

## **PENPONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held 5/6/07 (subject to adoption)

**Present:-** M. Reid, Y. Dick, J. McIntosh, G. Kerr, J. Templeton, D. Manson, S. Dalglish, A. Wood, G. Dykes, S. Fraser, S. Robinson, N. Mc Kinnon, M. Watson.

### **1. Apologies**

D. Young, F. Cuthbertson, W. Harkness, H. Patterson, J. Syme.

### **2. New sewage system in village.**

Four representatives from Scottish Water and Scottish Water Solutions attended the meeting to tell us about the plans for upgrading the sewage system in the village. There are currently two sewage tanks serving the village – one at the caravan park which Pringleton currently drains into and one at the Keir end of the village which the rest of the village drains to. Both of these tanks are not big enough and are only just complying with SEPA regulations. The proposal is to put a new larger tank in at the Keir end of the village and divert all flow from the village and Pringleton into this. To accommodate this approx. 20 trees would need to be felled but would be replaced with new trees. This new tank would be able to accommodate approx 30 more houses on top of what is already in the village. This raised concerns that if the Loreburn build goes ahead then the sewage system will be almost at capacity again in a very short space of time.

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting.**

Proposed by **MR** seconded by **YD**.

### **4. Treasurers report.**

A very satisfactory balance was recorded.

### **5. Co-option of new members.**

The co-option of four new members on to the community council was proposed and seconded as follows. D. Young and G. Kerr was proposed by **MR** and seconded by **DM**. J. McIntosh and M. Watson was proposed by **SD** and seconded by **JT**.

### **6. Traffic meeting.**

Speedboard now available. We can apply to use it. A member of the public would need to be present with an officer. Traffic counter in village at moment. Once we have results from it we will apply to use speedboard. **J McI** willing to help if dates are suitable.

### **7. Consultation on Health Services.**

**JT** attended meeting. **FC** to contact neighbouring CC's for further meeting with S. Oliphant.

### **8. Loreburn**

Not coming up before planning committee next week. We have submitted a letter of objections. Have received a letter from Loreburn asking for support. We would support a development half the size.

### **9. Windfarm.**

Meeting at Auldgirth 26<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm. **DM** to attend.

### **10. Minibus.**

MR has applied for funding. Looks favourable. Would be a community resource, available for use by groups in the community. Costs would need to be calculated. Cover running costs only – not a profit making venture.

### **11. Community right to buy.**

CC cannot do this – has to be a limited company. N. McKay has taken this over. **GD** to look into this.

### **12. Newsletter**

**J. McI** willing to set up website. Need ideas for content. Contact all local groups to see if they would like to contribute. Paper copies could be printed off and distributed to people with no internet access.

### **13. Any other business**

- (i) Update list of CC members in notice board – **SD**. **DM** to look into state of notice board and see if we need a new one.
- (ii) Weeds around village need attending to. **GD** to speak to someone.
- (iii) **DM** to chase up summer seat at bus stop.
- (iv) Grass cutting scheme. Senior citizens need to reapply to get on to this scheme and there is now a charge for it.
- (v) Complaints about rooks in park.

### **14. Correspondence.**

- (i) Copy of felling licence application.
- (ii) Nithsdale in bloom application form. **FC** to apply. **MR** to make posters to put up.
- (iii) Letter from A. Wood – looking forward to working with us.
- (iv) Annandale and Eskdale Council for Voluntary Service.

**Date of next meeting** 7<sup>th</sup> August 2007 at 7.30pm.