

BROXBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2012

Present:

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

West Lothian Council: Cllr J Campbell, Cllr D Calder, T Boyle

Others F Hislop MSP, PC A Kidd (LBP) and five members of the public

Apologies: Cllr A Davidson, G Swanson and PC V Manning

PC A Kidd of Lothian's and Borders Police gave a report on the current figures for the area. PC Kidd also advised that as of now no hard copies of the data will be left or e-mailed to any organisation. This is an instruction from Police Headquarters as in future all data has to be authorised by them.

Minutes:

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

Business arising

1. Secretary - Ellen Glass agreed to take over this position
2. Olympic Torch DVD's - We have been advised that the producers have not yet decided whether these will be made available for public sale and we will have to wait to see what they decide.
3. Broxburn Gala Day - Everyone involved all agreed that this was one of the best, if not the best Gala Day ever and thanks go to all who made it possible.
4. BMX track – the revised plans had been approved and it was hoped that the ground would be cut around 26 September and the estimated completion date was January 2013. Regarding the drainage problems in Stewartfield Park this was to be looked into by WLCC.
5. Candleworks site – it was agreed to ask for a representative from the Council to attend one of our meetings to give up an up to date report on what exactly was going on in that area/
6. Newhouses/Burnvale - there would still seem to be problems ongoing with flooding in these areas.

7. First bus would attend our September meeting concerning ramps on buses. A local resident had a list containing times and dates when problems occurred. It also transpired that there were similar problems on Horsburgh buses and they should also be asked to attend a meeting.

8. We were still awaiting to hear from Oatridge College regarding the garden at the Old Town Centre.

Other business:

Fiona Hislop MSP was in attendance and whilst she was not aware that we asked her to speak about sentencing especially for drug offences she did her best to answer our concerns. At the end of the day it is the Government Advisory Group and not politicians who set tariffs and it is to them we would have to address our concerns. We got an insight from her on how the Community Payback Scheme works and also a report on the current situation at VION.

Nordof Robins who provide music therapy for disabled children are moving from Midlothian to a unit in East Mains Industrial Estate and are having an open day on 5 October 2012.

Dorothy stated that we had received letters of thanks from the Old Town Centre and Friends of Chernobyl for the donations they received. Regarding Caemus Tighe we had been unable to ascertain to whom we could make the donation as it seems that all donations for this organisation go into a central account and therefore could be used for projects outwith Broxburn. It was agreed that the donation of £300.00 would go to the local Army and Air Cadets who do good work in the area.

The Council mini-bus is available for hire to community groups etc at a very reasonable cost, however the named driver must previously sit and pass the Council Test.

It would seem that the council-web site has listed the names, addresses and telephone numbers of our officials and it was agreed to ask for these to be removed. Any correspondence for us to be listed on the web-site as the address of the Old Town Centre.

Dorothy let us know that our laptop and printer were now covered by the Council Insurance Scheme and that we are on the Data Protection Scheme which has a fee of £35.00 but is paid for us by the Council, also at a PDA meeting she was informed of changes to the taxi rank spaces in Broxburn. Two to be provided at the swimming pool and the rank at the Funeral Parlour area would be removed but not until 2015.

A discussion took place on Dobbies Garden Centre where it would seem they have some sort of provisional approval for a car wash which would result in the removal of parking places and it was agreed to write to the Council objecting to this as it would seem to be the same as the original application which was rejected.

The National Network of Community Councils is now up and running again but has changed its name to The National Network for Change and Community. The URL is as previous – nationalnetworkccc.com and the first post is published called ‘Out of the box, into the loop and on a roll’.

As that concluded the business the meeting was closed.

Next Meeting

Monday 24 September 2012 at 7pm

Old Town Centre

Broxburn