

MINUTES OF PENCAITLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 29th AUGUST 2007

Present Janet Bassett (Chairman), Bill Balfour, John and Sandra Henderson, Jean McCormack, Ann McGowan, Nicky Neighbour, Bob Rees, Tom Steele, Andrew Watson.

Apologies Frank Stacey,

In Attendance Councillors J. Gillies and R. Currie, Julie Murphy, two representatives of Boggs Holdings.

Minutes Minutes of the meeting of 27th June approved. Proposed, Sandra Henderson, seconded Jean McCormack.

Proposed Recycling Point The Council had held a consultation concerning proposed recycling point at Boggs Hall. The members of the public were present to confirm the major feelings of the residents that this was not necessary, giving as reasons the fact that the road was very busy and would get busier and that the exit from the hall was quite dangerous. The general opinion of all present was that this should not go ahead but that a kerbside collection would be favoured. This view will be passed to the Council.

The members of the public left the meeting.

Matters Arising Gates into cemetery – Groundcare has been made aware of the situation. Councillor Currie is looking into the position of New Winton's unadopted road but it was pointed out that this matter had been ongoing for some time. Damaged drain still not fixed. Zebra crossing – in hand. Potholes repaired (thanks received from Bruce Grove residents) It was pointed out that a problem near the church was repaired within a few days of being reported. Transport Dept looking at possibility of handrail in Bruce Grove. Bus shelter siting – it was felt that the shelter could not be placed nearer the road but this will be checked out. One possibility was that a piece of land could be purchased so that the shelter could be further back from the road, allowing pedestrians easier access.

Correspondence Following correspondence Rural Scotland newsletter and subscription request : El Care and Repair report : EL Tenants panel report : Mud in your Eye : Ass.Scottish C.C. information (no interest in national body) : Archaeology week : Waterwatch and Sepa information : Heritage Forum on hold : Suicide Prevention Week info : Letter re felling of trees at War Memorial (Councillor Gillies to investigate*) : Request for assistance in funding PTA fireworks (agreed) ; Joint Health Improvement Plan details : Training for voluntary organisations : CC Capital Development Fund application form and details : Anti-Social Behaviour Coordinator request to attend meeting (agreed)

Capital Development Fund discussed. This will involve match funding. Councillor Currie will feed back some unease about it.

Any Other Competent Business Christmas lights : Chairman attended meeting where the current estimate to erect Christmas lights was approximately £1800 for Pencaitland. The cost of the trees was not included in the cost. Letter received from Stepping Out project concerning funds from E.L.Development Trust which is winding up. There had been problems concerning this money but hopefully this had now been sorted out and the organisations will receive their money.

[The Councillors left the meeting at this point.]

Agreed to lay a poppy wreath on behalf of the community council as usual.

The Chairman reported on a meeting she attended concerning localised Community Planning. Although this was still at an early stage it was suggested that there should be a cluster group for Tranent, Ormiston, Macmerry and Pencaitland but the role of this group was still unclear. The Treasurer, on behalf of the Chairman, was attend the next meeting in September.

The school path handrail is still broken – Council to be informed.

There had been a lot of vandalism in the village – Zebra crossing beacon broken, post box set on fire and fine wire across a path near Limekilns which could have had a tragic outcome (This was reported to the police.) These matters will be brought up at the meeting with the Antisocial Behaviour Coordinator.

The sleeping policemen at entrance to Bowling Club and Scholar's Court are too high – matter in hand.

Members commented on the improvements on the railway walk.

Date of next Meeting Wednesday 26th September, 2007, at 7.30 p.m. in the Trevelyan Hall.

*post-meeting note : Councillor Gillies has asked Mike Foy, Council Tree Officer, to report on tree felling.