

Broxburn Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 25th April 2011

Present:

West Lothian Council : Cllr's J Campbell; E Glass; Alex Davidson
Broxburn Community Council : E Bradley; D Knox, M Kane; S Dowd; R McLean;
T Penman; J McLaren.

Apologies : Cllr Graeme Morrice, T Roy.

Matters arising from previous minutes.

1. **Disabled parking.**
2. **Police report** for March attached.
3. **Fly tipping.** Site visit still to be arranged.
4. **Flood prevention.**
5. **Residential Planning** (ref no 0115/P/11) After meeting the planning officer our comments and objections were submitted.
6. **Shale Heritage and Easter Events:** Shale People went well. Other events had a good response and one wee girl collected 100 eggs! The Farmers Market held in Greendykes Car Park was hailed a great success and it is hoped it will continue once a month.
7. **? sewage in woodland.** Environmental Health thought it could be due to cars but they are happy to meet with youth members to discuss.
8. **Grit on roads.** Deep clean had not been too successful in removing chewing gum and that much of the grit had been blown onto the road where cars have lost grip, and grit will go down drains. Cllr Glass to investigate.
9. Report back from **youth members** re concerts including the elderly. Carry forward.
10. **Dobbies:** A new application for a Valet Bay was lodged and refused 2 weeks ago. Currently they are failing to comply with the Reporters guidelines.

Other competent business.

1. **Buses.** It was reported that the 555 and 777 buses have been withdrawn.
2. **Road Closures.** It was generally felt that the road closures for 4 hours were excessive, but that is the minimum time they are allowed to be closed. Consultation would have been appreciated. We will assess the impact.
3. Shanks McEwan have a planning application (ref no 0116/2005) for Variation to existing condition 3 & 4 to change height from 1.5m to 3.2m.
4. Request received from **WLACC** to attend our meeting to explain their function. They have also invited two of our members to attend their meetings (next meeting 19th May 7pm Civic Centre.)
5. **Shop shutters.** Rather than have the metal shutters over shop windows we would like to know if you would appreciate them being painted depicting, for example, the trade behind the shutter. It would be nice to involve some of the artists among our school pupils.
6. **Donation to be given to Old Town Centre.** To be decided whether cash or to install outside lighting.

7. **Dalton's** continue to have signs erected without planning permission. Two trailers (without units) are parked in the streets again.

Local Information.

- WLC are opening **6 dementia cafes** in West Lothian.
- **The Garden Competition.**
There are 10 Geographical area categories. Entry is free. 40 Prizes to win
Categories are:-
 - *Best Vegetable garden;
 - *Floral Containers:- Hanging Baskets, Tubs and window boxes.
 - *Garden for Wild life and
 - *Best Flower GardensNew Categories: 1.*Tallest Sun Flower – Children up to 12 years.
2. *Best new entrant category
The closing date is Friday 8th July 2011. Prize giving 4th Nov. 2011 in Linlithgow Burgh Halls. To enter phone Customer Service Centre 01506 775000 or e-mail customerservice@westlothian.gov.uk
- **East Craig's** has a new play area. They also have a young bull calf. County Building in Linlithgow are now the Heritage and Information Centre. Tel: 01506 282401
- **Adult Learning Week at SPC for all ages.** There are new activities now including a 'Click' programme for the over 55's just phone 0800 121 4695.
- **The Walking Group** meet regularly at SPC. Next walk is to Lilliburn.
- **Food Train;** Shopping for the aged who can't shop themselves. Phone 01506 654360 if you or someone you know could benefit from this service, or if you could help by becoming a shopper for the group.

Next meeting;

At 7pm in Broxburn Old Town Community Centre Hall.

Monday 30th May 2011

Future dates:

Monday 27th June 2011

Monday 25th July 2011. To be confirmed.

Monday 29th August 2011. To be confirmed

SPC = Strathbrock Partnership Centre.

WWW.Broxburncc.org.uk

March 2011 Police Report

During March 2011, 52 crimes were reported in the Broxburn area of which 37 have been solved to date, which gives a solvency rate of 71% for the month.

The Year to date figures are as follows, a total of 510 reported crimes of which 205 had been solved giving a solved rate of 40.2%. The previous years figures for 2009 were 649 reported crimes with 262 having been solved giving a solved rate of 40.3%

As can be seen reported crime was down last year by a commendable 21% on the previous years figures, and solvency remains the same.

Notable incidents during March included

4th March 2011

Two males were arrested on West Main Street, after singing sectarian songs outside, near to St Nicholas and St Johns church. Both males appeared in court the following day.

5th March 2011

Three males were arrested for their part in an assault at Cardross Avenue, Broxburn. The injured party sustained injuries to his head, body and face. The three males were later traced and taken to Livingston. They have all appeared at court and are subsequently subject to a curfew order.

12th March 2011

A local man was arrested following a spate of racially aggravated incidents in the Broxburn area. The male has been remanded in custody for his hearing at a later date. He has been responsible for 2 minor assaults and 2 serious assaults. One of these serious assaults left the victim with both a fractured jaw and a fractured cheekbone.

20th March 2011

During the night unknown persons entered the Recycling Centre on Greedykes Ind Estate and broke into a container containing TVs and Monitors. A male has been identified, and will subsequently appear at court for this offence.

24th March 2011

During the night there was an attempted theft again at the Recycling Centre. Unknown persons entered by forcing the perimeter fence. Enquiries still ongoing to trace those responsible.

All these crimes are still subject of ongoing enquiries and any information would be most welcome.

During the month of March WLCC have started to carry out maintenance work on problem areas in and around Broxburn. I have spoken with David Lees and identified a number of areas of concern. He is on holiday until 2nd May, but I have asked him for his support on his return, with a view to address issues such as fly tipping, litter and the new graffiti that has appeared in numerous places along East/West Main Street, Broxburn. In addition the area to the rear of Cunningham Crescent will need to be addressed.

Regards

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