

Howgate Community Council: Minutes of 23 January Meeting

Present

Bruce Hobbs (chair), Graham Young (treasurer), Ian King, Jenny Westwood

In attendance

Councillor Debbi McCall, Alannah Juchniewicz (Community Police Officer)

1. Apologies

Ian Quigley, Colin Bennet, David Wilson, Tommy Goldie

2. Minutes of meeting held on 28 November 2018

2.1 Revision of point 6.1: To read “blind summit should be considered for the road between Loanstone and Leadburn.”

2.2 Approval of revised minutes: proposed by Jenny Westwood, seconded by Graham Young.

3. Community Policing Report

The police report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The only direct reference to Howgate related to an accident on the A6094.

4. Consequences of Closure of Howgate Church

The questionnaire drawn up by Ian Quigley & Ian King to ascertain members of the community’s feedback had been circulated with the January Town Crier. Responses had been requested for the end of January. Ian King agreed to collect & collate the responses, and to liaise with Tom Schofield, from the HVHA, re next steps.

5. Report by Tommy Goldie, Community Liaison Officer

No report was available due to Tommy being unwell.

6. Roads and Traffic

6.1 It was noted that some of the pot holes between Howgate and Loanstone had been temporarily filled in. Debbi had been informed that ‘more extensive work’ on this section of the road had been scheduled for the next financial year. She would write to Ian Lennox to ask for the schedule.

6.2 In a police speeding check carried out in Howgate 2 speeding tickets were issued. There is an issue of lack of safe places to stop vehicles. Alannah was investigating the suitability & availability of the ‘Pop-up Bob’ facility.

7. Any other matters arising

No matters were identified.

8. Standing Items

8.1 Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

8.2 Planning.

8.2.1 Following the lodging of application 18/00741/DPP (on land next to Netherton) HCC had submitted a recommendation to reject the plan, based on the conflict with relevant policies of the Midlothian Local Plan on the proposed number of houses, the landscape and access, the sewerage and the water supply.

8.2.2 Debbi informed HCC that application 08/00383/OUT (on land by Meyerling) had been earlier rejected by the Planning Department, and had just been refused by the Review Body.

8.3 HCC Funds

8.3.1 Current bank balance stands at £915.09. Share of printing costs for questionnaire are still to be paid.

8.3.2 HCC's application for a micro grant (over 3 years) had been granted by Midlothian Council: £380 for 2019; £398 for 2020; £416 for 2021. Bruce & Graham have accepted the grant of behalf of HCC.

8.3.3 Debbi suggested there was a funding stream (from SPICE) that might be useful to HCC. She offered to contact them for ideas & criteria.

9. Any other competent business

9.1 It was requested that when the agenda for the Community Council meeting was drawn up, the time of the meeting was included.

9.2 Bruce was to pursue getting a key for himself for the hall.

10. Next meeting

Wednesday 27 February 2019 at 7.30 pm.