

BROXBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes 25th March 2013

Held in Broxburn Old Town Centre, @ 7pm

Present:

Members- Russell McLean; Murray Kane; Robert Morrison; Steve Dowd; Ellen Glass –secretary; Dorothy Knox – treasurer; Tom Roy - Chair

Councillors- Diane Calder; Tony Boyle.

Members of the public: 1

L&B Police: No attendee.

Apologies-: Tam Penman – vice-chair.

Adoption of Minutes for the Meeting held on 25th February 2013–

The above minutes were adopted as correct subject to the above amendment -:

Proposed by- Murray Kane

Seconded by- Robert Morrison

1.New Development:

Andrew Bennie of Planning Limited gave us an idea of the proposed development by Ashdale Land & Property Company Ltd. in line with the W.L. Core Development Plan 2009 for the top of Greendykes Road (on the left above Albyn Cottages). The developer, whom he was representing, hopes to build 350 houses (including affordable). If single storey, one and two bedroom houses are wanted please let your thoughts be known and they will take it into consideration. This is phase 1 of the overall aim of 1100 in total by them. This will also include, from combined developers, a road from Peniel Place at the A89, up behind East Mains Industrial Estate to Greendykes Road joining up with the road through to Clarkson Road. A two stream primary school and public open spaces. All investigations have still to be carried out including trial boring and more for contamination. A staffed exhibition to be held in Strathbrock Partnership Centre on 31st May and 1st June 2013.

2.Flood Prevention Scheme Progress.

Graeme Hedger gave us an update on the latest phase of the works.

Following the 2008 flood, the footbridge connecting Parkwood Gardens with Rough's brae and West Burnside was replaced. The work included an embankment, rock armour and planting.

Culverts have been replaced on the Liggat Syke at Galloway Crescent and close to Pyothall Road under the track leading to Orphir Farm.

A collapsed culvert leading from Greendykes has been replaced and rerouted close to the junction of Clarkson Road and Nicol Road. The original culvert passed beneath a house in Cunningham Crescent.

Modifications have been installed where the Liggat Syke sinks beneath the canal in to a culvert at Pyothall Court. A new trash screen has been installed and the location is fitted with a telemetric level sensor which can be monitored remotely by webcam. Local people are encouraged to subscribe to alerts of rising water levels.

In excess of £1.5m has been invested at East Burnside where the greatest number of

susceptible properties was located. There are two new road bridges, lengthy flood defence walls, a flood embankment at the top of Burnvale and a new debris trap and channel modifications. The level sensor has been relocated to the downstream road bridge. The work was difficult and disruptive but residents now appear happy with what has been accomplished.

Radical maintenance work has been undertaken along the whole length of the burn to smooth flows in the channel. Most recently, large volumes of silt were removed from one of the barrels of the culvert close to the viaduct improving downstream conveyance.

There is a new flood embankment at the top of Burnvale West Burnside and Station Road will be closed for work. Trees have been removed. Work may commence mid/late May. To avoid removing the bridge the burn will be dredged and artificial channel inserted - removing section of the burn in the centre. Also work at Burnbank/Blythe Road is under way to protect 8+ properties. The embankment has been built but the mess left by the contractors has still to be cleaned up.

Work is now commencing at West Burnside leading to the construction of flood defence walls to protect both West Burnside and the Bowling Club premises. As part of the contract it is proposed to improve conveyance beneath the Station Road Bridge by dredging a short reach of the burn and installing a new floor in the burn. The water main which currently passes beneath the bridge will be relocated increasing the volume of water which can be conveyed beneath the bridge.

Modest additional work in the form of a flood embankment and not part of the Flood Prevention Scheme, is also taking place to protect eight properties at Burnbank Terrace (Now part of West Main Street).

3. BMX: Work is about 3 weeks behind schedule. The architect employed by WLC was not aware of certain necessities for the structure of the track and surrounding area. It has been confirmed that drainage is being inserted and other areas have been ironed out in order to have a track built that is fit for purpose. It has been suggested that the track will be suitable for Mountain bikers, and motorised remote control cars as well.

It is still hoped that the project will be policed by parents and the children, but the club is also taking shape.

