

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

Present:

West Lothian Council	:	Cllr. E Glass, Cllr J Campbell, Cllr A Davidson
Scottish Parliament	:	F Hyslop MSP
Broxburn Community Council	:	D Knox, T Roy, J McLaren, E Bradley
Ecclesmachan & Three Mile Town CC	:	G Allen
Lothian & Borders Police Community Constable	:	V Manning
Others	:	R Morrison , T Penman, M Kane, R McLean, S Dowd, D Lees, G Hedger
Apologies Received	:	B Smerecki

Matters arising from previous meeting

Curran Crescent tree , site visit by council not perceived as problem – no action
Speed prevention on Greendykes Road – reply received from J Halliday – Road Safety & Traffic Management
(No funding available to progress , added to list for “consideration should further funding become available”
£25,000 WLC Grant to given in April to Buchan Park Bowling Club for new pavilion

Police Report

- PC V Manning presented police report on behalf of PC Andrew Kidd (appendix A)

New Community Council Members

Lorraine McGrorty explained procedure for interim election to fill 7 vacancies on BCC. If more than 7 applications are received by 12 noon on 18th Feb a full public vote will take place on 17th March 2011 otherwise all 7 applicants will be ratified as Community Council members at February 28th meeting.

NETS Presentation

David Lees

Presentation on areas of responsibility
Grounds maintenance, open space grass cutting, hanging baskets, street cleansing, environmental wardens.
Items of note – advice from roads department not to sweep grit from paths until end of March.
Environmental wardens cover 8am -8pm , seven days per week and have issued fixed penalties for litter and dog fouling. If problems are reported outside these times they will work to address.
Adopt a Land- monies given to WLC for maintenance may be affected by ‘cut backs’ David shall investigate.

Broxburn Flood Prevention

Graeme Hedger

Presentation covered upcoming work (Pyothall/ Clarkston/ Burnside/ E Burnside/ Burnvale) flood modelling , prediction , alerts to residents, removal of knotweed, overhanging branches etc. clearing at pinch points.
Early warning via automated message to Telephone (Mobile or Land Line)
This **free** service has only been taken up by **45 of the 100 residences** believed to be in **danger of flooding**

Broxburn Community Council Web Site

G Allen

Presentation on web site which is now live minutes will be displayed at www.broxburncc.org.uk

Act Now

Feedback given by D Knox /E Bradley who attended session in October
Members of public are asked to report any activity ,thought to be ‘unusual’ ,(such as increased activity at an address , interest in security etc to Anti Terrorist Help Line 0800 789 321 or to local police station

Disabled Parking Fiona Hyslop MSP agreed to seek clarification

Drop Kerbs D Lees will contact roads department

Broxburn Signage Town Centre Management dealing with this David Brewster

Air Pollution Council has received report identifying need for Air Quality Management Area to be implemented (junction East Mains St and Greendykes Rd)

Dalton Group	Trailers used for advertising remain uncoupled at various sites in West Lothian authorities investigating.
Broxburn 'Old' High School	(site designated for housing for elderly) Original stone held in storage and will be used in future development of site Perimeter wall requires pointing after HGV activity in yard last year Cllr Glass
Canal bank.	Littered with glass, dog fouling , seats been removed, plastic dog bins vandalized. Metal dog bins have now replaced plastic bins which have been burned.
BMX track.	Previous BMX facility had been lost to the area , possible site (at the back of Kirkhill) was suggested as an option which will be considered

Next Meeting **Broxburn 'Old Town' Centre Hall**
East Main Street
28th February
7pm

Appendix a

Police Report December 2010

During the month of December 2010, 23 crimes were reported in the Broxburn area of which 5 have been solved to date, which gives a solvency rate of 21.7% for the month. (Disappointing, as solvency targets are usually approximately 40%)

As regards the annual year end figures, there were 387 reported crimes in 2010 of which 141 have been solved, giving a solvency rate of 36.4% This is a marked improvement on last years figures of 497 reported crimes in the year 2009, of which 187 had been solved which yielded a solved rate then of 37.6%. The percentage figures year on year show a 22% (!) drop in recorded crime (very good news) tempered only slightly by a 1.2% drop in solvency rates (not so good)

Notable incidents of interest during December include;

A male arrested by Police on East Main Street on Tuesday 7th December after Racially Abusing a passer by and further damaging shop property at the scene. Shop staff at Scotmid, along with the complainer, had restrained this aggressive male immediately prior to Police attendance and prevented him leaving the scene, many thanks to them.

Lock up garage premises at Aitken Orr Drive were subject to a break in between the Saturday 4th and Monday 6th of December. Attempts were made by the perpetrators to steal a car parked within, but without success. No persons were seen at/during the material time.

Back to Scotmid again, on Saturday 18th when staff again had to restrain an aggressive Shoplifter. The male was taken to Livingston Police Station where he was found to be in possession of controlled drugs. The male was also charged with Theft and Assault from the store for his troubles.

An Industrial Unit at Patersons Court was broken into between Sunday 12th December and Sunday 19th and a large quantity of bathroom and shower equipment stolen. No persons were seen at the location between these times.

A customer at LIDL's in Greendykes Road, however had her bag snatched on Christmas Eve by a male who made off from the store. The male was described as White European, 1.83m or 6ft tall, wearing a dark coloured scarf covering his face, a grey hooded top and grey tracksuit bottoms. Enquiries are still continuing into this crime and as with the other break in mentioned above the culprits are still at large.

Any information regarding possible culprits would be greatly appreciated.

As always I can be contacted on the details below,

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