

BROXBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27 JUNE 2011

Present:

Community Council: T Roy, E Bradley, R Morrison, D Knox, M Kane, S. Dowd, T Penman, J McLaren

West Lothian Council: Cllr E Glass, Cllr J Campbell, Richard McClumpha, Douglas Greison

Others: PC V Manning, L Fogwill

PC Manning gave a report on the crime statistics etc for the past month.

Richard McClumpha, West Lothian Licensing Standard Officer then gave a talk on the workings of the licensing rules for restaurants, public houses etc.

Douglas Greirson , West Lothian Community Regeneration Officer gave a report on the refurbishment of Stewartfield Park and the creation of a BMX track, which would be developed by the Central Scotland Forest Trust who would consult with the local community regarding the development and in particular with children about the BMX track. T Penman from the community council agreed to be the contact between the Council and the potential users of the track. Cllr E Glass said about 150 questionnaires had already been completed by local young people to gauge their interest in the use of local clubs and the proposed new track.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as being correct proposed by T Penman seconded by S Dowd.

Business Arising:

1. Old Town Centre – the provision. of lighting was ongoing.
2. Papa Chans –our observations had been sent to the Council for consideration.
3. Shanks Waste Management – our representations had been made.
- 4 Daltons planning application - awaiting outcome of their appeal to Scottish Office
5. Union Canal- no meeting yet set up with British Waterways.

Other Business:

1. Concern was expressed about the general state of Greendykes Industrial Estate especially the amount of rubbish etc lying about and the road congestion.

2. An application from Broxburn Tae Kwon-Do-School Ltd for planning permission to use a unit within the Thistle Industrial Estate as a gymnasium which would be a change of use from Class 5 - general industrial to Class 11 – gymnasium, which we accept and agree does not comply with the Edinburgh & Lothians Structure Plan 2015 and the adopted West Lothian Local Plan 2009 as detailed in the planning application consultation response. (ref DP Case officer report). After a full discussion we felt it was a wonderful idea to have such a facility in the town but were a little concerned about the site chosen. This is a very busy industrial estate and it was suggested that smaller industrial units eg beside the Strathbrock Partnership Centre, or somewhere more central should be fully investigated and evidenced to the Planning Dept. before a decision is made.

3. Cllr E Glass brought the following points to the attention of the Community.

There is free swimming available to all children under 15 on Mondays to Fridays between 10am – 4pm

Beebraigs is now open for walks, picnics etc.

West Lothian Council Advice Shop - free expert advice tele: 01506 776479

Social Work Review Committee volunteers to join complaints review committee and if you have knowledge of social work or tribunal bodies and wish to volunteer phone 01506 281609

West Lothian Food Train – new volunteers always wanted tele: 01506 654360

Free computer access available in most community centres

There are a limited number of personal safety alarms for vulnerable women and can be obtained by telephoning 07963 483442.

Next Meeting

7pm in Broxburn Old Town Centre

Monday 26 September 2011