

BROXBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held in Broxburn Old Town Hall on
MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2012.

Present:

Community Council: Tom Roy; Murray Kane; Steve Dowd; Jack McLaren;
Dorothy Knox.

West Lothian Councillors: Janet Campbell.

Others: Alan Gregory; Ian Brooks; George Swanson; Neil Swanson; Ann Ryce; Isebil Callaghan; Sheila Finlayson; Lisa Penman; Diane Penman.

Apologies: Cllr. Diane Calder; Tom Penman; Robert Morrison. CPC V Manning.

The Chairman opened the meeting and gave apologies for the late cancellation of last weeks meeting due to sickness and other commitments. Also apologies were extended to those who did not receive an e-mail rescheduling the meeting. Notice was left attached to the gates.

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on Monday 29th April 2012
Proposed: Murray Kane. Second: Jack McLaren.

Police report read out. See separate notice.

Business Arising:

1. There is the possibility of two new members one of which may take on secretarial duties but they could not attend tonight.
2. Road Calming – Clarkson Road. It was pointed out that there have been conflicting reports regarding this issue. There are traffic Islands in situ already and it was agreed that cars who park on Clarkson Road should in fact use their allotted space at the rear of their premises. There was debate about what is suggestion and what is law regarding 20MPH signs. L&B P to be asked to clarify.
3. Broxburn Oil Works sign. It was sold for £250 but we do not know where it has gone.
4. Olympic Torch: Members of the public were complaining about the route and the fact the runner is not from the local area, but it was pointed out that it is the Olympic committee they need to complain to. Schools have not been given information and some are not aware of the party at Winchburgh. There are signs up now telling you what is on in Broxburn.
5. New bridge at Newhouses Road. There have been new suggestions for the bridge sent for approval to the residents & BCC. The Caw Burn broke its banks again in the area of flood prevention and some houses were affected. It has to be monitored closely once the works are completed.
6. Lollipop person – Kirkhill Primary School. Kevin Hamilton to be invited to meeting. A member of public reported there are around 365 children at St Nicholas Primary and only around 255 at Kirkhill Primary. Reports that the school fencing is galvanised steel, general appearance of being run down and the children all seem quite sad. There is however a new Acting Head Teacher who should be given time to facilitate change. It was suggested we could contact the PTA and offer help if required but Kirkhill Residents Association would like a meeting with them and it has been requested that we too are included.
7. Gala Day to take place on 25th August 2012. Last few meetings have been very positive. PTA's are all supportive. We School Floats. 11am on 16th June in Broxburn Bowling Club the Queen and her Champion will be announced. They must live in Broxburn as well as attend school there. The remaining courtiers attend school in Broxburn but not necessarily live here. It was proposed by

S.D. & seconded by J.McL. then unanimously passed by members of the Community Council that we give a financial donation to the Gala day.

8. L Busses: First Bus ramps screwed down. Cllr Campbell has written but had no response. Decided invite to our September meeting. Cllr J Campbell.
9. SW corner of Candleworks site. Cllr Campbell going to look as we are told there is no path only bottoming, and no earth disturbed.
10. Garden at Old Town Centre ; Cllr Campbell has written to Oatridge College to see if they would take it on as a Community project.

Other Competent Business:

1. BMX track: Mr David Hoy, father of Chris is prepared to help with plans. Ben Rafferty, an International Track Builder is also willing to help. Red shale is perfectly good as a bottoming as long as there is a grade 1 top soil (hard finish) on top. The track will remain a U within a U. Too deter motorbikes using the track a reduced entrance may be required. We are hoping, with Council agreement, that along from the track we will be permitted a teenage/adult outdoor gym area (flying fox) and there will be picnic tables and barbecue area etc.
2. E-Plan SPG – draft. Reply saying don't see any change.
3. Blackburn Community Council re last election process – Reply to letter saying although assistants were very helpful/explicit, there were still many ballots had to be recounted due to failed mechanics or spoilt. Yes we lost a very helpful councillor who did much for the community.
4. West Lothian Association of Community Councils is meeting on the last Thursday of the month for June, July and August to see if it is more suitable to representative members.
5. Proposed Responsible Parking (Scotland) Bill. Support for illegal parking on pavements etc to be sent.
6. A complaint has been received from a member of the public that people from the flat above the Goschen Café were out partying on the scaffolding during the good weather. A letter to be sent to the land lord of the premises. Councillor Campbell will take up.
7. Parents of Children with disabilities. We are helping set up a group to support these parents, relatives and friends by holding a meeting on 26th June at 7pm in the Strathbrock Centre (Community end). It is hoped to get this group off the ground and ultimately have a centre and a sensory garden. Anyone who is interested is most welcome to attend.
8. Those present were asked to think about suitable groups; projects etc that could benefit from a small donation. If you know of a good local cause, please let us know and we will consider it.

**The next meeting will take place on
25th June 2012 at 7pm
in the Old Town Centre.**

There will be no meeting in July. The AGM will precede the meeting on 27th August.

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