

Minutes of the Broxburn Community Council

Meeting held in the Broxburn Old Town Centre
on 30th April 2018

Present Ellen Glass (EG), Steven Salvini (SS), Tom Stirling (TS), Angela Wallace (AW),
In Attendance Cllr. Diane Calder (DC), Lorna Salvini (clerk)
Apologies Graeme Barrie (GB), Anila Mirza (AM), Robert Morrison (RM), Cllr. Janet Campbell (JC), Cllr. Angela Doran (AD), Cllr. Chris Horne (CH), Community PCs

Actions

Welcome Steven Salvini (SS) welcomed everyone and noted that as there were four members present the meeting was quorate. He explained that he had managed to contact Anila Mirza. She is studying outside the area at present and so is unable to attend meetings but expects to be able to do so after May.

Minutes & Matters Arising The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. It was noted that the meeting planned for March had been cancelled.

There was one matter arising from the minutes of the most recent quorate meeting. It was noted that Graeme Barrie (GB) had been actioned to draft a response to the MUGA planning application on behalf of Broxburn Community Council. He was then to circulate this to all members for comment, update the draft accordingly and send it to West Lothian Council. However, only one member (SS) saw the draft and it was not clear that his comments had been taken into account in the version that was submitted. It was further noted that the document was labelled as an Objection to the planning application although that was not the intention of the community councillors. The members present asked that their disappointment in how this issue had been handled be noted and measures be put in place to address this failure in process.

Chair's Report GB was unavailable, no items to report.

Secretary's Report Unavailable as there is no secretary at present.

Treasurer's Report SS reported that the Bank of Scotland have now transferred the account into the names of current members although further paperwork is required before the bank will release statements, allow online banking access, or merge the two accounts into one. **SS to chase with Bank of Scotland**

It was noted that our annual accounts are now due at West Lothian Council for the period April 6th 2017 to April 5th 2018. He presented draft accounts (see attached) and will have these certified in time to be presented at the AGM in May.

SS to finalise annual accounts for AGM

SS brought it to the attention of the meeting that a sum of £70 had been withdrawn from the main account between the last bank statement received from the former treasurer, Tom Roy, (covering the period to 9th October 2017) and the one received by SS which started on 29th December 2017. SS suggested that this might be a data protection registration charge taken by direct debit. Cllr. Diane Calder (DC) confirmed that such a charge had been taken in the past and that this might be recovered from West Lothian Council.

There is currently £1,936.65 in our main account, £121.40 in our special projects account, and no cash in hand for a total of £2,058.05.

Planning Secretary's Report

There have been no new applications of note.

Ellen Glass (EG) asked if it was correct that only 12 social housing homes were being built as part of the development on the former Vion site. DC explained that this was correct as developers only have to provide 15% of the total houses built.

Angela Wallace (AW) questioned what had been done with the Section 75 money from the Vion site development. DC explained that the money went into a fund for new infrastructure. SS added that this infrastructure did not have to be in the area affected but could be anywhere in West Lothian. AW agreed to investigate this further with the council.

AW to contact WLC planning department

Police Report

Neither officer was available and, due to the short notice, a paper report had not been received.

It was noted that the community PCs had been very good at attending meetings in the past but that their time was now much more limited due to reorganisation. SS to contact them to arrange for a short report by email for future meetings.

SS to contact community PCs

AW reported an attack which had been broken up and a man charged. She asked if there was anything the community council might do to raise the issue of reduced numbers of community PCs.

BUTCMG Report

SS did not receive notice of the meeting until the day before and so could not attend. DC did attend and reported that:

- The church lighting was all agreed and mostly complete.

- The war memorial lighting at Strathbrock Partnership Centre had been agreed and was progressing well.
- The Heritage Trail project was taking into account some further small changes but would be concluding soon.
- There was no report from the churches in the absence of Myra Macpherson.
- EG will be taking on responsibility for the memorial parade.
- There was a brief update from the Gala Day committee. It will again involve the schools and will be held at Stewartfield Park rather than at Strathbrock Partnership Centre following consultation with the local community.
- Broxburn and Uphall Traders Association have taken over the shop front grant scheme.
- There were continuing discussions regarding the black-topping of the currently paved areas in Broxburn Main Street. EG queried the areas concerned and DC highlighted these on a map.

AOCB

1. Community Engagement Survey

In response to a query from EG regarding the flyer circulated at the meeting, SS explained the brief history of the community engagement project. In particular, he stressed the public meeting on May 5th in the Canon Hoban Hall; the draft report being due in mid-May with the full report and action plan by the end of May; he explained that the steering group was keen to have new members join them; and also that the steering group would be dissolved were it to be decided that a Community Development Trust ought to be established.

2. Community Councils Biannual Conference

SS had attended this and had found it to be most useful. It was noted that a new pan-West Lothian group had been formed to represent community councils in the same way as the now defunct West Lothian Community Council Association had in the past. The group will be known as the Joint Forum of Community Councils in West Lothian. This could include having formal representation on some council committees.

3. LAC

DC reported that the Local Area Council (LAC) for the Broxburn area was going to start meeting in the local community rather than only in the Civic Centre as under the previous chair. The first such meeting will be held in Strathbrock Partnership Centre, Room GP3, on Friday, 25th May 2018 starting at 9:30am. It was stressed that

these meetings are open to the public and are worth attending to gain insight into local issues.

4. Airport Noise Board	SS reported that he had been asked if anyone from Broxburn Community Council might be willing to act as our representative on the Airport Noise Board. The board meets in the Marriot Hotel, Maybury, on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. AW agreed to take this on.	SS to introduce AW to Airport Noise Board contact
Date of Next Meeting	The date of the next meeting is 28 th of May 2018 at 7pm in the Old Town Centre and will be the Annual General Meeting.	
Close	SS thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 7:50pm.	