rd National Planning Framework and Scottish Planning Policy** discussed. No formal response.
- 9 **Community Empowerment Scotland Bill Consultation:** discussed in some detail. No formal response.
- 10 **South East Scotland Housing Land Supplementary Guidance Draft:** discussed, but no formal response. **DP** to find Main Issues Report and look for relevant maps for information at February meeting.
- 11 **Newbattle High School:** positive feedback about detailed plans of layout of new school.
- 12 **Scottish National Heritage Magazine:** given to DW
- 13 **Village Mode:** KB reported that contribution from cc been submitted

Councillors Reports: none

Treasurer Report: none

Planning Applications: notifications of planning applications not being received from Midlothian Local Authority. **KB** to follow this up with the Council.

Village Reports:

Borthwick

One attempted break-in to house and theft from garden shed.
Possible pollution in Borthwick burns reported (see visitors)

Carrington:

post code issues (see visitors)

Fushiebridge:

Large numbers of heavily laden lorries connected with Borders Rail workings using roads at Fushiebridge. **WF** to contact BAM to discuss the problem.

North Middleton:

Noted concerns about the excessive mud on local roads, including A7, due to Borders Rail works. This is both a hazard and an inconvenience. The road cleaning vehicle used does not appear to be enough to remedy the situation.

Temple:

Road used as by-pass during recent road subsidence repairs has now been resurfaced. Road into village has recently been surveyed with a view to repairs

AOCB:**AGM:**

Discussion of numbers required to form a quorum.

Discussion of current constitution and timescale for adoption of new constitution – unlikely to be in time for AGM in February.

Considered the problems of finding office bearers at the coming AGM.

KA clarified which committees he now will attend and encouraged other members to attend the Federation meetings which take place on the 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

DS to check on hall bookings and payments for cc meetings

Next Meeting including AGM:

Wednesday 4th February at 7pm in North Middleton Village Hall (NB **not January**)