

DAMHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

7th June 2016, Steading

Present: Jim Telfer, Kate Marshall, Gordon Marshall, David Newbould, Grant McPherson, Ian Milne, Stuart Clark, Jean Will, Constance Newbould, Jo Gillies, Ailsa Carlisle, John Marsh, Helen McKay, Steve North

1. Police Report. David Shirley, Community Officer at Penicuik, attended. Damhead and District Community MW02 Council Police Report, 25th April 2016 - 5th June 2016:

Crime

- Monday 25th April, Roslin: motorbike stolen from a parking space. No person(s) seen. Enquiries ongoing.
- Tuesday 26th April, Roslin, motorbike stolen from a garage, and subsequently recovered in Edinburgh. Enquiries ongoing.
- Saturday 14th May, Milton Bridge. Theft Housebreaking and several items stolen. Enquiries ongoing.
- Monday 16th May, Methurst Petroleum, A702. A male driver obtained petrol to the value of £45 and left the premises without paying. Enquiries ongoing.
- Wednesday 1st June, Asda Straiton, a male entered the store and stole alcohol to the value of £81. Enquiries ongoing to identify the male responsible.

Vehicle Collisions

- Saturday 21st May, A702, near Castlelaw. Two vehicle collision. One driver sustained minor injuries to the arm.
- Wednesday 25th May, Pentland Road, Loanhead, driver issued with an Anti Social Behaviour Order, in relation to the manner of his driving.
- Thursday 26th May, A702 near to Penicuik, vehicle seized and driver reported to Procurator Fiscals after driving without Insurance.
- Thursday 26th May, A702 near to Hillend House, driver sustained minor injuries after crashing into a wall. Driver subsequently arrested for Road Traffic Offences and reported to Procurator Fiscals.
- Thursday 2nd June, A702, Lothianburn junction. A 2 car collision. No injuries and both vehicles sustained minor damage.
- Friday 3rd June, A702 near to Silverburn. A 3 car collision blocked northbound carriageway. One driver sustained minor injuries and all three vehicles sustained minor damage.

Initiative: Police Scotland consults with the public every year on what their priorities are for policing in their community. Everyone's views across Scotland will be taken on board at a national and local level. We want you to help us focus on the priorities that will help communities most. There is no 'one size fits all' approach to local policing and all the needs and wants of individual communities will be considered. Link to 'Your View Counts' page www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts

For information about the incident(s) listed above or any other issue please contact the Community Policing Team. PS Michele Lindsay LothianScotBordersPenicuikCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk . Police Scotland use social media to circulate the latest news, events and information to the public via Twitter (@policescotland) and Facebook. Hate crime incidents and domestic abuse incidents can now be reported online via the official Police Scotland website, www.scotland.police.uk. or by visiting a third Party Reporting Centre. Information crime can be passed to

Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through anonymous Online Form - both completely anonymous and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Issues raised:

- An antisocial order can be served on the driver and/or vehicle. This led to a discussion of lorries on Old Pentland Road, including **lorries travelling to and from the landfill**. For high speeds, the constable confirmed this would need evidence from the use of a traffic gun. Police could speak to the companies directly themselves but would need to first do a survey on the road. He will raise this with his superiors. We confirmed that we had made representation to the Council, and would do so again. It is not primarily an issue of the lorries breaking the speed limit, but they were going too fast for the road conditions. There are now lots of examples of 40 mph speed limit without street lights so could this be revisited? The community officer asked if we would be willing to abide by a one-way system but we explained that this would only encourage racers. He agreed to put a list to Inspector John Dryden. We should record all incidents, even if they are individually trivial, as the basis of a possible neighbour complaint. It was also noted that lorries were arriving on site earlier than the allocated time - sample details attached as separate document.
ACTION: Constance will detail our request for a reduced speed limit on Old Pentland Road to the Council with a copy sent to Inspector Dryden
- **Fly tipping** at several locations. We should keep reporting this to the council and leave it in situ until we get some response from the council. Constable Shirley will mention this to the Inspector.

2. Review of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan was published last April so a quick review of progress was proposed; to identify priorities for this year and key messages for the Council. It will be positive to take stock and reassure ourselves that we have made progress. Jo proposed the original group (Julian, Kate M, Gordon, Jo, Stuart, and Ailsa) as a minimum plus anyone else who would like to join. If possible we should include members from the Friends of Damhead.

Action: Constance to contact Ken Urquhart for map about the gaps in hedges

Action: Jo to contact Graham Kitchen and Irene Munro to invite members of Friends of Damhead.

3. Planning/Development issues. Only one application recently - conversion of part of house by John Tickle as a granny annexe. Some concern that neighbours are not being notified of planning applications - council difficulties with their address database is probably the cause. Default position generally is that DDCC won't comment on domestic applications unless significant impact on the community.

Action: John Marsh to sift applications for ones within the community council area and put these weekly on the website.

4. The Summer Gathering. Previously known as the Big Lunch, this will take place on Sunday 12th June at Constance and David's house. There will food, activities, and competitions for the children.

5. Website. damheadcc.org.uk Many thanks to John for the excellent update to the website. Please forward any appropriate photos for the website to the DDCC email

address ddcc@mfcc.info All suggestions welcome re additional information that should be included on the site.

6. AOB

- a. The mobile library service will be resumed on every second Monday but there was a question about where the library should park. Potential options could include Tigh-Na-Geat drive and the Herb Garden. Action: Constance will ask permission if they (Mich Gray and Hamish) would allow the library van to park for 20 mins each fortnight.
- b. Request to circulate spiritual compendium via the Community Council to raise the spirit of the community. Agreed the Equality Policy promotes equality and we cannot take a particular stance.
- c. Neighbourhood Company. Constance advised that the DNC is not currently looking at Right to Buy. This may be explored further in the future as a potential opportunity to support the community and minimise housing developments, but the approach will be revised in light of the unintended divisive impact this has had on the community. In the meantime funding will continue to be sought for climate change and green issues. Right to Buy will be revisited as part of the review of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- d. Mr Tickle's kennels were rented by Fast and Furriest for a period of time in the mornings (ie not overnight stays), however this has now fallen through.
- e. Film studios. Work underway to meet additional information requirements of Reporter. This includes information on elevations, and bat surveys which are being done now.
- f. MLDP responses from June 2015 have now been loaded online by MLC. All information will be sent to the Reporter. Since our concerns on the MLDP were not addressed during the original timeframe, the Reporter will now consider these.
- g. Clippens have had an extension (the 4th or 5th) to their enforcement order. ACTION: Constance to write to planning to express concern about number of extensions and to ask whether there is a statutory limit to this.
- h. Extension of speed limit on the middle road. ACTION: Constance has emailed MLC to ask for a response to the comments made by DDCC as part of the traffic order consultation.
- i. DDCC Councillor attendance. ACTION: Ailsa to invite the Community Liaison Officer and new Councillors to future DDCC meetings.

7. Next meeting. The next DDCC meeting will take place at 7pm on **Monday 19 September at the Steading**

Other useful dates: The Summer Gathering 12 June, Doors Open Day tbc September, DDCC meeting 22nd November.