

GIFFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 10th May 2010
The Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall

MINUTES

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1.00	Present	
1.1	John O'Connor JOC, (Chair) Elizabeth Whiteford EW(Treasurer), Andrew Gilmour, AG Margaret McDougall MMc, Margaret Maslowski, MMas Alistair McClung (AMcL), Jane Steven JS(Minutes) Councillor Broun Lindsay, Cllr Sheena Richardson PC Kelly Paton, and 17 members of the public.	
2.0	Apologies	
2.1	Julian Tennant, J(T) Shona Thomas (ST)	
3	The chairman John O'Connor welcomed everyone and gave the apologies. JS proposed that since there were so many members of the public present to discuss item 5 -Police Report and noisy motor bike scrambles -that this item should be taken first. This was agreed	
5	<p>Police report- PC Kelly Paton reported – 7 calls from Gifford. In Walden Terrace an aggressive male , under the influence, was held in custody Park Road –Domestic incident Youth using false ID in Coop- police are keeping a watching brief An elderly male was mis-sold fake Turkish rugs in Whittinghame- £7500 CID in Dalkeith dealing with this.</p> <p>Noisy Motor Bike Scramble A deputation from Redshill attended to complain about the level of noise from Motor Bikes for the last 7-8 weeks and also the length of time that this occurred (11-5.30 each Saturday). Whilst they were not against motor bikes in principle they felt this had become excessive. Two bikers attended plus Simon McCreery who owns the land. They were sorry that no one had approached them directly with their complaint. It is not a club with open membership. At the most there would be 10 bikers. One bike had been particularly loud but this had been dealt with. A very long and reasonable discussion ensued. Issues raised included –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether planning permission was required since building mounds of earth could be seen as permanent structures which constituted change of use of the land (Simon has already been in contact with the Planning Authority) 	Simon Mc Creery to contact Planning Department and report back to CC

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An opinion was expressed, that like Clay Pigeon shooting if this occurs for less than 28 days planning permission is not required. • Safety (first aid etc) • Noise (dealt with by Trading Standards) • Someone had lobbied the Council to find another venue. • Worry that other farmers would start similar ventures. • Loss of value of houses and loss of trade to local B and B establishments due to the noise <p>Decision It was agreed with the deputation from the public and the bikers that the bikers would : ride for up to 3 Saturdays in the month from 10-1 with number of bikers limited to 10. Will try and stay under 28 days. This will be policed by Simon and the bikers. Contact numbers: Simon McCreery 01620810 131 Callum Wright - 01620811 244 Michael Brewis 0781 7963 575</p>	
3	Most of the members of the public (15) left and the meeting reverted to the agenda Draft 2 of the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 th April 2010 were approved proposed by EW and seconded by MMcD with a number of alterations. The revised version of the minutes would be published on our Notice Board and e-mailed to ELC.	
4	There were no matters arising that would not be dealt with in the agenda. Cllr L BL left the meeting	
6	Giffordonline In March Mike Gover had said that he would update it.	JOC to contact MG
7	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Request from Liz Stewart for articles for the Gifford Newsletter. It was agreed that this should include reference to the Lime Trees being tidied; Thanks to Alasdair McDonnell for his efforts at tidying the village and to AMcL and the cubs. ii) Request to the Council that the Lime Tree path 	

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	<p>should be cleared now that the trees had been cut back.</p> <p>iii) Letter re bus services and the view of the Community Council. It was felt that the time frame was very short for adequate consultation.</p> <p>JS spoke of an innovative transport solution to replace cuts in post buses running in Northumberland</p> <p>The rest of the correspondence will be circulated</p>	<p>JOC to write</p> <p>JS contact Ray Montgomery ELC Transport Dept with information</p> <p>Circulate correspondence</p>
8	<p>Planning Report from AG No action required.</p> <p>i) AG requested information on progress of planning application for Forbes Lodge.</p> <p>ii) Garry Calder has many times raised many issues re restoration and new planning of the Quarry and this has now reached the higher echelons. Letter from Barry Turner.</p>	<p>Cllr SR to find out re Forbes Lodge</p>
9	<p>East Lothian Transport Review. JS had discussed this with S Baxter</p>	<p>JS to contact S Baxter</p>
10	<p>Reports including Yester Estate EW stated cutting of trees went ahead but there is no money from Civic Pride for the repair of the wall. It was felt that the wall was dangerous</p>	<p>EW to contact Mr Menotti to say this money for cutting trees was a one off.</p>
11	<p>Potholes and road repairs Everyone named places where there were bad pot holes. It was felt that it would be more helpful to the Council to draw attention to the parts that are critical and dangerous.</p>	<p>JOC to write re Smiddy Bridge and Edinburgh Rd Bridge.</p>
12	<p>Ongoing items Recycling area-New smaller bin. EW thought this had been dealt with Christmas tree to be discussed at the September meeting Community Council records and safekeeping. To be sorted out. Should include reports such as the Local Plan. Filing cabinets that are not required to be discarded.</p>	<p>EW JOC</p>
13	<p>Any other competent business</p> <p>i. Playground AMc met Council regarding changing a few items in the playground to which they would be agreeable. Best source of funding Viridor AMc reported that Council have already put down new bark for safety at a cost of £1000</p>	<p>AMc to progress</p>

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	<p>ii. Complaints that the street lighting in Gifford Main St are not very bright. JOC to ask ELC, if they meet present codes of practice. However it was thought that the pavements were more dangerous</p> <p>iii Empty Houses- ELHA being very reasonable about this. One of the two houses has been reallocated and at the other the tenant has returned. Agreed to drop this item from the next agendas.</p> <p>iii. Menotti celebrations Invitation to be sent to ELC and JS to contact Margaret Wylie to see if either of her talented young children would be interested</p> <p>iv. Trees cut down in Tweeddale Ave –letter to be sent to ELC to congratulate them on the excellent way this had been carried out.</p> <p>v. Mercat Cross MMcD was contacted by Mr. Alastair Watt, who is willing to clean the Mercat Cross.</p>	<p>JOC</p> <p>JOC contact ELC JS contact M Wylie</p> <p>JOC</p>
14	<p>Date Time and Place of next meeting Monday June 14 2010 at 7.30 in the Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall.</p>	<p>JOC to check date on board</p>

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Weekly Listings of Registered Applications over the past weeks since the last meeting contained the following applications for work within the GCC area: PLEASE NOTE that new procedures for dealing with applications were introduced in August 2009, and we no longer receive notification of withdrawn applications, or of decisions made about registered applications. This is regrettable.

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15.04.10	nil
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22.04.10	nil
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29.04.10	nil
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06.05.10	1
10/00352/P	Extension to house and demolition of garage West Latch, Gifford EH41 4JN for Mr J Hamilton <i>—this is a small, single-storey extension on the west side of the two-storey house, providing a porch and a 4m x 3m glazed extension to a sitting room, designed with materials to be in keeping with the house; no action recommended.</i>

Andrew Gilmour
8 May 2010