

## **DDCC MEETING MINUTES.**

2 Feb 2016, Steading

Present: Jo Gillies, Ailsa Carlisle, Helen Mitchell, Constance Newbould, David Newbould  
Julian Holbrook, Kate Holbrook, Jean Will, Rhona Gardiner, Mr Ferguson

Apologies: Lorna Goudie, Anna Henley, Helen McKay

1. WELCOME. Constance welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

### **PLANNING MATTERS:**

2. SEAFIELD ROAD. Andrew Fleming (Barton Willmore), Pauline Mills (Taylor Wimpey) and Andrew Roberts (Barton Willmore) provided an overview of their plans for 180-200 2-5 bed houses, including detached, semi-detached and terraced models. They also set out future plans for a further 350 houses plus a safeguarded area for an additional 200 houses, depending on plans for the new A701 realignment. Full details of planned housing and infrastructure can be found on the Taylor Wimpey website at [www.taylorwimpey.co.uk](http://www.taylorwimpey.co.uk). Other points to note:
  - access via Seafield Road at Bilston
  - swing park(s)/open spaces, but no provision for young people other than young children
  - expect to provide develop contributions for schools and road, but not NHS services or other community gains
  - aim to submit application in February.
3. DAMHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL POLICE REPORT 2016. There has been little crime, but lots of traffic accidents over the recent period.

### **Damhead and District Community Council Police Report 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 - 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016**

#### **Crime**

About 10pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015 as part of routine patrolling, officers spoke with 3 males who had parked their car near to Hillend Ski Centre. Further enquiries identified the males to have been smoking Cannabis. This resulted in one of them being reported to the Procurator Fiscal for possession of a controlled substance.

#### **Vehicle Collisions**

Just after 2.30pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015 police were called to the Old Pentland Sawmill to assist the Ambulance Service. They were dealing with a male, off road motorcyclist who had come off his bike after going over a 20ft cliff. Although wearing all the correct protective equipment the 22-year-old male was taken to hospital suffering from back pain.

At 12.40pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December a two-car accident occurred on the A702 between Hillend and Easterbush. One of the vehicles is believed to have lost control on the slippery road surface and crashed into the oncoming vehicle resulting in both parties suffering from seatbelt injuries. Road closed for a time to allow recovery of both vehicles and to clear oil and diesel from the road surface.

At 0845am on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January a three-car accident occurred on the A702 at the entrance to Hillend Ski Centre. There was no injury.

Amey attended to a fallen tree that had blocked the A702 at Damhead on the 29<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Additional information**

Hate crime incidents and domestic abuse incidents can now be reported online via the official Police Scotland website, [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk) or by visiting a third Party Reporting Centre.

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### **Police Scotland Initiatives**

Young Drivers Initiative - January 2016

#### **Nominated Neighbour Scheme**

The Nominated Neighbour Scheme has been created to help deter doorstep criminals and protect older and vulnerable members of our communities.

#### **So, how does it work?**

As a Nominated Neighbour you agree to help verify the identity of any person calling at your elderly/vulnerable neighbour's door. The caller will be sent to your door, you check their identity and if you're happy that the caller is genuine, you return with them to your neighbour's house. You stay with them until the caller leaves. To find out more about the scheme, contact local police on 101.

If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above or indeed any other issue please contact your Community Policing Team.

**Police Scotland use social media to circulate the latest news, events and information to the public via Twitter (@policescotland) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/policescotland](http://www.facebook.com/policescotland)).**

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4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING. Minutes have been added to website.
5. FILM STUDIO. This application has been called in by the Scottish Government. Decision now expected 21 April; the decision having been further deferred from end February 2016. The meeting was also informed that the land identified as part of the previous A701 realignment has now been released from its protected status. Action: Constance to find out process for SG decision making. Julian to discuss potential for Parliamentary Question with Daya.
6. LANDFILL CLIPPENS. Detrimental impact observed on Old Pentland Road, with lorries regularly driving on pavements as road too narrow for 2-way large vehicle traffic, especially with greater number of lorries than expected and lorries using OPR in both directions.
7. CONSTITUTION. The draft constitution was agreed. Action: Jo to submit draft to MLC for ratification.
8. ELECTIONS. The DDCC elections and AGM will take place at the next meeting on Tuesday 26 April. All completed nomination forms should be signed and delivered, or scanned and emailed to Jo Gillies at Tigh Na Geat Cottage by Tuesday 19 April.

9. DAMHEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLAN. Progress with implementation discussed. Disappointing that there has been a lack of positive outcomes in relation to planning applications, in spite of significant amount of time and effort spent by DDCC and residents contributing to planning process. Discussion of potential to protect Damhead as a place of cultural heritage, and the potential to develop a community charter for our local area.
10. CLIMATE CHALLENGE FUND. The potential for joint application(s) with the Kabin and/or Glencorse Community Hub were discussed. It was recognised that deadlines were very tight, and it was important to ensure applications are developed in conjunction with, and valued by, the wider community. Action: Julian to submit general marker by deadline this week, and follow up with brief community questionnaire.
11. COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUY. There are now 5 directors and 20 members in place. Two pieces of land have been identified and applications submitted, although the process has not been as straightforward as anticipated. In particular, Scottish Government notification letters have the potential to negatively affect community relationships with landowners. Therefore, for future applications, land within the area which is owned by individuals/groups who live out with the DDCC area will be favoured in the first instance. It is also unclear how long Ministers will take to make a decision on the community applications. If applications are successful, a grant will be submitted to recruit someone to develop the business plan and to help the community raise the necessary funds (95% of required funding can be raised through grant funding).
12. NOTICE BOARD. The Federation Of Midlothian Community Councils is taking this forward on behalf of all interested Community Councils. Constance has notified them of our requirements.
13. LITTER PICK: This will take place on 13 March 2016.
14. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS 2016: 26<sup>th</sup> April (AGM and elections); 7<sup>th</sup> June; 19<sup>th</sup> September , 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Litter pick 13 March. Big Lunch 12<sup>th</sup> June.