**POLTONHALL & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held on 9 March 2011

**Present:** K Fuller (Chair), M Fuller, A Munro, F Warner; S Waterston, J Weir

and D West

**In Attendance:** Cllrs B Constable and D Milligan

Mrs and Mrs B Cunningham

Ms J Sumner

PC Kenny Eccles

Stacy Duffy, Poltonhall Galaday Committee

Colin Scott

**1. Chair’s Remarks**

1.1 The Hopefield Master Plan was now over 5 years and Taylor Wimpey would beasked to provide an updated copy. It was understood that it was intended to run a bus service through the Hopefield estate which would come out at the Library. This had yet to be confirmed.

1.2 Cllr DM re1ported that there were now bus stops in place in the estate. Some of the residents were unhappy with both stops outside their houses while others did not want them at all. Unless residents complained en mass that they should be removed then they would remain in situ. The Master Plan still allowed for buses to come at our Campview Road but that was no longer suitable for buses. Ian Johnstone at Midlothian Council should be able to provide a copy of the plan.

**2. Police Report**

2. Cllr DM had raised with Lothian and Borders Chief Constable the issue of resiting of Bonnyrigg Police to hub at the new Lasswade High School. However LBP considered the station should remain where it was. DM had asked the Chief Constable if there could be a small police focal point at the hub for anyone wishing to contact the police. It had also been made clear to the new Chief Superintedent the need to maintain continuity of officers.

**3. Minutes of meeting of 9 February and Matters Arising**

3.1 Item 6.2 - It was confirmed that work on Roslin Glen Road started on 7 February.

3.2 Item 7.1 – It was noted that Taylor Wimpey was now on site.

3.3 The Minutes were approved. Proposed by DW and seconded by SW.

**4. Finance Report**

4.1 JW reported that the bank balance was £124.12 with cash of £36.20 giving a current total of £160.32. A donation of £150 had been made to Bonnyrigg Rose Junior Football Club.

**5. Secretary’s Report**

5.1 It was agreed to renew the membership to the Esk Valley Trust.

5.2 Correspondence had been received from Midlothian Council advising that it proposed to make a new Traffic Regulation Order. This would make parking bays on – and off- street which were designated for disabled motorists into fully enforceable bays. Vehicles parked in those bays which did not display a valid ‘Blue Badge’ would commit an offence. All on –street bays had been inspected and unless the Council had reason to believe that the bay was no longer required, their particulars would be listed in the new Order. All roads in Midlothian which had been marked disabled parking bays would be affected by the new Order.

5.3 An invitation had been received to attend Midlothian Public Partnership Forum for Health’s Development Day on 7 April. The day would provide an opportunity to hear about Midlothian Community Health Partnership’s plans for 2011-12, along with a presentation from David Small, General Manager of Mid and East Lothian Community Health Partnerships.

**6. Midlothian Councillors’ Report**

6.1 Cllr DM reported planning application for the new Hopefield Primary School had been given consent subject to a few amendments and conditions. Plans for the new Lasswade High School were now with the developers who had been asked to look at possible reconfiguration of access on Polton Avenue.

6.2 There had been recent issues around dog fouling and whether there should be additional dog bins supplied. DM said they were not required. It was up to all dog owners to be more responsible.

6.3 It was crucial that the Police be informed immediately of any problems with motorbikes so that they could deal with it without delay.

6.4 Mrs Cunningham reported that heavy vehicles – Calco Waste – were driving up Polton Road towards Polton Road West. The smell coming from the vehicles was very bad and the drivers were ignoring the traffic calming measures. It was an ongoing problem.

6.5 Cllr BC reported that access to the new Hopefield Primary School would initially be through an open field. More children would therefore be walking to school.

**7. Switchover Help Scheme**

7.1 Colin Scott, Regional Project Co-ordinator for the Digital Switchover Scheme explained that there were around 100 days until the digital switchover. A leaflet would be going to all households supported by lots of advertising. Only those with TV signals received by ariels would be affected. Freeview re-tune would take place on 1June and on 15 June remaining analogue signals would be switched off completely. Midlothian Voluntary Action was engaged to work with local groups to ensure clients were supported. People over the age of 75 or with a disability would have received a letter before Christmas before and a further one before the switchover. A technical engineer would carry out the work. Council Departments and Social Work Depts had been informed so that they could inform their clients. Outside ariels did not need to be changed or TVs replaced – 95% of ariels should still be OK.

7.2 Cllr DM reported that some stores were selling digitals ariels. Mr Scott advised that these were totally unnecessary and there were no such things as digital ariels.

7.3 JW asked about digital radios and was advised that Scottish Government had previously set a target of 2015 for switchover but that had since been put back to 2017 but may yet never happen. Mr Scott advised that a Digital UK information bus would be in Bonnyrigg town centre on Thursday 17 March.

**8. Poltonhall Galaday**

8.1 Stacy Duffy reported that there were now a further 6 member on the Galaday Committee bringing the number to 8. This year’s Galaday would be held on 5 June. Bonnyrigg Primary School had now also agreed to take part and there would be more attractions for younger children. The Committee concitned to fundraise and during the Christmas period the Rotary Club had lent a sleigh and as a result £750 had been rasied over 2 days. KF explained that PDCC was waiting on new funding so would consider a donation to the Galaday in the new financial year.

**9. Local Issues**

9.1 KF referred to an email from Ian Baxter about setting up Fairtrade Bonnyrigg/Lasswade and Poltonhall. It was agreed that Ian be asked to come along to the necxt meeting to explain what Bonnyrigg and Lasswade Community Council and PDCC could do to promote fair trade.

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting and AGM would be held on Wednesday 13 April 2011.