

**MINUTES MEETING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2014**  
**held in the Old Town Centre**  
**Broxburn**  
**at 7pm.**

**Present- Members:-** Tom Roy; Ellen Glass; Harry Ferguson; Steve Dowd; Robert Morrison; Murray Kane; Sylvia Roy; Dorothy Knox.

**WLC Councillors:-** Diane Calder; Janet Campbell.

**Public:-** Mark Bain; Tom Angus; Mr Devlin; Mrs Devlin; June Purves; ??; Doris /;

**Traders Assoc. / Ecclesmachan Threemiletown CC.** Gordon Allan

**Apologies:** Cllr Tony Boyle, we wish you a speedy recovery. Jack McLaren

**Notes of February 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting** were noted by: Ellen Glass. Second: Harry Ferguson

**Police Scotland:** PC Vincent Manning.

**Speakers:** Alistair Reid Thomas; Bill O'Hara both representing Broxburn Regeneration Ltd. (BRLtd)

BRLtd. have a signed contract to buy the Vion site after demolition. The work is behind due to demolition problems. In depth investigation with trial boring for contamination has to be carried out. Tonight and at meetings with residents, MP and Councillors as well as both exhibitions is looking for feed back.

Council still have it down as an employment zone at present. A retail survey and Paradigm experience at Newbridge, which is classed as a prime site, has shown there is no demand for employment use as many areas are lying empty with no interest shown, including the zones set aside by Council for food and drink.

They are aware of old issues such as noise; smell; drains; and air pollution. Once again they reiterated about contamination.

They would like to see housing as it is surrounded by it. The general consensus to date is for that too. Other suggestions made were: Brewers Fayr type of hotel/eatery; supermarket; small businesses, sheltered housing. 1 & 2 bedroom houses plus 15% social housing + affordable houses. If there were flats they would be no more than two storeys – depend on what's needed.

Cllr JC stated jobs are needed. Small to medium enterprise jobs. Developers said they could contribute to other projects/community facilities outside the Vion site but WLC would have to be involved and have to assume responsibility for them. East Mains & Kirkhill Industrial Estates need small serviced units 800 to 1,000sq m.

MB said the market is booming in housing. Builders help to buy is having a huge impact. Flats are not a great purchase. He feels although it's a big site it is only suitable for one use – no extras.

Kirkhill is cited for 250 social houses.

There is easy scope for a Communal Play area at the Primary School and could be easily developed. They are not working with the Community Development Trust at present as Councils generally are reluctant as they will get them back later. The norm is to improve the existing.

B O'H said there were plans for 2 'hotels' at Newbridge but there was only take up for 1. Parking is a big problem in Broxburn and needs looked at.

When they take over Vion have agreed to leave the fencing and they will have security on site 24/7

1. It was felt that Craig McCorrison and the Head of Education should be asked to the next meeting.

2. The CC should write to the Pupil Councils re activity for children.
3. **Old Town Centre Garden.** Gordon Connelly e-mailed his apologise as he has to call off. It was agreed to invite to next meeting. It was also suggested that we try to get signage to the Old Town Centre. **Action Cllr JC.**
4. **Tesco** have pulled out of the Candleworks site and apparently cited a change in the way of shopping as the reason. The general feeling is it is a very contaminated site.
5. **Police report:** There will be no written report in future, only verbal. Figures can be seen on the (Local Area Committee) LAC meeting on the web site .The job has changed. Vince is now a **Community Ward Manager** for Broxburn, Uphall, Dechmont and Ecclesmachan. The Inspector feels we do not need figures.
  - a. The helicopter was someone who ran off after a domestic!
  - b. There will be more foot patrols deployed to deal with antisocial behaviour at Easter.
  - c. They are targeting White Van Man contractor signs.
  - d. The Queens Baton will be passing through Broxburn on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am.
  - e. Underage drinking- probably they are now drinking in the house. If they are caught and are under 16 yrs they will be taken back to the police station; parents are contacted and drug and alcohol abuse rep speaks to both. This is done every 6-8weeks.
  - f. Stop and Search – this is still being done.
6. **The Pavilion in Church Street.** WLC personnel would like to come to a meeting to discuss the future of it. (it is at the entrance to Stewartfield Park where the BMX track is sited). It was felt we should invite along as there could be potential here. **Action TR**
7. **Xmas tree.** We are still waiting for the notice board to be returned to it's site, and for the bill from WLC for the works. SM paid back the money which she was accidentally overpaid by cheque for the Xmas tree lights at the previous meeting.
8. **Alcohol License** training.
  - a. Only one person turned up so it is now doubtful if it will be continued – Watch this space!
  - b. Notice came in re applications:
    - Half Way House for an off sales license.
    - BXM for off sales
    - Masonic to renew license
    - Major variation for the Badgers Brook.
9. Business Gateway have £37,607:00 for supporting developments
10. **Rural Connect** – Invitation to a workshop 'Our Growing Community' The strategy are holding an event at SRUC Oatridge Campus on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 9:30am till 12:30pm Please complete form and return by 22<sup>nd</sup> April.
- 13 **The Queens Baton:** The Commonwealth Games Committee confirmed that the Baton will pass through Broxburn, Uphall and Dechmont but turn up right to Linlithgow before the High Street on **SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE at 9-30am.** B&UTCM would like BUTA and Community Council to work with them to promote an event. Uphall Gala day is the day before. They would like the streets lined and to have 2-3bands.

14 **Community Council Review** –The hand book given at the inaugural Meeting should be read by CC members as it contains our guidelines which are important. The Scot Gov is looking at reviewing the guidelines and there is an 86 page report. It is generally felt that they are trying to get us to do more and more as volunteers and without any of the rights and protection of the Councillors. Agreed some need to meet to see to this. DG or LMcG may meet some of us to help.  
**Action DK**

15 After consulting with the **Bank** it was agreed that although cheques not cleared after 6 months or more should not be honoured it is better to stop them – all three cheques –TR for £50; BMX for £150 & ATC for £150 were all cancelled.

- a. The cheque for £50 for Tee-shirts for the Gala day was represented to TR.
- b. **BMX club** has not spent anything to date but will when they affiliate to Scottish Cycling. The track has continued to be well used and plenty photos are on Facebook. It is still hoped to get Chris Hoy to come.
- c. It was agreed at the February meeting that no other of these cheques should be replaced.

17. **Age Scotland** had sent information about a community information event on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 11am – 3pm (which has passed) as they are doing some research with local men aged 50 -70 about what activities they enjoy and would like to know more about. They were contacted and agreed to send posters but they never arrived- they sent them to the correct address when asked. Mystery!!

18 **Development Planning** have sent a questionnaire for us to complete about their performance.  
**Action HF & DK.**

19. **Planning applications:**

- Tracy Recycling – refused. To sort something out with the Bottlers.
- Spot Café within a Valet bay in East Mains Industrial Estate. Refused – not suitable venue.
- Tesco – as above - withdrawn. No further information.

20. **Data Protection** fee is due soon. Agreed we set up a direct debit.

21. **Internet Access** – there are many Computers available free of charge for the Public to use –Strathbrock Community Centre- Broxburn Library – and the new Council Office at Greendykes Road.

22. **Old High School** : Tenders have now been accepted and work due to start within weeks. Planning Officer, Mr J Mc Ewan to be asked to attend our next community Council Meeting.  
**Action EG**

**Question from the floor:**

- RM Dog fouling is getting worse. What can be done? Contact NETS Action TR..

Meeting concluded.

**Next meeting**  
**Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
**In The Old Town Centre.**

**\*NB Our meetings are recorded for accuracy of minutes. Please say if private information and it may be switched off. \***