

Broxburn Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 28th February 2011

Present:

West Lothian Council	:	Cllr J Campbell,
Broxburn Community Council	:	D Knox, T Roy, J McLaren, E Bradley, R Morrison R McLean, T Penman, M Kane
Lothian & Borders Police Community Constable	:	A Kidd
Others	:	L Machnik, L Foghill, M Kane, C Simpson, G Perrie, L Muirhead, J Scott, A Morrison
Apologies Received	:	G Allan, S Dowd

Matters arising from previous minutes:

- Leaflets re flooding have still not been delivered - to be followed up by Councillor Janet Campbell
- Adopt a Land – David Lees reported *It is written into the agreement that the Council has the right to amend the maintenance if required. At present we have not been made aware of any changes to the maintenance for the coming year. I am unable to say if there may need to be changes in future years*

Police Report

PC A Kidd presented December police report (appendix A)

Questions : Asked if knife crime was on increase PC Kidd confirmed that despite perception that crime rates had reduced 2010 v 2009.

Parking on pavements outside sport centre appears to be a recurring problem especially as this is a bus route. Sports Centre to be approached re co-operation. Yellow lines also a consideration

- motor bikes going between the High School area and bins. If residents can notify Police ,or members of community council, of addresses where bikes are coming from action may be taken
- There is no camera van in West Lothian, investigate possibility of use of Edinburgh Camera Van and the cost.

New Community Council Members

No election required .

B Smerecki M Kane , R McLean, T Penman, R Morrison all elected as community council members.

Advice Centre Presentation

John Scott

A WLC One Stop Shop in Bathgate (moving premises in September) Phone 01506 776444.

Individuals can drop in without an appointment for guidance.

Presentation outlined areas dealt with by Advice Centre

Welfare Rights, Ethnic Minority Liaison, Credit Union , Customer advisory groups, Insulation advice, billing enquiries, assistance with applications for DLA, pensions etc.

Discussion Topics & Updates

Disabled Parking

Dorothy contacted to Jason Halliday regarding the parking spaces outside people's homes.

At a meeting of the WLACC on 13th September2010 it was stated that Disabled Parking spaces outside houses ruling had changed.

We were led to believe that after 6 months only the disabled person who has applied for the space outside their house can use it. **This is not the case.**

The change that has taken place is that it is now an enforceable offence (Traffic Regulation) for anybody who is not a blue badge holder to park within that space. Prior to this it was merely advisory but not enforceable and thus any non blue badge holder could park there. The marked space does not apply solely to the applicant or householder.

Broxburn Signage (from Town Centre Management Minutes)

TR asked if an additional 30 mile per hour sign could be located between Broxburn & Uphall. The group felt this was unnecessary. JC raised issues on behalf of Broxburn Community Council. They would like to request electronic flashing speed signs at locations at the east end of Broxburn and the top of Greendykes Road. Request also sent from Broxburn Community Council to Transport/Signage at WLC. for same and also for extended hoods on traffic lights when turning L at Greendykes Road **To be followed up by officers.**

Air Pollution (from Town Centre Management Minutes)

Council has received report identifying need for Air Quality Management Area to be implemented (junction. East Mains St and Greendykes Rd) informed the group that an Air Quality Management Area would be coming into force in regard to the level of pollutants being measured at the Greendykes Road junction. Discussion took place around options for reducing traffic to the Main Street. The group are aware of two options for new roads that could help – Clarkson Road extension and new road from East Mains to Greendykes Ind. Est.

Canal bank. Photos sent to Broxburn Community Council of the rubbish and overgrowth have prompted Waterways to allocate a squad out to start clearing.

Shale Heritage Art Project

All art reinstated. Mural under construction. Needs additional information to bring to attention of public

Dalton Group

Trailers used for advertising remain now removed. Application for increased storage and extra hours has been turned down by council planning department.

BMX track.

Possibility of handing responsibility to a local group who could approach sport funding agencies. Laura Macnik agreed to investigate options of linking to Broxburn United if site chosen was close to Albyn Park

Fly Tipping Woodland Walk / Cunningham Crescent

Cllr Campbell will raise with relevant council department

HGV Traffic on Newhouse Road (reply received from Road Safety Traffic Management)

We have now looked at the situation and would advise that there is existing signing in place warning that the road is unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles and also warning of the height limit in place. This signing is at the A89 junction and also at the Drumshoreland /Roman Camp junction. We consider this signing to be adequate and would not be proposing to erect any further signs.

It is worth noting that there are several premises on Newhouses Road which have legitimate access requirements for heavy goods vehicles and it would not be appropriate to ban HGVs for this reason.

Funding Fare held in Livingston, information received on agencies which can provide funding for various schemes.

Next Meeting

**Broxburn 'Old Town' Centre Hall
East Main Street
28th March , 7pm**

Appendix a

Police Report January 2011

During the first month of the new year, January 2011, 32 crimes were reported in the Broxburn area of which 7 have been solved to date, which gives a solvency rate of 21.9% for the month. (Disappointing, as solvency targets are usually approximately 40%) However these figures should improve as the year wears on.

Final figures for 2010 came in as follows, a total of 419 reported crimes of which 148 had been solved giving a solved rate of 35.3%. The previous years figures for 2009 were 552 reported crimes with 206 having been solved giving a solved rate of 37.3%

As can be seen reported crime was down last year by a commendable 24% on the previous years figures, albeit with a slight reduction in solvency of 2%

Notable incidents during January included

Between 31st December 2010 and 3rd January 2011, Hairdressers premises in Greendykes Road were subject of a break in after persons unknown forced a hole in the roof there and stole a quantity of confectionary. No one however was seen at the location at the relevant times.

A licensed premises in West Main Street was broken into on 9^{th/10th} January 2011 and a large quantity of cash taken from within. No persons were seen at or near the location. Entry was believed to have been made from the rear of the premises.

Similarly a shop premises in East Main Street, nearby, was subject to a similar entry around the same time period. Again similarly, only cash was taken from within.

The next crime concerned a domestic property in Alexander Park, which on 13th January sometime during the afternoon, was subject of a break in whilst the occupiers were working. Cash, cameras and jewellery were taken on this occasion. No persons were seen at the house during the material times.

All these crimes are still subject of ongoing enquiries and any information would be most welcome.

As always I can be contacted on the details below,

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