

DDCC Meeting, Monday 1st April 2019

Present: Neil Johnston, David Newbould, Natalie Frankish, Grant McPherson, Janice Milne, Ian Milne, Kate Marshall, Gillian McLeod, Ailsa Carlisle, Helen McKay, Stuart Clark, Constance Newbould, Jo Gillies, Duncan McAuslan, Julian Holbrook, Iggy Campos

1. **Welcome and apologies.** No apologies

2. **Ratification of meeting minutes 3 December.**

Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Duncan McAuslan seconded by David Newbould.

Actions arising:

- **ACTION:** Diane to identify people in photos on the website.
- Oil circle. Anyone who is interested in joining the group, which provides savings on oil purchases through bulk buying, should email their contact details to the group coordinator Bruce at broughtonoilgroup@btinternet.com. Bruce is also looking for someone to take on the coordinator role later this year (given that he no longer lives in the area) **ACTION:** anyone who is interested in this should speak to Bruce or Jo to find out more.
- MLC have filled in the puddle at the entrance to the Pentland Biomass but it seems to be a mix of grit and salt so is not a satisfactory long term solution. Resurfacing has been carried out at the entrance to MacKenzie's yard but there is a dangerous drain cover and flooding.
- Running water on Burnside. The water has been tested and the levels of chlorine show that it is treated water, however Scottish Water claim that it is a private water supply. We agreed that this is likely to be the water supply to people living down the Burnside but we are not sure of the supply's route including the point of offtake from the mains. **ACTION:** Helen to speak to Gaiton Richards since he had recent experience of dealing with water supply on the Burnside. **ACTION** Jo to report that there was a water leak to Scottish Water.
- Kerb cleaning. The pavements are still in a dirty overgrown condition and are dangerous for users. **ACTION** Jo to report bits most needing to be cleaned to MLC contact centre for action
- Snowsports Centre. Jo had notified MLC of DDCC views.
- University of Edinburgh solar project. Jo had notified University of Edinburgh of DDCC views.
- Community Resilience. Dates for public meetings had still not been agreed. **ACTION:** Jo will invite a representative to our next meeting
- Distribution of residents' map and list 2018 to be updated. **ACTION:** Constance will copy more maps, and Jo to coordinate circulation of maps to residents. All to inform Jo of any details that require to be updated.
- Litter pick. This had been a successful day although again we noted the safety issues especially when there is no pavement. We agreed that volunteers from other areas would be welcome. We will organise a competition at this year's summer gathering to design signs asking for litter to be taken home and/or encouraging people to keep our bus stops clear. No 'Welcome to Damhead' signs were found.
- Superfast Broadband. **ACTION:** Neil Johnston will clarify situation with providers and invite a representative to a DDCC meeting.

3. **Police Report.**

There was no police report. [Subsequent to the meeting, Police Scotland provided the report and this is attached in the annex]

4. **Planning/Development issues**

- Taylor Wimpey development. Work is expected to start in late April/early May from the Cameron Gardens end of the field towards Pentland Grove. Some of this area falls within

DDCC and some within Bilston which reinforces earlier discussions about moving CC boundaries to make D&D and Roslin & Bilston communities more coherent.

- Extension to Haig Hamilton's activities. There has been an application to extend activities for a further 36 months. We agreed that we should ask for conditions (e.g. number of vehicle movements, dust control, water baths to reduce mud being carried onto roads and pavements, road cleaning) to be added. A resident offered to count vehicle movements periodically. **ACTION:** Stuart to respond on DDCC's behalf and individual residents to respond with their own views.

5. **Community issues**

- Summer Gathering 9th June at Pentland House
- Winter Gathering to be organised at Auchendinny Glencorse Centre
- Transition Action Plan. Julian Holbrook explained the concept of this international movement and how it could be applied to Damhead, though not as a formal part of the Community Council. Small groups could form under the umbrella of the Transition Action Plan to pursue environmental improvement and local foods. All residents are invited to a showcase on Sunday 5th May 11:00-14:00 at Auchendinny Glencorse Centre.

6 **AOB**

- a. Green networks **ACTION:** Helen to respond to consultation by 10th April
- b. Intruders. There continue to be instances of break-ins so we must all be aware and lock doors.
- c. Helen McKay reported that the current bank balance is £1783.26.

7. **Date of next meeting: 7pm, Monday 3rd June at the Steading.**

In general, meetings will take place on the 1st Monday in every second month; 3 June, 5 August, 7 October, and 2 December. Meetings take place at 7pm in the Steading Inn at Hillend.

Dates to note:

- Summer Gathering, 12noon to 4pm on Sunday 9 June 2019, at Pentland House
- Winter Gathering, date tbc, at Auchendinny Glencorse Centre

**Damhead and District Community Council (MW02) Police Report
1st February to 31st March 2019**

Crimes & Incidents

- About 09:40pm on 02/02/2019 police were alerted to signal flares from the Pentland Hills. This was in relation to a military exercise.
- About 6:30am on 27/01/2019 police attended Hillend Ski Centre in response to a report of a white van driving erratically. No trace of the vehicle.
- About 06:30am on 09/03/2019 an off duty police officer reported a vehicle driving erratically in the area of Hillend Ski Centre. The vehicle was lost to sight, but stopped a short time later by police in Edinburgh. The driver was found to be over the drink/ drive limit. He was arrested and subsequently charged with drink driving and other road traffic offences.
- About 9.00pm on 16/03/2019 police attended Hillend Ski Centre car park and traced a parked car. On approach they detected a strong smell of cannabis. The driver of the vehicle gave false details, but was quickly detected by officers. Further enquiry revealed he had no licence or insurance and had taken the vehicle without permission. He was charged with numerous offences.
- About 10:15 am on 20/03/19 at Hillend Ski Centre officers seized a vehicle after a check showed it had no insurance.

Vehicle Collisions

- About 10:40 am on 21/02/2019 police were called to Damhead, Pentland Road, after a car had struck a fence at the locus. No offences were detected and no injuries occurred to the driver.
- About 8:25pm on 22/02/2019 police attended a two vehicle collision at the junction of the A702 and Pentland Road. The road was closed and there were some minor injuries. One driver was issued a fixed penalty ticket for careless driving.
- About 7:40pm on 25/03/2019 police attended a two vehicle collision at the junction of the A702 /A703. No injuries and minor damage caused to the vehicles.

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 2nd 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**

If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above or indeed any other issue please contact your Community Policing Officer PC 5177 Alan Forbes.

**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).**

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 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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