

PENPONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 4/9/07 (subject to adoption)

Present: M. Reid, D. Manson, J. Robertson, A. Morton, D. Young, M. Watson, G. Kerr, F. Cuthbertson, S. Dalgliesh, J. McIntosh, J. Templeton, Y. Dick, Sgt. I. Harkness, G. Dykes.

1. Apologies

W. Harkness, H. Patterson.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed by **MR**, seconded by **FC**.

3. Treasurers report

A very satisfactory balance was recorded.

4. Community mini-bus

JR gave us a breakdown of what costs would be involved with running a community mini-bus. We would have to apply for a permit from traffic commissions- £54. Need service contract with garage- 4-6 weekly checks at around £30-£40 each time. Bus would need to be checked at Dumfries to see if it is fit for community bus use- about £57 outwith any work needing done. Maintenance costs for 6 months could be around £1500. Drivers must be over 21. We would need to keep a log in mini-bus for mileage and a sheet for checking lights, water etc. each time it is used. Check out insurance costs and review next month.

5. Police matters

Fairly quiet. Garden ornament stolen. Youths camping up Scaur causing hassle. Speedwatch has been used at Dunscore with positive results.

6. Local healthcare services consultation

HP attended meeting. Summary of discussion. If the review finds a need for the hospital it will stay open.

7. Loreburn

Plans have been passed with conditions – sewage must be updated and we will get money to spend on the park. Contact Leisure Services.

FC has spoken to Scott Fraser from Scottish Water. They have to submit new plans for the new sewage works –will keep us up to date with the situation. Loreburn would like to attend the October meeting to discuss allocation. Open meeting – send a list of questions beforehand. **MR** to ask them to leave it until the November meeting and put notices up asking for any questions people would like to ask.

8. Car park at Grennan Road

Scottish Power have removed plot from the market. We need to write to Scottish Power registering an interest in the land.

9. Newsletter

JMcI to set up website – cost £57 per year. Need volunteers to submit information to keep it up to date. Print off paper copies each month and put in tearoom and shop.

10. Any other business

- (i) Nithsdale in Bloom – put notice up thanking all who helped – **MR**.
- (ii) Recycle bins are an eyesore. **GD** to look into this.
- (iii) Roadsweeper does all roads in village apart from school lane and Briar Place – **GD** to look into this.
- (iv) Senior Citizens Trip – big success. Would it be possible to arrange a trip to a pantomime – put on agenda for next month.

11. Correspondence

- (i) Letter and donation from Lord Dalkeith for use of dishes.
- (ii) Nithsdale Federation of Halls meeting – Kirkmahoe 11/9/07 at 7pm.
- (iii) Health and Community Care Plan 2007-2008 summary.
- (iv) **FC** would like someone to take over her post as Correspondence secretary – will continue until December only.
- (v) New boiler is in process of being fitted. **DM** to ask Bob Peacock for a quote for installing an extra tank for showers and fitting thermostatic valves, then fill in form for windfarm money.
- (vi) All weather pitch at the bottom of the park . **DM** to speak to planners first to see if it is worth pursuing this idea. If yes **DM** to get costs and submit application for funding.

Date of next meeting 2nd October 2007.