

Minutes of the Broxburn Community Council

Meeting held in the Broxburn Old Town Centre
on 27th November 2017

Present Cllr. Diane Calder (DC), Steven Salvini (SS), PC Ross Andrew (RA), PC Peter Robertson (PR), Angela Wallace (AW), Grahame Barrie (GB), Lorna Salvini (clerk).

Apologies Cllr. Chris Horne (CH), Cllr. Janet Campbell (JC)

Actions

Welcome Grahame Barrie opened the meeting and welcomed Lorna Salvini. It was agreed that she would take minutes and that the remuneration received would be donated to Project Romania.

Police Report PC Ross Andrew reported that 46 crimes were reported, 13 of which concern the community. These 13 included shop lifting and thefts from unsecured cars with the remaining 33 being traffic offences, etc. A man has been caught vandalising cars, while they have no one for a house break in.
RA also reported that the drop off area at St. Nicholas' Primary School has opened and is proving to work well.
Cllr. Diane Calder queried the initiative day in Greendykes Road for crossings, all agreed this was about teaching children road safety.
GB thanked the policemen before they left the meeting (at 7:20pm).

Treasurer's Report Steven Salvini reported that it was planned to transfer the bank account to the new office bearers. The total BCC bank balance is £1,481.20 (including both general and project accounts).

SS presented a paper showing interim accounts covering the period from 5th November 2014 to 4th November 2017. He explained that Lorraine McGrorty had suggested that the council might still release the BBC's grant for 2017-18 were these accounts to be accepted as being as accurate a record as could be provided given the information available. The meeting agreed these interim accounts and instructed SS to present these to West Lothian Council. **SS**

DC suggested speaking to Gordon Bow regarding the Christmas tree to determine if there would be any expenditure expected from the BCC, GB will get in touch with Tom Roy in the first instance. **GB**

Town Centre
Management Report

DC confirmed that the capital committed to the blacktopping of pavements remains for this purpose and a meeting of the four ward councillors is to be arranged.

The artist working on the Heritage Trail is now offering 7 art pieces and 3 information boards – SS queried the contract and DC explained that this stated 10 pieces of art. DC confirmed this issue was ongoing.

The community Christmas brochure is out now with a theme of the new lights, it was agreed that community buildings should be marked in future.

Lighting at the War Memorial is being looked into, likely to be solar-powered lights, similar to the new lights in use at Uphall South Church.

AW queried the protection of civic space at the old library site if it is sold on. SS suggested BCC raised this issue as well as other local groups. DC suggested putting this information on the website and Facebook and GB agreed to do this.

GB

Planning Report

GB reported that mainly planning applications have gone in for conservatories, one tree to be cut down and a high hedge notice.

AW raised the issue of aesthetics regarding Lidl moving to the east end of Broxburn and the new Harvester pub as the car parking appeared to be being sited closest to the roadside. There are also 4 properties to let on Greendykes Road, DC suggested contacting Jim Henderson, in Economic development, to voice serious concerns and to invite him to a future meeting.

Incoming
Communications

Spokes - Cycling Plans; DC mentioned issues in Winchburgh due to cycle events. The canal path was discussed as a cycle route.

4th Estuary AGM, CSGN development fund was launched

Scottish Fire & Rescue consultation; West Lothian Plan 2017 review was carried out. The service is going to be reducing the number of cars from which they cut roofs off at accidents and will not be using neck collars as much due to the damage they cause. GB will respond to this.

GB

Inspiring Project Workshop – date in the past.

It was noted that Lidl had applied for a liquor licence for the new premises.

AOB

SS proposed moving meetings to Strathbrock Community Centre. The possible ramifications for the possible future of the Old Town Centre was then discussed, and it was agreed to keep meetings there for the

timer being. DC reported that £22,000 was in the capital budget to redo the garden, this will be followed up as well as getting an analysis of the building's usage. **DC**

AW suggested looking into how better the community could use the hall, GB mentioned scout groups, SS mentioned the potential for art groups and other small lets, etc.

AW raised that 5,000 new homes are to be built in Winchburgh and asked how Broxburn may feel the effects of this. DC explained that on the 501st house being built a new High School and Primary were to be built – this will now be funded by a loan from West Lothian Council backed up by the City Bid award and will then be repaid by the Developers.

AW asked if anyone knew of those who may benefit from home clearances, Home Aid was recommended.

Close

The meeting was closed by GB, and the date of the next meeting was set for the 29th of January 2018 at 7pm, in the Old Town Centre.