

MINUTES OF PENCAITLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 25th JANUARY 2006

Present Janet Bassett,(Chairman). Bill Balfour, John Henderson, Sandra Henderson , Nicky Neighbour, Susan Rae (part of meeting), Frank Stacey, Thomas Steele

Apologies Kevin Armstrong, Patti Gordon, Jean McCormack, Ann McGowan

In Attendance Councillors David Costello and Sheena Richardson, Liz Wilcox, Community Development, East Lothian Council, Richard English, Ranger Service, East Lothian Council, Julie Murphy.

Minutes Minutes of the meeting of 14th December approved and signed by Chairman, proposed Frank Stacey, seconded Bill Balfour.

Matters arising School path – the situation concerning the clearing of this path is still ongoing. Councillor Costello will look into the matter.

Matters are in hand to remove the old filing cabinet from the hall small room when the donated crockery and storage is delivered.

Countryside Ranger Service Richard English spoke to the meeting. He is now the Ranger contact for the Pencaitland area concerning wildlife, conservation, access issues etc.
A new leaflet on the Pencaitland Railway Walk is being planned and he asked for any information from the public concerning this area, memories of the railway, the walkway etc. He also asked for any information concerning the sighting of red squirrels in the area.** Plans to set up a biodiversity group, such as in Longniddry, in the Pencaitland/Ormiston area involving Woodhall picnic site. A speaker from the Longniddry group could be invited to a future meeting.
Liz Wilcox reported that there were problems with land ownership concerning the Garden Project at the Trevelyan Hall. Councillor Costello will liaise with Chairman, who has historical knowledge of the area, to try to get the matter sorted out.

Liz Wilcox and Richard English then left the meeting.

Correspondence Following correspondence tabled : Scottish Water Winter Campaign/ Warmburgh/ Dog Trust information/ Assoc.of Community Councils meeting on 1st February (Chairman to attend)/ Change of date for Prestongrange Seminar to 1st February/ Local Government Boundary Commission information and map (information available for public inspection at Council offices throughout East Lothian)
Request for assistance with funding for a parent support group “Roundabout” (children with brain disorders, autism etc) to send representatives to a conference. Agreed to send £50.

Any Other Competent Business Cairn : Progress is being made on the cairn to be erected at the west end of the village. It will be made of stone 6ft high with Pencaitland spelt down the front in bronze lettering. One side will have a bronze plaque with the mercat cross and the other side a plaque commemorating Jock Taylor.
Chairman had visited the family of Jock Taylor who were delighted that this was being done, as the memorial for Jock in the church is not easily available now.

The members agreed to change the date of the March meeting to 22nd March.

It was also agreed to increase payment to the secretary of the Council to £200 per annum.

It was agreed to donate £200 to Pencaitland Parish Church towards the floodlighting.

School Parking : despite requests from the school, some drivers are still ignoring these and causing problems when dropping children at the school. Council discussed how this could be dealt with. Nicky Neighbour agreed to speak to PTA about it and perhaps another note home to parents might have some effect.

Litter/tidy up operation : it was agreed to organise this along with the young people of the village early in March. Sub-committee of Elaine, Nicky, Susan and Kevin to organise.

Complaint received concerning local buses which do not stop unless at a bus stop in the village [bus stop sign at Spar is no longer there but it is a long-established stop] Council has been informed.

Street light near 20mph sign opposite church is out – this will be reported along with one Zebra crossing light, also not working.

Play equipment : one piece of equipment has been removed for repair. It is hoped that it will eventually be returned as it is the only one of its kind in East Lothian.

Newsletter : Nicky looking at outlets for distribution. She is liaising with Bob and Patti

Dog fouling : still a problem. Public can report to Council and Dog Warden but must be prepared to stand by their action.

Zebra crossing needs repainting. Council aware of this

Although some cut back of edge of road up from Lamberton Court has been done, there is still a sight problem.

Concern expressed that pedestrians walking dogs up the road to Lempockwells in dark clothing cannot be seen by motorists. To be mentioned in newsletter.

Postbox at Boggs Holdings is surrounded by mud. This will be reported.

Discussion as to whether house-owners can park large vehicles, i.e. caravans, to the detriment of their neighbours.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 22nd February, at 7.30 p.m. in the Trevelyan Hall.

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