

BROXBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2012

Present:

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

West Lothian Council: Cllr E Glass, Cllr J Campbell, Cllr, A Davidson

Others: Eleven members of the public

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and stated the Secretary had resigned his position due to work commitments and a new Secretary would be required.

Apologies: G Morrice

PC V Manning of Lothian's and Borders Police gave a report on the January figures for the area together with information to date.

Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed as being correct by J McLaren seconded by M Kane.

Business arising:

1. Old Town Centre Lighting – this was still not resolved but Cllr E Glass said she would take this up with the appropriate department of the Council.
2. First Bus – We had received a response from First Bus telling us that buses terminating in Broxburn would now do so in East Main Industrial Estate and the only buses sitting in the bus stop at Kwik-Fit would be through buses from Edinburgh who may have to wait if it is not the scheduled time to leave that stop.
3. Network Rail – to date nothing had been received from them to attend one of our meetings.
4. BMX track - Mr Swanson gave Cllr Glass some information and drawings on possible designs for the track in Stewartfield Park. Cllrs E Glass and J Campbell to check whether the track would be covered by Council insurance.
5. Regarding the park and ride in the proposed Sainsbury's store at Newliston a letter to be sent to West Lothian Council about this. It was agreed to ask planning to attend our next meeting regarding the office development aspect.
6. Rat infestation at Kilpunt Roundabout. – Cllr J Campbell said she would now pass this on to Environmental Health for investigation.
7. Cllr Glass stated that regarding comments from a Mr G Waters re badger traps that she had passed the details on to Steve McLaren for investigation.

Other business:

A discussion took place yet again on the proposed Tesco store. There were concerns raised by the public on safety aspects concerning the amount of traffic which would be using Clarkson Road. Cllr Davidson stated that planning are strongly recommending approval of the application.

After checking with the Council who advised that it was in our remit to give a donation to the BUSY Project the sum of £100.00 was agreed upon.

A letter was to hand from Broxburn Colts seeking donations to take the members on a trip to Ayr and this would be discussed at our next meeting.

Cllr Glass advised that the construction of new houses for the elderly in the old High School site should commence in October 2012 and none would be available with the right to buy.

We were advised that the Almond Heritage Association had seen an old railway sign "Broxburn Oil Company Ltd Broxburn 1142" in an auction house in Gloucestershire and were interested in bidding for this and wondered if we were prepared to make a donation towards the cost. The guide price was £100.00 and would come up for auction in May 2012. After a discussion it was generally agreed that if we were to make any contribution then we should maybe put in a bid ourselves and have the sign displayed in the museum section of Broxburn Library. It was agreed to find out more about this when we established the name of the Auction House.

It was brought to our attention that there would be no Broxburn Gala Day this year due to the lack of Committee Members and although time was running out it was agreed to ask the four remaining Committee Members along to our next meeting to see if anything could be done.

Members of the public complained that bins were being emptied in the area of Kirkhill Primary School when the children are making their way to school and we are told that the council have ignored complaints from residents/parents/Kirkhill Residents Assoc.

Anyone interested in Green Dog Walkers should apply to PC Jarvey.

Dobbies Garden Centre - Cllr Glass to meet Wendy McCorriston concerning the retrospective planning application.

As that concluded the business the Chairman closed the meeting until 7pm on Monday 26 March 2011 in the Old Town Centre.