

BROXBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes 25th February 2013

Held in Broxburn Old Town Centre, @ 7pm

Present:

Members- Murray Kane; Robert Morrison; Steve Dowd; Jack McLaren; Ellen Glass –secretary; Dorothy Knox – treasurer.

Councillors- Janet Campbell; Diane Calder

Members of the public: H. Ferguson. S. Roy. I. Callaghan. A. Rice.

L&B Police: Vince Manning.

Apologies- Tom Roy-chair. Tam Penman-vice chair. Cllrs A Davidson & T Boyle.

*The members elected Ellen Glass (secretary) to chair the meeting. Acting chairman chose not to record the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes for the Meeting held on 28th January 2013-

*Russell McLean was present and Robert Morrison was not.

The above minutes were adopted as correct subject to the above amendment -:

Proposed by- Jack McLaren

Seconded by- Steve Dowd

1. Tonight's speaker Ms Alison Wright -from the **Credit Union**. They hope to be setting up initially in Strathbrock Centre very soon. They give affordable and ethical financial help. For well publicised reasons they are educating people away from pay day loans and other door step lenders who charge extremely high interest rates. More information and web link will be put on our web site www.broxburncc.org.uk
2. **Police Report-** See attached. If you see a blue Ford Galaxy abandoned in the street please report it to the police. 01506 432100 (Livingston Police Station)
3. **Bus Service-** First Bus have taken over the bus service 22 from Horsburgh but 1st buses are still not well serviced, and the disabled access not working. If you have problems please take a note of the bus, the time and the bus stop. We cannot do anything without this information. Some bus schedules have only gone up in the last two weeks approximately, and there are still no booklets available as of 25/02/2013.

4. **BMX:** Work does still not seem to have started as promised.
Action EG

5. **Flood Prevention.** Home owners at Burnside are sited for work to start mid-April going on to November for the bunding. The trees will be removed early March. The works at Blythe Road upwards will be completed by Christmas. Speaker to be asked to next meeting.
Action DK.

6. **Food Waste.** New bins will be issued and collected every week. A new lorry has to be procured. Road shows will be held:

5th March. Uphall Community Centre: 9:30 to 11:30am

20th March. Uphall Community Centre: 6pm to 8pm.

25th March. Xcite, Church Street, Broxburn: 2pm to 4pm.

26th March. Xcite, Church Street, Broxburn: 6pm to 8pm.

7. **Closure of A 89 Road.** Network rail have us that they will be carrying out extensive repairs to the track and support system on the viaduct at the West Lothian /Edinburgh boundary starting on the 11th March. For Health & Safety reasons as well as operational ones, the A89 will be closed as follows:

The closures will be installed between 2200hrs and removed no later than 0600hrs the following morning

a. Monday 11th March 2013 for 14 consecutive nights.

b. Monday 6th May 2013 for 3 consecutive nights.

c. Monday 23rd May 2013 for 2 consecutive nights

d. Friday 21st June 2013 for 10 consecutive nights.

Please see our web site for diversion route. www.broxburncc.org.uk

8) **St John's Paediatric Ward.** A meeting was held by Blackburn Community Council with 2 invited guests from the NHS and 3 MSPs, and the Leader of W.L. Council. Assurance was given that an international search is underway for Paediatricians to be based at St John's and assurance given that they do not want a repeat of the ward closure.

9) **Public Art Unveiling.** The work is now almost finished outside the cemetery opposite the skate park at the Uphall/Broxburn junction. The official unveiling will be Easter weekend, 30th March at 10am.

10) **Kirkhill School.** The secretary of Broxburn Community Council was invited to judge the poetry competition. The standard was high and the works have to be displayed.

11) **Notice Board.** Broxburn Community Council is receiving a bigger two sided notice board and the smaller one will be donated to Uphall. There has also to be a board erected at Strathbrock Partnership Centre for Community Council news/information.

12) **Halls of Broxburn Regeneration Team.** A new group is being set up to handle the financial side of the regeneration programme. There are at present our 4 elected councillors; Tom Roy from the Community Council, one rep from Uphall Community Council and two from the voluntary sector. WLC have asked Vion to donate the factory to them. More details at next meeting.

Other competent business:

- a) **On line Questionnaire for C.C Officers.** Action DK
- b) **Shanks.** An application for 40 lorries and 3 trailers was sent to the Traffic Commissioner for Shanks to start reusing their yard nearest the canal in Greendykes Industrial Estate as a lorry park/wash and service area. They still have a license for waste at this site but say they do not intend moving waste back there from East Mains Industrial Estate. Their lorry movements will be between 5-6am and returning at 3pm. We pleaded about child safety especially at that time, and presented the whole argument about general road safety at the foot of Greendykes Road, air pollution, and much more to the Traffic Commissioner; W.L. Planning and West Lothian Council Chief Executive. They have no objection to this.
Air pollution levels to be requested. Action DK
- c) **Community Council Insurance.** This has been renewed by WLC.
- d) **Scottish Police Authority Consultation on the Draft Strategic Police Plan** – replied to as agreed verbally about further training and communication.
- e) Notice of a planning application in principle for Greendykes Road, including the land area occupied by Albyn Industrial Estate. The submission is for the proposed erection of residential development, including link road, 2 stream primary schools and public open space.
PUBLIC PRESENTATION by the developer will take place in Strathbrock Centre on 31st May and 1st June 2013. No times available as yet.

NEXT MEETING Monday 25th March 2013 in The Old Town Centre, Broxburn at

7pm. *The meeting will be recorded unless someone wants to discuss a personal problem in which case they may request it be switched off.

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AGENDA for March 25th 2013

**Broxburn Old Town Centre,
At 7pm**

Present:

Apologies:

Approval of minutes for 25th February 2013.

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

1. Police Report.

2. **Speaker: Development:** Mr A Bennie Planner for Ashdale Land and Property Company Ltd. will present information at our meeting on Monday 25th March 2013 about the proposed development at Greendykes Road and Albyn Industrial Estate. This covers from Pinneil Place, as far north as the north road and to Ecclesmachan Road.

3. **Speaker: Flood Prevention** – Officers from West Lothian Council Flood Prevention team to explain the latest phase/time scale of this work.

4. **BMX Track** – update from EG.

5. **Halls of Broxburn Regeneration** team update from TR.

6. **Questionnaire for Community Councillors regarding training completed and returned.**

Matters arising:

a. Questions to the Councillors -Welfare reform-the NHS - Health and Care Integration.

Correspondence-

NEXT MEETING; 29TH APRIL 2013. The Old Town Hall, Broxburn 7PM.

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