

Howgate Community Council. Minutes of Meeting 24 April 2019

Present

Bruce Hobbs. (Chair), Graham Young, Jenny Westwood, David Wilson, Ian Quigley.

In attendance

Councillor Debbi McCall, Sargeant Michelle Lindsay.

1. Apologies

Ian King, Colin Bennet.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 27 March 2019.

Approved. Proposed by Jenny Westwood and seconded by Graham Young .

3. Community Policing Report.

This had been circulated in advance and is attached to the Minutes.

Michelle Lindsay stressed the need to be vigilant about approaches from potential scammers or fraudsters and drew attention to the current police initiative on this.

Michelle reported on recent thefts in the wider Penicuik area and stressed the need for care and security.

4. Consequences of Closure of Howgate Church.

Ian Quigley reported that the first meeting of potential members of a Howgate Development Trust would meet on 29th April.

5. Report by Tommy Goldie.

No report was presented and none had been sent, but it was noted that Ian King and Tommy were to attend an Association of Community Councils Roads Group.

6. Roads and Traffic.

Held over to await report by Ian King on Roads Group referred to in 5.

7. Matters arising

7.1 The Loanstone speed sign has been fixed.

7.2 Debbi had followed up on her actions.

7.2.1 She reported that the planning department has said in their view one week's notice of the Wellington meeting was sufficient.

7.2.2 Debbi had forwarded the full report of the reporter on the Local Development Plan.

8. Report on Meeting of Federation of Community Councils.

David Wilson will forward his report.

ACTION: DW

9. Standing Items

9.1 Correspondence.

There is a Midlothian Council meeting in Penicuik on 1 May to explain medium term financial strategy.

Bruce Hobbs had written to the people running Penicuik Recycling Centre to ask for consideration for locals regarding its use.

9.2 Planning

9.2.1 Netherton

No further action.

9.2.2 Wellington

There was a well attended meeting of concerned residents but no further action is required from HCC at this time.

9.2.3 Midlothian Structure Plan.

Debbi has forwarded the Reporter's report which will be considered by the members prior to the next meeting.

9.3 HCC Funds

Graeme Young reported no change. Current balance £915.09.

The new money from Midlothian Council has not reached the account but we are told it is expected during May.

10. AGM preparation

- 10.1 Bruce will arrange for publication of Notice in the Town Crier.
 - 10.2 Nomination forms can be dealt with once candidates emerge.
 - 10.3 Minutes of 2018 AGM. These need to be printed and copied for distribution at the AGM.
 - 10.4 Chairman's Report. Bruce will prepare this.
 - 10.5. Guest speaker. The Chief Executive of Midlothian Council , although happy to speak is not available on that date. Bruce will try to get a speaker from the Police.
 - 10.5 Refreshments.
- Jenny Westwood kindly offered to procure tea/coffee and biscuits.

ACTION: BH

11 AOCB.

None.

Date of next meeting (Please note this is NOT the third Wednesday of the month)
29 May 2019 at 7.30pm



Howgate Community Council Report Mar 2019



During the month of March 2019 in the beat areas PK01, PK02 & PK03 (Penicuik & District), there were 69 recorded crimes reported of which 33 were solved. This is a solvency rate of 47.8%. During this time period, there were 351 calls made to Police Scotland.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

On 6 March around 4pm, in a field near Gowkley Moss roundabout there were reports of a small tan dog with a red coat on worrying the sheep. The dog and owner were not traced, however the sheep were unharmed.

On 8 March at Edinburgh Road, a 22 year old male was charged for driving with no insurance and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 8 March a 34 year old female was charged with careless driving at the A6094 following an accident with a motorcycle.

On 9 March about 1050pm at Haigs Bar, 2 26 year old males were arrested and charged with drugs offences and refusal to leave a licensed premises.

On 12 March 0250am there was an attempt housebreaking at Woodside Drive. The suspect was disturbed by the occupant of the property and made off. Suspect described as wearing a black leather jacket and had a white hood up.

On 12 March about 1020am there was a report of a male acting suspiciously around the properties in the Broomhill area. He was described as white, in his 30s, medium build, wearing a black hat, black coat and black tracksuit. The area was searched by officers and no trace of the male.

On 12 March about 1020am a vehicle parked on Lyne Terrace had its number plate stolen.

On 17 March about 0600am a vehicle crashed into the wall of a property in Howgate. A male described as being in his 20s, wearing a black jacket and dark green wellies was seen alighting the vehicle. Enquiries are ongoing by Roads Policing.

On 17 March at Kirkhill, a vehicle was seized for having no insurance. The driver was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 17 March at Carnethy Court, a Sky van had a slab put through its windscreen whilst parked overnight. Enquiries ongoing.

On 18 March a rural property in the Mauricewood area was subject to an attempt housebreaking. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 19 March at 1120am a vehicle was seized at Gowkley Moss roundabout for having no valid insurance.

On 23 March between 1430 and 1900 at Tipperwell Way, Howgate, a parked vehicle had damage to the front driver door. Enquiries ongoing.

On 27 March at a property on Carlops Road, a misuse of drugs warrant was executed, and a 38 year old female was charged for being in possession of drugs.

On 27 March about 8pm, reports were made about a male walking along the A702. Police attended and he was arrested for threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 29 March, a property on Glaskhill Terrace had its window smashed. Full enquiries were carried out, and no suspect traced as yet.

On 31 March about 430pm at John Street, a 47 year old male was issued a Recorded Police Warning for being in possession of drugs.

If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above, or indeed any other crime, please contact your Community Policing Officer PC Alannah Juchniewicz via 101 or email: LothianScotBordersPenicuikCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Additional Information

Hate crime and domestic abuse can now be reported online via the official Police Scotland website at www.scotland.police.uk or by visiting a Third Party Reporting Centre – details of which are also on our website.

Information regarding crime can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through an Online Form - both of these routes are completely anonymous and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Police Scotland use social media to circulate the latest news, events and information to the public via Twitter (@LothBordPolice and @MidLothPolice) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/LothiansScottishBordersPoliceDivision and www.facebook.com/MidlothianPolice).

Your View Counts

Police Scotland consults with the public every year on what their priorities are for policing in their community.

In the past this has always been by hard copy consultation questionnaires which were distributed by police officers within the community they work.

This year Police Scotland's consultation process is widening and becoming more flexible. The consultation process is moving online to a digital format and consultation will be open all year.

The public consultation is for you to tell us what is important to you in your community. Your opinion is valued - we need your opinion to inform our policing. Having your say in the decision making process of Police Scotland is a vital tool for residents of Scotland to be able to shape the way their public services should operate.

Everyone's views across Scotland will be taken on board at a national and local level. We want you to help us focus on the priorities that will help communities most. There is no 'one size fits all' approach to local policing and all the needs and wants of individual communities will be considered.

This is the first time Police Scotland's public consultation is being hosted on a digital platform. This allows us to reach a much wider audience than ever before ensuring that everyone can have their say.

The online consultation is open all year which allows you to take part when it suits you but also gives the flexibility of being able to re-submit the consultation if your priorities change.

It's a very simple process that should only take a few moments of your time but will shape the way that policing is coordinated across Scotland and in your local community.

We will keep you updated on our quarterly results. The consultation will be a completely transparent process as it's all about your priorities.

Below is a link to the 'Your View Counts' page.

www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts