

MINUTES OF PENCAITLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 29th SEPTEMBER 2004

Present Janet Bassett,(Chairman) , Bill Balfour, Sylvia Harkness , Ann McGowan, Elaine McCormack, Nicky Neighbour, Bob Rees, Frank Stacey, Andrew Watson

Apologies Avril McCracken, Councillor David Costello

In Attendance Julie Murphy, Jane Johnston (on behalf of Pencaitland Church) for part of meeting.

As a mark of respect, the Chairman called for one minute's silence in memory of James Robertson, our former Chairman, who died this month.

Minutes Minutes of the meeting of 25th August approved and signed by Chairman. Proposed: A.McGowan, Seconded B.Balfour.

Church Issues The ongoing issues involving the church were discussed. Jane Johnston reported that after many problems concerning the damaged wall following an accident, the church can now go ahead and organise repairs. This will be partly paid and partly volunteer labour. The condition of the river running through church property was raised and this will be looked at by the Session. Frames for the seats have been made so that they can be secured firmly. Council agreed to hand the community seat to the church and to buy a metal seat to be placed at the school steps end of the path. Jane was thanked for her contribution and left the meeting.

Matters Arising
Boggs path: no update.
Woodhall fencing in place.
Trevelyan Crescent parking issue: as the houses involved are privately owned it was suggested the householders speak to local Councillor.
New Winton: phone call received to the effect that the road through New Winton is 60mph and that 40mph signs are only advisory. Councillor Costello is to check this out.
Website: Bob Rees working on this. Any information on the area would be appreciated.
Christmas lights: the sum of £350 quoted by East Lothian Council did not cover the cost of the trees.

Site Visit
Chairman reported on her site visit around the village with Councillor Costello and Stuart Pryde of the East Lothian Council.
Beech hedge: too overgrown, needs replanting. Farmer asked that this be left until March when he hopes to arrange the replanting under hedge replacement scheme. If not possible, East Lothian Council will arrange clearing and replanting.
Woodhall steps and flooding / litter is bus stop area / school steps and hall in need of weeding : to be checked out.
Huntlaw Bridge repairs being held up by contractual problems. Agreed to write to the Council as this is currently a danger to children.
Bench to be supplies / more bulbs / suggestion of warning notices of 30mph at west entrance to village.
In discussion, members felt that too much garden refuse was being dumped on the railway banking and this will be notified to the Council in the hope that it will be able to advise nearby householders concerning this.

Planning No controversial planning

Correspondence
Lothian Structure Plan / Assoc. of Community Councils meeting / Childrens Panel information Health Service meeting / Rural Scotland membership / Network / Postwatch / Request for Funding from new group in Tranent.

Council agreed to membership for Rural Scotland (£15)
Council decided not to give any funding to TOWN (Tranent Organisation for Women's Needs)

Finance

The Council agreed £1000 grant to Boggs Community Hall. The hall had recently had major expenses in relation to Health and Safety issues.

Constitution

The new draft Constitution was tabled and after a few minor amendments was agreed to be presented for adoption at the annual general meeting before the next meeting on 27th October.

Any Other Business

Treasurer, Ann McGowan, having a lot of problems with the bank in changing the signatories.

Andrew Watson brought up the question of the possibility of a path from New Winton to the woods. It is suggested that there was originally a path there to the station. Advised to check out old maps.

Sylvia Harkness – potholes bad in Woodhall Road area – E.L.Council to be informed.

Nicky Neighbour – any chance of more litter and dog bins in east village: possibility of cycle network : assistance to PTA for Bonfire Night. It was agreed to grant £250 for this.

Hedges at Dovecot Park overhanging the pavement : households to be informed.

Pavilion : no hot water for months. Councillor Costello to be informed.

Date of Next mtg

Wednesday, 27th October, 2004, at 7.30 p.m. in the Trevelyan Hall.

7.30 – 8.00 p.m. Annual General Meeting

8.00 p.m. – Council Meeting