

Minutes of the Broxburn Community Council

Meeting held in the Broxburn Old Town Centre
on 26th February 2018

Present	Graeme Barrie (GB), Robert Morrison (RM), Steven Salvini (SS), Tom Stirling (TS)
In Attendance	Cllr. Diane Calder (DC), Cllr. Janet Campbell (JC), Cllr. Chris Horne (CH), Paul Hunter – Broxburn Academy Parent Council (PH), Lorna Salvini (clerk), Gavin Spence – Mauldeth Road Residents Association (GS)
Apologies	Angela Wallace, Community PCs

Actions

Welcome	Graeme Barrie welcomed everyone and noted that as there were four members present then this meeting was quorate.
Minutes & Matters Arising	The minutes of the previous (inquorate) meeting were accepted. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the most recent quorate meeting.
Chair's Report	GB reported that a cheque had been received from West Lothian Council in payment of the 2017-18 grant and this was passed to SS to be banked. Planning has asked the council to comment on the issue of the Broxburn Academy MUGA pitch, extension of hours of use. It was proposed that this be handled under AOCB as it was not on the agenda.
Secretary's Report	Unavailable as there is no secretary at present.
Treasurer's Report	There have been no outgoing. Cheque for £798 from WLC received from GB at this meeting. Still waiting for Bank of Scotland to transfer the account into the names of current members. This means that the current financial position can only be estimated as no statements of account are being received. It is believed that prior to receipt of the WLC cheque funds stood at approximately £1,480 assuming that there have not been any further transactions.
Planning Secretary's Report	None – AW not in attendance.
Police Report	A written report from the Community PCs was read out by GB. The full report will be circulated by GB. In summary, there have been 51 crimes in the past 30 days with a marked increase in break-ins and "slip-ins".

BUTCMG Report

SS had attended although not as the Broxburn Community Council representative. He reported that there had been further discussions around the location of the Uphall Christmas tree, the war memorial lighting at Strathbrock Partnership Centre, the Broxburn Christmas lights, and disposal of the remaining budget.

DC added that there were continuing discussions regarding the black-topping of the currently paved areas in Broxburn Main Street.

SS to act as official BCC rep at future meetings.

AOCB

1. Broxburn Academy MUGA Pitch

There has been an application from Education to extend the hours of use for the Broxburn Academy all-weather sports pitch. PH and GS had been invited by GB to give the views of the Broxburn Academy Parents Council and school senior management team and of the local residents respectively.

GB to draft then circulate for comment

The application was originally for use by the school Monday to Friday 08:35 to 18:00 and Saturdays 09:00 to 13:00. This had been extended to include Sundays 09:00 to 13:00 and also use by other local groups in addition to the school.

There was a robust debate about the merits of the application and how to proceed.

The views of the community council members included this not being an issue for the community council (TS); it being hard to represent the views of the whole community (RM); confusion over why external groups had been added and who had added them (SS, GB).

As no community consultation had taken place it was agreed that GB would draft a response to Planning which would summarise the views which had been heard via the Parents Council, the Residents Association, and the various comments noted on the Planning department's website. The other community councillors will then give their comments on this before it is sent to Planning.

2. House Fire

There had been a fire locally with a child removed (JC).

3. CDT survey

SS reported that the Broxburn Community Hub Steering Group were launching their survey to gauge whether or not there was any interest in setting up a community development trust.

4. Dobbies GB asked if anyone had heard anything about the future plans of Dobbies but no-one had.
5. Lovell site PH asked for advice on how to deal with the mess resulting from the Lovell building site. He was advised to contact the Planning department.
6. Uphall Estates PH noted that the buildings nearest the A89 in particular were in poor condition.
- Date of Next Meeting The date of the next meeting is 26th of March 2018 at 7pm in the Old Town Centre.
- Close The meeting was closed by GB.