

## DDCC 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Steading

Present: Jo Gillies, Ailsa Carlisle, Constance Newbould, Lorna Goudie, Julian Holbrook, Kate Holbrook, Helen McKay, Stuart Clark,

1. WELCOME
2. POLICE REPORT 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May
  - a. Female driver stopped, no insurance or MOT
  - b. Male driver stopped, no insurance and controlled substances
  - c. Car on fire at Old Cemetery but call to the emergency services was cancelled
  - d. On 1<sup>st</sup> May a suspicious male was reported. The police attended and did a search but no-one suspicious was found
  - e. Male at Old Pentland stopped and searched; controlled substance found
  - f. There was a gorse fire, thought to be natural, near ski slope
  - g. Vehicle collisions: bump at traffic lights at Old Pentland
  - h. Vehicle clipped the kerb, and spun onto other lane, causing the A701 to be closed. The driver had no insurance, so the car was seized
  - i. A fuel pump was damaged at the Esso garage
  - j. A parked car in Castlelaw Farm car park was damaged and no particulars were left
  - k. A driver lost control of his car which then damaged a hedge on Old Pentland Road
  - l. Minor collision with parked car at Secret Herb Garden.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING. Minutes have now been added to website. Constance will load photos of recent events. This led to a discussion of the pros and cons of including the new houses. The issue will be discussed in full at a future meeting at the time of revision of the Constitution.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer's report (Helen McKay). We had carried over £878.75 and we had been granted £767. Insurance cover had been arranged for all Community Councils and the charge had been removed at source so there was a healthy balance. We agreed that it was appropriate to use this to fund the completion of paper on the A701. The case put forward in the grant application was mainly to implement the Neighbourhood Plan, and erect a notice board.
5. Giant hogweed and Japanese knotweed need to be controlled immediately Action: Stuart to find out official position from Council.
6. FILM STUDIO. Lots of objections had been already lodged, and it has been confirmed that objections can be lodged up until the middle of August before

Councillors meet to discuss the application. Constance is very concerned that Edinburgh Council has logged a letter of support from Kyle Drummond, from the Economic Development section. Further action is needed to verify the information being promulgated. We need to continue our pressure by meeting with Councillors especially Colin Beattie and Liza Beattie. Action: Julian will visit L Beattie; Stuart and Constance to take our NLAP to Russell Imrie. Helen to investigate the other film studio proposals in Scotland.

In relation to the film studio application it is important to understand how many jobs this could create. We should try to generate our own ideas for suitable developments; this would need some other form of funding, perhaps LEADER.

7. MLDP. Graeme and Constance met John McCallum who quotes £1300 to prepare (and submit?) our case. Graeme's contact Kate will charge £45 per hour. It has not been possible to meet Toby Metcalf (Savilles) yet. We agreed to pay for the completion of the A701 representation. CN will meet Kate to estimate how much could be done for 2 days. Julian will approach key speakers from the 8<sup>th</sup> June meeting to see if there is an opportunity to share information and will follow up on the discussion about the capacity of the doctors and schools. Ailsa and Julian reported back from meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Councillors did not seem to be aware that there had been no response to our contribution to the MIR. Julian will ask for Malcolm Spaven's collated response.
8. COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUY. Kate Holbrook reported that the draft articles of association are being reviewed by Scottish Government lawyers. Section 34 (4) if granted would allow us to apply as the community for any land that comes up for sale. Next step will be to establish a small working group to consider the whole community's interests and bits of land that would match these interests. Once Articles of Association are set up, Directors would need to be appointed.
9. AOB
  - a. Open Doors is in progress. L Goudie will write a crib sheet for use by volunteers.
  - b. Future event proposed for September time, e.g. dinner at Pentland Plants, etc. Jo to make contact before invites issued.
  - c. Our list of occupants and phone numbers is out of date. Updating could be started at future event, and then by visiting remaining people.
  - d. Notice board. We agreed that it should have space for 8 A4 pages, and a secure casing. Constance to check local options.
  - e. Historic Scotland. L Goudie is collecting information about the old cottages in Old Pentland.
  - f. It was agreed there should be a meeting soon to take forward Neighbourhood Action Plan actions.
  - g. A regular newsletter was proposed. Julian to pull together first edition.

- h. Proposals were discussed for a local history project - this could combine interviews with local residents and make links with the Neighbourhood Action Plan vision. Julian to liaise with Helen.
- i. Mapping of gaps in hedges (Julian/Ian M) first step of developing special strategy.

10. Next meeting will take place at 7pm on 25 August 2015 at the Steading.