

PENPONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Amended minutes of meeting held 2/12/09

Present: I. Crosbie, M. Crosbie, S. Crosbie, S. Dalgliesh, H. Jones, EA Hughes, F. Cuthbertson – CC members.

D. Drife, D. Craig, A. Brown, A. Brown, C. McDougall, C. Lord G. Allison, J. Howell for item 2.

B. Robinson,

Apologies

W. Harkness.

1. Road safety

G. Allison and J. Howell attended to listen to road safety issues. D. Drife has been keeping note of incidents for the past year. Recent events are 2 bad tractor and trailer accidents and a broken sewage pipe. Residents along Pringleton have also had fences damaged. A lengthy discussion took place about what the problems are and what can be done to help.

The main points raised were

Speed limit – should it be reduced to 20mph?

Can we stop cars parking along Pringleton? – would this only increase speeding?

G. Allison explained that a survey had been carried out earlier in 2009 and 60% of the traffic is travelling at under 30mph and of the other 40% only 16% was exceeding 36mph. J. Howell is carrying out a review of speed limits in the region. The report can be found on the council website. They are looking further into some rural areas, Penpont included. They will be looking at the school as well with regards as to whether speed limit should be reduced. This is often done with physical traffic calming measures. Advisory speed signs expensive and not always effective. This all comes down to budgets and funding.

What about a sign which reminds you of what speed you are doing?

G. Allison has a long list of things communities would like including solar powered smiley face signs. These cost in the region of £5-6000 with an additional cost of putting sockets into the ground. If they could afford one for this area it would not be permanent as it would be in great demand from all the villages in the region. D. Drife offered to help fund raise.

B. Robinson attends 9 community council meetings across the region – all with complaints about speeding. Would it be possible for these communities to join forces ie. amalgamate shout, clout and finances with regards to possibly buying 2 signs to be shared amongst them? The police have a speedwatch board which communities can borrow and use to gauge problems. Two members would be trained to use equipment and note details which are then fed back to the police. This is only an assessment tool. Speed issues should be addressed to the police. Camber of road and size of some vehicles is also a concern.

G. Allison has measurements of camber. It is doubtful that camber can be fully removed but he is fairly confident that a solution can be found. They need to take cores and calculate costs then need to secure funding.

There are regulations on the width of vehicles – need to keep diary, possibly take photos. Any issues must be reported. G. Allison has met with Timber Transport Group – another meeting next week- Penpont issues on agenda.

Thanks to Graham and John for listening to our concerns.

2. Police matters

Trailer theft from Stepends. Dark coloured 4x4 vehicle captured on CCTV.
Item of plant equipment taken from Carronbridge. Additional patrols in place.
No further developments on attempted break in at shop.
Ongoing initiatives – festive road safety and crime, recreational drug taking.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed **FC**, seconded **MC**.

4. Treasurers report

A very satisfactory balance was recorded. Thank you letter to be sent to Smith family for kind donation – **HJ**.

5. MUGA update

Two new noticeboards have been purchased. One for MUGA, one to replace old one at phone box. Fence is finished, turf should be finished next week. Then Scottish Power for lights etc. Need to think about opening. S. Crosbie to take on responsibility for opening/locking up/taking bookings etc.

6. Any other business

- (i) Prowlers in Tynron View last night. Footprints in snow between 11.30pm and 5am. **FC** to report.
- (ii) **IC** has produced logo for use in letters. Chair and secretary's details to be used on letterhead. This is not the one that secretary is using.
- (iii) Trees in park.
- (iv) Induction training for community councillors which was postponed on 24th Nov has been rescheduled for Thurs 10th Dec in Carronbridge Hall from 7-
pm.
- (v) Santa – have Santa and driver, sleigh is arranged. **IC** to organise tins and music. Posters and sweets – **SD**.
- (vi) Budget meeting clashed with tonight. **HJ** has requested a new date.
- (vii) **HJ** to get list from H. Patterson of previous funding applied for.
- (viii) **HJ** to put notices up advising dates of meetings.

Date of next meeting 2/2/10 at 7.30pm.