

## DDCC meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018, the Steading MINUTES

### 1. Welcome and apologies

**Present:** Constance Newbould, Julian Holbrook, Helen McKay, Jo Gillies, Neil Johnston, Trish Nicol, Alistair Ferguson, Diane Graham, Steven Amabile, Jim Welsh, Dot Frazer, Steve North, Robin McBride, Kate Marshall, David Newbould, Police Constables Scott Lambert and Trevor Newton-Johns.

**Apologies:** Stuart Clark, Ailsa Carlisle, Councillor Kelly Parry, Katherine Dunn (Community Liaison Officer).

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

The minutes were proposed by Kate and seconded by Alistair.

Actions arising:

- Helen to continue to engage with Rosewell over advice on local history project. Following a discussion about the use of drone images, it was decided that Googlemaps may be a simpler alternative to act as a prompt to get residents to weave stories around particular locations. **ACTION:** John Marsh will put the images collected at the meeting in March on the website.
- The Federation meeting was cancelled; the next meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of October.
- Fly tipping on Burnside. The original owner of the waste material was contacted and ensured that it was removed using registered waste disposal.
- 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)

### 3. Police Report for 1st Aug 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 will 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.
- A resident asked if anything could be done about refrigerated lorries parking outside residential houses causing overnight disturbance by leaving their motors running overnight. She was advised to contact the parent company.

#### Road Safety and Traffic Issues:

- MLC Ricky Moffat and Police Scotland PC Clark Black have agreed to review our local black spots and attend the next Community Council meeting to discuss potential actions that could be taken. Police presence is important to provide supporting evidence.
- There was discussion of the recently published Police Scotland scheme supporting resident's engagement in the collection of speed data, which has been taken up in South Scotland. Further information is available through Community Speed Watch UK. If we wished to investigate further we should contact Lesley Clark, Scottish Borders. Grants may be available.
- It was clarified that the need for street lighting to enforce a 30 MPH speed limit is often misunderstood – if there are street lights, there must be a reduced speed limit but a reduced limit can be introduced without streetlighting. The general feeling was that we

should get speed limits reduced first, which would align with presumption to lower limits.

- A constructive approach would be for the Local authority (via Ricky Moffat), with input from Clark Black, to form a focus group. It was proposed that we should develop a whole-community plan (using police evidence) which can then be put to the focus group.
- It was agreed it would be useful to have a formal site survey to collect data on traffic, accidents, speeds etc for a particular period of time and make recommendations on changes. Police would have a record of police-attended accidents; however Police Scotland have previously refused to release speed information to a resident because the cost of doing so would exceed the £600 limit for FOIs. PC Lambert explained that FOI arrangements have changed so it might be worth retrying. He said that speed cameras may be provided if the Council and authorities are willing. We could ask for data on accidents, ones that were police reportable and causes of those that have been attended by police. Police will only attend if someone is injured, the road is blocked or details are exchanged.
- It was agreed that it would be useful to compile information on potential options that could be used locally to reduce traffic speeds. **ACTION:** NJ to forward a list of options that could be considered to improve road safety.
- A site visit will be undertaken involving Police Scotland and Midlothian Council, and this will provide an opportunity to raise and discuss issues, evidence and potential actions in advance of the December DDCC meeting. **ACTION:** JG to arrange site visit.

#### 4. Planning

- **Land west of Corby Craig Terrace.** There will be 330 houses over 2 years, including 3-storey flats for social housing (20% total). The road alignment is still to be agreed. There is supposed to be a £4.2 m contribution to the school at Bilston with minimal contribution to realignment. Taylor Wimpy may offer that allotments provided on condition that an authority comes forward to take responsibility. Access to the construction site will be via the A703 rather than the A701. Working hours will be 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. The area of the plot closest to the A703 will be the last phase to be built. Three storey flats were challenged without success. Any positive features included in the outline planning permission should be defended through the process so that they are not lost. The number 15 bus service on Sunday has stopped so we agreed to ask for the number 4 bus to be extended a few stops to service the new developments at Corby Craig. **ACTION:** JG to request extension to bus route.
- **A701 realignment.** There is still some debate over the route and there is no clarity about the links to the existing road network. The Reporter agreed that there should be an updated assessment of traffic – it is not known if this has yet been undertaken. It was clarified that planning consent will still be required for the road realignment. **ACTION:** queries to be raised with Ricky Moffat as part of traffic discussion at December DDCC meeting. **ACTION:** CN will contact council for an update.
- **Braids Medical Practice.** Braids Medical Practice are changing their boundary which results in part of the DDCC area being removed from their catchment. Three attendees at the meeting who are already registered can continue at the Braids, as can other residents who are already registered. However, new residents in the DDCC area will be limited in which GP practices are available because of similar changes in other neighbouring practices.
- **Calderstone.** HM updated DDCC having spoken to the case officer.

- **PAN Planning Notice for Hillend** Susan Arbuckle has contacted DDCC about the proposal to submit a PAN planning notice for Hillend. She would like have a separate meeting end October/ November. Mr A McClung also has permission for a hotel near the ESSO station. **ACTION:** JG to arrange meeting on Hillend and Snowsport Centre developments.

**5. Community issues**

- **Pedestrian crossing at Goldburn.** Although the conclusion last time this was considered was that there were not sufficient pedestrians, this may have changed given the additional 16/17 new businesses at the golf club, horse boxes etc, and the proposed new activities etc at the Snowsports Centre.

**6. Treasurer's report (Helen McKay)** The Midlothian grant has been lodged (£680) bringing the total to £1843. First aid training to be considered, instead of a defibrillator, as a more effective approach for saving lives in a rural area.

**7. AOB**

- Dates – agreed 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
- Map and resident list needs to be distributed. **ACTION:** DDCC
- Litter pick 21<sup>st</sup> October. KM and SC to coordinate pick up points; JG to liaise with Council re pickers and bags; HM to provide snacks; SC to liaise with Fushiebridge to get cones/men at work signs.

Date of next meeting: 7pm at the Steading on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.

Other dates for your diary: DDCC meetings in 2019 to be held on Mondays 4 February, 1 April, 3 June, 5 August, 7 October, 2 December

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> August 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

### **Crimes & Incidents**

- About 12.05pm on 1/8/2018 police received a number of calls regarding sheep on the road at A702, Lothianburn.
- About 12.05pm on 2/8/2018 police were called to A702 near to Lothianburn regarding a broken down car.
- About 8.30pm on 3/8/2018 police were called to A702, Lothianburn after a report of sheep on the roadway.
- About 7.30am on 27/8/18 police were called to A702, Lothianburn following reports of a cow on the road. Police attended with no trace of the cow.
- About 5.15pm on 17/9/2018 police were called to a found green TREK mountain bike near to Old Pentland Cemetery. Police uplifted the bike as found property.

### **Vehicle Collisions**

- About 7.45am on 7/8/2018 police were called to A702, Easter Howgate following a serious collision between a Nissan Micra travelling southbound and an HGV travelling northbound. The 47 year old male driver of the Nissan Micra was sadly pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the HGV was uninjured.
- About 9am on 9/8/2018 police were called to A702, near Lothianburn following a collision between a white Vauxhall Vivaro van and a Vauxhall Corsa. Both drivers were attended to by Ambulance at the scene with only minor injuries.
- About 2.20pm on 14/09/2018 police were called to A702, Lothianburn following a minor 2 car collision. No persons were injured.

### **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 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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