

## DDCC meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018, the Steading MINUTES

### 1. Welcome and apologies

**Present:** Constance Newbould, Stuart Clark, Jo Gillies, Diane Graham, Jim Welsh, Kate Marshall, David Newbould, Sarah Richard, Catriona Umpleby, Richard Spray, Caroline Spray, Councillor Winchester, Police Constable Graham Black, Ricky Moffat MLC.

**Apologies:** PC Ginny McKenna

### 2. Police Report for 1st October to 30<sup>th</sup> September [See appended report]

- A man, who was recorded in Bobby Newbould's house (20<sup>th</sup> August), has been a nuisance in the area for several years past. **ACTION:** Police to link the various incidents and update us on any progress with this investigation.
- Police Scotland speed camera has been in the area over the past months. **ACTION:** Police Scotland to report back on the data collected, in particular on any evident speeding trends.

### 3. Ratification of minutes of meeting in April

The minutes were proposed and seconded. Actions arising:

- Images for local history project are now on the website. **ACTION:** All to provide names for individuals in the photos to [ddcc@mfcc.info](mailto:ddcc@mfcc.info).
- A coordinator is sought to manage orders for the Oil Circle as Bruce, who currently coordinates this activity, has moved house. **ACTION:** If anyone is able and willing to take on this role, please contact [ddcc@mfcc.info](mailto:ddcc@mfcc.info)
- It was clarified by MLC that a design contract will be issued later next year for the A701 road realignment.

### 4. Road traffic safety

The importance of traffic safety to ensure our roads are pedestrian, equestrian and cyclist friendly was highlighted as the main issue within the Neighbourhood Plan, which was endorsed by the Community Planning Partnership. There was a wide ranging discussion about the issues that residents experience on local roads, and some of the potential solutions. This included discussion about examples of speed reducing methods that have been used in other local areas, such as those in Newland Riggs, as well as potential solutions, such as reducing speed limits, making some roads one way at peak times, restrictions on HGVs, and physical measures. Some of the unintended consequences of these options were outlined by MLC. It was also highlighted by MLC that some of the most effective measures, including narrowing roads, signals, bumps, etc are more difficult to implement on rural roads.

Old Pentland residents agreed that a reduction of HGVs and/or their speed travelling on Pentland Road would have a significant impact – HGVs are required to travel at or under 40mph. MLC stated that they would review average speeds at seven points on local roads early in 2019. Speed limits could be reviewed further thereafter. It was also noted that, as part of a 'proactive risk removal' project Amey are proposing to measure and monitor traffic speeds and behaviour with cameras at the Hillend triple junction early in the new year. This will help identify what the actual issues are, although it is expected that any solution will require structural changes which are unlikely to be straightforward to deliver. It was agreed that there should be further discussion once the average speed exercises have been undertaken, and when Police Scotland, and other relevant partners, are able to attend.

Specific issues raised included the blocked/damaged drains on Pentland Road which leads to large amounts of flooding, and that the council had relayed tarmac at the entrance to the Biomass wood pile which had left a large dip which now fills with water.

**ACTION:** JG to circulate map and all to identify preferred locations for speed recorders.

**ACTION:** MLC to remedy issue with tarmac at A703 layby entrance to Biomass wood pile, and consider issue of blocked/damaged drains at Tarmac on Pentland Road.

## 5. Planning

- **Hillend/Snowsports Centre development.** Proposals outlined included a zip wire, alpine a-frame luge run, indoor rope climbing course, retail and catering options, a hotel, wigwams, and extended car park. Particular issue identified around entry road junction with A702. MLC intend to submit a Planning Application Notice Spring 2019.
- **Budget Planning Meetings** are being undertaken by the MLC this week to identify where to make required savings to the MLC budget.

## 6. Community issues

- **Local history project.** It was agreed this should be considered at the next meeting.
- **Local area map and resident list.** Map is available on the website. Resident list will be available at the next meeting for collection and for onward delivery, with any others to be posted out to residents. **ACTION:** CN to bring copies of resident list to next meeting in Feb.

## 7. AOB

- Dates – DDCC to meet 1<sup>st</sup> Monday every second month in 2019 (ie 4 February, 1 April, 3 June, 5 August, 7 October, 2 December)
- Community first aid training tbc
- Spring litter pick tbc

Date of next meeting: 7pm at the Steading on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

Further information on DDCC and copies of the minutes can be found at [www.damheadcc.org.uk](http://www.damheadcc.org.uk)

Please email DDCC at [ddcc@mfcc.info](mailto:ddcc@mfcc.info) to raise any planning or community issues.

## **Damhead and District Community Council (MW02) Police Report 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

### **Crimes & Incidents**

- About 10am on 6/10/2018 police seized a motor vehicle near to Lothianburn for having no valid insurance in place.
- About 6.30pm on 17/10/2018 police were called to Old Pentland, Loanhead, following a report that a male had deliberately stepped out in front of a moving vehicle. Police attended in the area with no trace of any persons walking along the road.
- About 3.30pm on 18/10/2018 police were called to the Lothianburn area following a report of two males in a white Ford Transit van attempting to sell TV's to members of the public.
- About 11.40am on 28/10/18 police were called to Old Pentland, Loanhead following a report of a large number of cars parked on the roadway, causing issues for other motorists. Police attended with no offences detected.
- About 7pm on 17/11/2018 police were called to the bus stop at the entrance to Hillend Ski Centre with regards to a drunk male. Police traced a 62 year old male nearby, who was subsequently issued with a Recorded Police Warning for his drunken demeanour and conveyed home.
- About 10.15pm on 19/11/2018 within Boghall Farm Car Park, police issued a 24 year old male with a Recorded Police Warning after being found in possession of a small amount of herbal cannabis.
- About 9.30pm on 23/11/2018 police were called to Hillend Ski Centre following a report of youths setting off fireworks in the car park. Police attended with no trace of the youths.

### **Vehicle Collisions**

- About 11pm on 16/11/2018 police were called to Lothianburn area following a report of two large vehicles having collided. Police attended in the area with no trace of any vehicle collisions. No reports were later received either.
- About 2.50pm on 29/11/2018 it was reported to police that an open door of a stationary car had been struck by a moving HGV, causing damage, but did not stop.

### **Your View Count**

Firstly a thank you to all who participated in the "Your view Counts Survey" last year. The Survey is now in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year. This aids in developing our Policing Priorities across Scotland. It takes a few minutes and can be completed by clicking the link: [www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)

If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above or indeed any other issue please contact your Community Policing Officer PC 5589- J Lewis Hodkinson.

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)).

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.

Information regarding crime can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through an anonymous Online Form - both of these routes are completely anonymous and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

E-mail : [LothianScotBordersPenicuikCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:LothianScotBordersPenicuikCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)