

## DDCC MEETING, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018, The Steading

### MINUTES

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

**Present:** John Marsh, Helen McKay, Jo Gillies, Gaeton Richard, Ailsa Carlisle, **Stuart Clark**, **Constance Newbould**, David Newbould, Gill McLeod and Ken McLeod. Police Constable Keith Dolan.

**Apologies:** Julian Holbrook

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

The minutes were proposed by Stuart Clark and seconded by John Marsh.

Actions arising: John Marsh and Jo Gillies have put up notices informing dog owners of their responsibilities also giving contact numbers.

#### 3. Police Report for April and May

The report is attached to the minutes. In addition:

- Sgt Lindsay has contacted Roads Policing regarding speed checks being carried out.
- Midlothian Community Action Team also tasked to carry out road checks at Damhead.
- Safety Camera Unit contacted regarding attending. Sgt Lindsay awaiting response.
- Hillend parking areas checked regularly by Response Policing during night shifts.

PC Dolan is going to follow up on repair of fence and sign. It was also noted that the results are not yet available following the speed checks carried out by the Community Action Team, and that a mobile speed trap van has been requested.

#### 4. Planning

**GP boundary changes** are being proposed for new residents - Damhead will be removed from Eastfield Practice. We doubt whether this will lead to any significant impact on Eastfield; Jo has lodged a response and has been informed that this will be taken into account. Roslin is the nearest surgery so new residents will be put to Roslin.

#### 5. Community issues

- **The increase in fly tipping** was discussed. Rubbish left at road side was generally cleared by the council if they were informed, but if rubbish was left on private property it was the land owner's responsibility to clear it up using a licenced waste carrier or by taking it to an official dump (though this may need to be booked). Moving rubbish on to the road is an offence. It was noted that white goods have been dumped recently at the top of Cow Loan. **Action:** John Marsh will raise this issue at the Midlothian Federation and report back.
- **WRI report.** There had been no progress since the last meeting. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting. **Action:** John will load on to the website original and more recent scans of photographs in order to get new ones from the same angles as those contained in the original report. Anyone with recent photos of the same scenes to contact John Marsh via the DDCC email address.
- **Litter pick.** 50 bags of rubbish were collected. Stuart had arranged signs to slow traffic and this was welcomed. Our collective good efforts to clear rubbish have been noticed by residents and passers-by. The intention is to use the community's bus shelter's

noticeboard to add local notices. **Action:** Jo will ask community action/free work team to litter pick the more difficult sections of the road in the autumn.

- **The summer gathering** was rather poorly attended, possibly because it was so soon after the previous meeting and the weather was not great. Consider May date next year for better weather! All suggestions to refresh the gathering welcome.
- **GDPR.** Jo reported that the recommended self-assessment suggests that we are exempt, nevertheless we should do our best to comply with good practice. For example, the community map should be modified. **Action:** John to ensure that the names are on a separate sheet from the community map and house names. When updating the map, we should explain to residents that names and addresses will not be distributed and also will note that there is an opt out.

6. **Treasurer's report (Helen McKay)** The Midlothian grant has been lodged (£680) bringing the total to £1843. John Marsh noted that small grants are available and will be coordinated via the Federation of Community Councils.

7. **AOB**

- **Cameron Woods** – we noted that developments, including solar panels, are slowly increasing and queried whether planning is needed. May be a safety concern. Still made no progress in getting response from the owner. **Action:** Jo will follow up with Community Liaison Office explaining our concerns over the fire risk and will also contact relatives of people who had died passing on our support for a commemoration at the site of the earlier fire. **Action:** Helen to contact owner.
- **Road safety.** The 3-way junction is still a major concern. We are keen to promote the installation of cycle paths around the junction, and safe walking route to catchment primary school at Bilston. **Action:** Jo to write to Pauline Winchester following up on actions from last meeting, and to ask Catherine Dunn to organise meeting to include MLC Roads Department and Police Scotland traffic management liaison officer if they are unable to attend DDCC meeting.
- It was noted that the incomplete perimeter fence at the **logpile** posed a safety risk.
- The DDCC gave **thanks to John Marsh for his contributions to the DDCC and community**, and wished him and his family well for their forthcoming move. **Action:** Residents of the Damhead and District area with an interest in community issues are encouraged to join the DDCC.

8. **Date of next meeting: 7pm, Monday 4 August at the Steading.**

In general, meetings will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in every second month:

1<sup>st</sup> October

3<sup>rd</sup> December

Other useful dates:

Litter Pick tbc

## **Damhead and District Community Council (MW02) Police Report**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

### **Crimes & Incidents**

- 15.04.18. Reports of flares seen above Hillend. MOD confirmed exercise.
- 17.04.18. Planned Shoot. Pest control. Old Pentland.
- 22.04.18. Positive drug search. Hillend.
- 28.04.18. Sheep on the road at A702, A703, Pentland Road Junction.
- 29.04.18. Call concerning Hare Coursing. Area searched, no trace.
- 29.05.18. Planned Shoot. Pest control. Old Pentland.

### **Vehicle Collisions**

- 15.04.18. Damage to sign and fence. Crime Report Submitted.
- 02.05.18. Reports of a road sign which had been hit and was hanging over the road. Roads Policing attended and Midlothian Council made aware who attended.
- 09.05.18 around 1800 hours. 2 vehicle RTC at A702, A703, Pentland Road Junction. No Injuries.
- 12.05.18 around 1230 hours. 3 vehicle RTC at Hillend Junction. 3 vehicle shunt in stationary traffic. No injuries.
- 20.05.18 around 1400 hours. Council vehicle shed load onto road. Vehicle damaged. Roads Policing attended and Midlothian Council.

### **Your View Counts**

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 below:

**[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.**

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