3a. Broxburn Buccaneers BMX Race Club is now on facebook.

The club office bearers are:

Neil Swanson - Chair - 01506 490431 after 6pm George Swanson 07910868270

Christopher O'Conner - Secretary

Scott Grant - Treasurer.

Mrs Swanson - Child Protection Officer.

The club will be affiliated to Broxburn Sports Club; W.L. Sports Council; BUSC

Teaching sessions will be held on Tuesday nights and Saturday afternoons - details on facebook. Web site is under construction - watch this space!

A disclaimer must be erected regarding safety equipment.

A new entrance is being erected to the park with walling and seats. Recycled cobbles for groundwork and new stone for walls.

4. Regeneration Fund. £250k put aside. The panel has set the criteria and will be setting protocol for applications.

Other competent business:

A. Tesco: Section 75 protocol has still not been completed and therefore planning permission has still not been issued. However, it is believed that consultants will be undertaking ground condition/contamination survey work imminently.

B. Public Art: The official unveiling of the art work is/was on Saturday 30th March thanks to Uphall and Broxburn Town Centre Management.

C. Canal: Broxburn Primary School P6 has started doing a John Muir Award where they use their local stretch of the canal as their wild space. They have done a water safety session learning how to keep themselves safe and also how to help someone in trouble. They will soon be doing activities such as measuring the tow path and pond dipping.

D. Shop in Aitken Orr Drive: This is said to be a big loss in the area. It has been rumoured that it is opening as a drop off point for syringes etc. This is not true as they have to be deposited in authorised medical clinics/centres.

E. Family Unit in West Main Street. There have been complaints of a spot light turned on twenty four hours a day and at night is disturbing for neighbours and dazzles oncoming traffic. **Action Cllrs. TB/DC**

F. Telecommunication application for East Mains Industrial Estate. To renew and update same. No objections. **Action DK**

G. Planning Aid: We have been invited to a training day re Scotland and Offshore Renewable Energy on Wednesday 10th April.

H. Air Pollution: Following our plea to the Traffic Commissioner; W.L. Planning; W.L. Chief Executive being rejected re 40 lorries for Shanks in Greendykes Road Air Quality levels were to be requested. Firstly we were directed to WLC web site by Environmental Health Officer. This stated levels were low. Asked again for more details and had Vion and Shanks not running made any difference. We could not be given definitive comparisons but told that the readings fail the objective. The PDSP for the Environment also states that Broxburn needs to continue with the air quality management as levels are above the objective. The question remains; "Why will nobody in the council try to control the number of HGV's unnecessarily going through the town, and further more not restrict the number of vehicles applied for by Shanks who had moved out and tried to sell their site."

Please see attached Police Report supplied.

NEXT MEETING
Monday 29th April 2013
7pm
Broxburn Old Town Hall.

www.broxburncc.org.uk

* **The meeting will be recorded unless someone wants to discuss a personal problem in which case it may be switched off if requested.**

Broxburn Community Council
February 2013

Total calls received for Broxburn BX01 beat for February 205 which resulted in the following.

34 crimes were reported of which 9 have been solved to date, which gives a solvency rate of 26% for the month.

This year to date figures are as follows, a total of 438 crimes have been reported of which 201 have been solved giving a solvency rate of 46%. The previous years figures for 2012 were 486 reported crimes with 198 having been solved giving a solved rate of 41%

As can be seen reported crime is down 10% on the previous years figures, and solvency is also up by 5% on last year.

Domestic properties.

During March there was a break-in to a shed in Park Terrace, however the suspects were quickly caught nearby, with the stolen property in their possession. Both males admitted to the thefts and one, male is currently on remand and awaiting his court trial.

Business Premises

During March a number of units within the Thistle Industrial Estate were broken into. Various items were taken, these included a motor vehicle (which has been recovered) a motorcycle and a number of power tools. Police are following a number of positive lines of enquiry regarding this incident.

A premise within Greendykes Industrial Estate has been entered and a quantity of diesel has been stolen from within. This is the second time in a month that this premises has been targeted for fuel.

Other matters

I am pleased to announce that following February's report of breakins to the Albyn Industrial Estate, a suspect has been traced and is awaiting his court trial for this matter.

Regards

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