

## **MINUTES OF PENCAITLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2006**

**Present** Janet Bassett (Chairman), Bill Balfour, John Henderson, Sandra Henderson ,  
Jean McCormack, Ann McGowan, Nicky Neighbour, Bob Rees, Frank Stacey, Thomas Steele,

**Apologies** Andrew Watson

**In Attendance** P.C. Rory Hamilton and Inspector David Gordon , Julie Murphy

**Minutes** Minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> April approved and signed by Chairman, proposed Tom Steele,  
seconded Jean McCormack.

**Matters Arising** The litter clean-up was a success and well supported. Over 30 bags of rubbish plus  
other items were removed.

New Winton : Scottish Water is aware of problem and negotiating with the gas co.

**Correspondence** Following correspondence tabled – Postwatch: Warmburgh : Structure Plan Review Consultation  
Paper : Litter Initiative : Heritage meeting : Antisocial Behaviour Awards : Community Health  
Public Forum : Charter 88 information : AGM of Assoc. of Community Councils : AGM of  
Antibullying : Social Enterprise Conference : Calor Gas Awards : Scottish Executive  
acknowledgement of questionnaire on ageing

The Litter Initiative from the Council was discussed and members agreed to take an active  
part in this.

**Police** Representatives from the Police Force joined the meeting. There had been a few accidents  
in the village at the crossroads and the meeting discussed this potential black spot.  
Police had responded to incidents being reported and appreciated the fact that people  
did this promptly, even if it turned out to be a false alarm. Rowdy behaviour near the bowling  
club had been checked out and meeting discussed the problems of motor-bikes and cyclists  
with regard to the law. The continuing problem of large vehicles on the narrow road  
at the traffic lights causes concern for the safety of pedestrians and this matter will again  
be reported to Traffic Management, E.L.Council. Concern expressed about the  
possibility of heavier traffic density when new houses built at Letham. It was also  
reported that at the litter clean up, needles had been found at Woodhall Picnic Site.  
Police will check this area out but stressed that members of the public should never  
pick these up. The area at the old station master's house will also be checked out.

PC Hamilton will look into the above matters and report back. The police then left the meeting.

**Any Other Competent Business** Members agreed that Tom Steele should be the press officer for the community council.  
In the first instance, he will send in a report on the litter clean up.

There had been no response to the secretary's letter to Councillor Costello and members  
felt disappointment at the non-attendance at meetings.

Vegetation on the Boggs Road and Toll Brae paths is getting very high.  
The drain at Lamberton Court will be seen to shortly. The road surface in  
the east village was getting bad and it was agreed to inform the Council along with the  
damaged kerb near the shop, also the continuing problem of occasional standing water at the  
crossroads.

The Mercat Cross sign looks in need of a little renovation This will be reported.

**Date of next Meeting** Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, at 7.30 p.m. in the Trevelyan Hall.

