

Minutes Broxburn Community Council Meeting

Monday 28th January 2013

Venue - Old Town Hall Broxburn 19-00hrs

Present - Tom Roy; Chair Person. Ellen Glass; Secretary, Dorothy Knox; Treasurer.

Members - M Kane, R Morrison, J McLaren, T Penman.

Councillors - D Calder, J Campbell.

Members of the Public - 0

Apologies - S Dowd. PC V Manning

Please note the following amendment to the minutes of 29th November. Item 6 on the agenda: Ms Ann Burns from Oatridge College attended the meeting in October be deleted, and should read: It was discussed with the secretary of the members who use the Old Town Centre that it may be a good idea to have raised flower beds. It was also suggested that some of their member/s may take care of it. With the above amendments made, minutes of the meeting of 29th November were approved by J McLaren, seconded by R Morrison and agreed by all present.

Business Arising

Police Report - report arrived after the meeting. See attached.

1. Police issues:

- a. there was discussion on major problems with youth gangs causing damage to extreme anti-social behaviour. These crimes have been reported to the police on several occasions, all to little effect. Councillors Campbell and Calder to write to the Police and Safer Neighbour Team / Social Work Department regarding the problems and to report back.
- b. Another concern raised is the excessive Noise made by the use of Motor-bikes every weekend by Youths+ age group who are causing a disturbance in the woods at Cunningham Crescent and the Candleworks site. Cllrs. Campbell and Calder will write to the Police and report back.

2. Bus Services:

- Councillor Calder received an e-mail from Ian Forbes Transport Manager W.L.C. First Bus 631 service served Livingston/ St John's to Western General /Ocean Terminal / Telford College / to Leith which ran every 2 hours has been ceased, West Lothian travellers face making a 2 - bus journey, no other bus company is interested in this route.
- **Bus to Western General.** There are so few users and although it's emotive, the withdrawal, on commercial grounds, is understandable.

- **Complaints were raised** regarding 20 bus service by Horsburgh as the driver often refuses to stop the bus for the children outside Murrayfield Ice Rink, or the bus not turning up. An e-mail from Councillor Boyle (unread before our meeting) informs us that due to the many problems Horsburgh are cancelling this contract and it is being awarded to First Bus.
- **Complaints about bus services.** Please contact the appropriate company direct as they need to log complaints from the public. If possible give bus number, date, time, where you had the problem and what difficulty you had.

3. Adult Outside Gym Equipment - Photos were circulated of equipment. We are still awaiting help with a Business Plan so we can apply for more funding. £21,000 input by local ward councillors. This is also a Community Council project for the local people.

4. B.M.X. track. Work has started on the track and Colin Bell is working along with the members of the public who have expertise in the design and administration of such a task. It is hoped to be completed by End of March 2013.

- a. It was commented that the Courier has reported this inaccurately and a letter should be sent to the Editor complaining that it was the Community Council who nurtured this project and then involved the others. Councillor Conn has never spoken to us so he is wrong in his comment as it was planned and in progress long before Vion announced closure.

5. Broxburn Gala Day - Is going to be held on 24th August 2013. The theme, chosen by the children, is T.V or Film.

6. Old Town Centre - Awaiting on further report back from Oatridge College.

7. Notice Board - Following our meeting we have been informed that a new double sided bigger Notice board will be purchased for Broxburn. Uphall will receive our present one. No date given for this work.

8. St John's Hospital - Due to Staffing problems in the Paediatrics Unit there is now a worldwide recruitment drive for medical staff. If this is unsuccessful we could see this service downgraded from full time to 5 days 8am to 8pm as happened in the summer of 2012. The staff nursery unit is closing.

9. Tesco - WLC Planning Dept. reported that Section 75 is still not signed. That is the legal agreement between Tesco and WLC.

10. Union Canal.

- Cllr Campbell informed the group that Linton Mc Burnie will be working along with Community pay back scheme on the proposed work.
- Letter of support sent from the Community Council for the application for funding by SUSTRANS.
- Check that NETS have cleared banking and steps. DK

11. Old Toilets in lane. Planning for a salon has been submitted. No objections.

12. Shanks Waste Management: They have applied for an Operators License for 40 lorries and three trailers in Unit 12 in Greendykes industrial Estate. Letter of objection was sent to the Traffic Commissioner because of previous complaints to WLC. Told it has to be a neighbour or the Council who can respond. We are supported by both Cllrs Campbell and Calder. It was suggested we write to Council (Steve Field & Graeme Hope) as well as Chris Norman

13. Police Multi Ward response. Letter of response sent to Inspector Whitefield.

14. Police Strategic Planning: Letter to be sent re communication; further training & response times. etc. DK

15. Post at Old Town. MK had been unable to get in but it has been pointed out that someone is there 9am - 12noon on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. He will try then, if not we will require a key as mail is lying too long when it is date sensitive.

15. Edinburgh, Lothian Health Foundation. You can apply for grants for community but told it would help to get a communal letter of application.

16. Digital Voice Recording of meetings.

After full discussion between members it was decided that meetings would be recorded subject to certain conditions.

- a. Signage would be displayed very clearly in the room.
- b. The notice would include a clause stating: 'Any personal complaint that the member does not want recorded should request the machine be switched off.'
- c. It would be inserted at the bottom of the Agenda.
- d. Minutes would not be verbatim but continue to record the main facts.
- e. The recordings would be kept for a period of one year then deleted.
- f. Secretary keeps recorder.

17. Traffic Regulation Order: enforceable disable persons parking places in residential areas in Broxburn ET52 6HU-EH52 5RX -EH52 5RU-EH52 5BL -EH526BG - EH52 5LR.

18. Job Fair Excellent turn out from many companies but none from N.H.S. It has been requested they are included in future events.

Next meeting Monday 25th February 2013.

These minutes are not yet adopted.

*Next meeting will be recorded.

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Broxburn Community Council

December 2012

Total calls received for Broxburn BX01 beat for December 206 which resulted in the following.

32 crimes were reported of which 19 have been solved to date, which gives a solvency rate of 59% for the month.

This year to date figures are as follows, a total of 364 crimes have been reported of which 176 have been solved giving a solvency rate of 48%. The previous years figures for 2012 were 400 reported crimes with 151 having been solved giving a solved rate of 38%

As can be seen reported crime is down 9% on the previous years figures, and solvency is also up by 10% on last year.

As part of the Festive campaign police conducted patrols within the town, looking specifically at motor vehicles. It has been noted that a large number of vehicles had high value property on display within them. Such items included Sat Navs, Mobile Phones, Medication and House Keys.

The registered keepers were then sent letters regarding this matter, in a hope they can be more security conscious.

Not only can these items be expensive to replace, they can be quickly sold and for very little money.

If you require any crime prevention advice then please do not hesitate to contact me on the details provided below.

For any further information please visit the Lothian and Borders Police official website, where you can also find out what's going on!

Regards

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