

**BROXBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2012**

**Present:**

Community Council: T. Roy, E Bradley, 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: A Stuart (British Waterways) and eight members of the public

**Apologies:** G Morrice, V Manning (LBP)

PC A Kidd of Lothian's and Borders Police apologised for there being no police report available but would send it to us as soon as possible.

**Minutes:**

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

**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 – The Secretary said at last he had managed to talk to someone at First Bus who stated that they could not find our previous correspondence but would pass our request to their customer services department for consideration.
3. Oil discharge – Concerning the discharge of oil behind the premises of Shanks Waste Management it would appear that the cause of the discharge is unknown but we were advised by e-mail from the Council that there is no risk to the public but that the area had now been fenced off as a precaution.
4. BMX track - Planning permission had been granted and the finance was available to construct the track as approved but a contractor had not yet been agreed. There was a discussion with members of the Western Titans BMX Club who asked among other things why for instance the track could not be sited at the park over the A89 at Drumshoreland Road but were told that this was a non-starter for safety reasons. They enquired as to what the budget was for the track but Cllr Glass said that the amount was part of the overall funds for the re-development of Stewartfield Park but would try and obtain a breakdown for them. The members of the Club said that when they knew this they could give us an idea in their estimation of what could be constructed for the money available

Business was then suspended and Mr A Stuart of British Waterways gave a report on what work they hoped to do on the Union Canal such as trimming vegetation, doing a tree survey and repairing the tow path. He was asked if any dredging was scheduled and said that due to the high cost of this work and financial constraints that they would hope to do this within the next two years when they may have their own employees trained up which would be a cheaper option than using private contractors. He stated that if anyone saw anti-social behaviour on the canal they should contact the police in the first instance. Mr Stuart said they would like to get local organisations involved in looking after stretches of the canal and if any of these were set up they would supply the necessary equipment and the groups would be able to liaise with Mr L McBurnie who would co-ordinate the work.

When the meeting resumed there was a discussion on Sainsbury's application for a store which would be held at planning in March along with the Tesco application. When Sainsbury's were at our November meeting they stated that the park and ride which we wanted was not in their planning application and a letter to be sent to West Lothian Council about this.

Cllr E Glass said that there was finance available to plant the flowers for this year.

The Busy Project very kindly invited us to attend their Oscars night on 28 January 2012. A very warm welcome preceded an evening of entertainment by the young people who produced their own music, songs and dance routine together with video presentations they had made of the work done by the group. A fuller account of the evening can be seen on the Broxburn Community Council web-site.

### **Other business:**

Mr G Waters a member of the public said he has noticed a number of rat holes in the vegetation next to the foot-path adjacent to the premises of Mark Wallace to Greigs the Bakers and Cllr Glass said she would pass this on to Environmental Health for investigation.

As that concluded the business the Chairman closed the meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

**7pm Old Town Centre**

**Monday 27 February 2012**