

Broxburn community council meeting 31st August 2015

Present; Diane Calder, Harry Ferguson, Murray Kane, Robert Morrison, Tom Stirling, Tom Roy, Sylvia Roy, George Woods
Apologies; Janet Campbell, Jack.

Last meetings minutes proposed by Murray and seconded by Robert.

Harry received an email from yo yo Yumms in May regarding previous minutes, he then wrote to them, a letter confirming cc procedure and that everything with planning was ok.

The football pitch at the academy was discussed as it went to committee at the council due to 97 objections, after much deliberation the council then passed the pitch for approval with conditions.

Police report.

The issue of youths starting fires at the skate park has not been a problem of late.

There were reports of loud music in McLeod Street.

Bogus work men have been reported in Ferguson.

It was reported that police are working with wlc in relation to a house in the Cardross area being used for the cultivation of cannabis plants.

On the gala day after the gala itself there was alcohol seized from youths who were at Stewartfield. There were also reports of fighting at Stewartfield but when the police arrived on seen there was no one to be seen.

Diane asked what if anything the police could do regarding scam phone call to the elderly, re banks. It was suggested that both wlc and police use their bulletin boards, papers and web sites.

Harry asked if there had been any reports of a man stood up by the old school watching the kids with either a camera or binoculars, as it had been brought up at Broxburn primary parent's forum meeting. Pc Said that there had been no reports as far as he was aware. Tom S, asked if anything the police could do about people riding bikes on the pavement as it is dangerous to pedestrians, Pc said that it should be common scene that adults should not be riding bikes on the pavements.

Harry has reported that the planning permission for the candle works site has now lapsed.

Harry is also going to contact wlc re the Lovell site at west Main Street re cars and vans being parked in school lane and on the Main Street as it is causing a disruption to residents and people taking children back and forth to school as he has received numerous complaints, the work men should be using the car park on greendykes road.

Scot-mid have submitted a planning application for the ugo store.

There is to be an 80 square meter gym extension to Broxburn primary school, there is a bit of confusion about the plans as there seems to be several and they are all different. Harry is questioning the cost of £800,000 as it works out to £10,000 per square meter, which seems to be a bit excessive.

There is also a muga pitch plan submitted for the grass area at the end of greendykes car park leading to the school. This is supposed to be for school and communities use but looking at

the plans there is no direct link to the school. The fence around the pitch is very low and it is accessible from two sides.

The plans for 203 houses to be erected on the vion site have been submitted, and there are several complaints / objections re traffic.

Dorothy Knox contacted Harry re air quality reports. There seems to be confusion regarding this as one report say Broxburn has the lowest air pollution and the other say we have the highest. HF will investigate and report back.

Library.

It was passed at council executive meeting that the library will move up to Strathbrock partnership building, and they are due to come to our next cc meeting on the 28th September. A member of public said that Parking at Strathbrock is a nightmare and they wanted to know how it would cope with additional parking issues when the library moved up there.

Amenities centre.

The new opening hours are 9am to 6.45pm Monday to Saturday, 10am to 7pm on a Sunday. During the summer. In the wintertime opening hours will be from 10am to 6pm 7 days a week. Saving the council 30.5 hours of work time. All commercial vehicles are to go to dean's amenities centre.

Filling of vacancies.

Debbie H has now resigned, so we are now looking for a new secretary.

HF suggested that we put the position out to tender, TR to contact Lorraine at the council re this matter.

It was also suggested that business gateway may be able to help.

TR, has concerns re the railing on the pavements outside the green tree tavern and also semi-chem as these railing are supposed to be for the safety of pedestrians and they always seem to be damaged and asked whether the structure of said railings should be looked at, DC is going to investigate, with wlc.

Flight path.

There has been an informal meeting held between cc's chairs from Dechmount, Uphall, Eccelsmachan, Threemiletown, Winchburgh and Broxburn, to discuss what we can do and how we can work together, as the airport trial is affecting all and more besides. There was due to take place a meeting at the airport with the cc's, regarding the issues the community have, on the 2nd September, but this meeting has been postponed for a week.

TR, informed that there is now a web page update for complaints re Edinburgh airports trial flight path, and that everyone who comes through the Broxburn cc web page to make a complaint a copy shall be shared with the airport, so that the cc can monitor the amount of complaints and the nature of said complaints, he also said that all cc's in the area are working together and that he and G Allan from Eccelsmachan, are to have a meeting with Graeme Barrie to see if he could help located a noise pollution monitor, either as a loan or to hire.

Councillors are pushing environmental health to see if they can provide monitors.

There seems to be so many different groups appearing, and we need all groups to come together and work together.

Fiona Hislop MSP is to send out questioners to affected areas to gather feedback on how the trial is affecting constituents.

All flights should be at 3000 feet before banking right, and this is not happening.

George woods, said that the airport have a monitor that was at Ochiltree and it is now at a location unknown in Uphall. He reported that this monitor was not working for some time previous to being placed at Ochiltree.

DC , said that the LAC meeting have been asked to put this issue on the agenda for the meeting.

All information and data should be gathered before a public meeting is called.

Public should look at Broxburn community council web page and fill in a complaints form. So we can gather as much data as possible.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 28th September,