

MIUTES OF AGM & meeting OF BROXBURN
Monday 25th November 2013 at 7:30pm.
Broxburn Old Town Centre.

Present: Cllr Calder; Sylvia Milne; Ellen Glass; Harry Ferguson; Jack McLaren; Robert Morrison; Russell McLean; Murray Kane; Steve Dowd; Tom Roy; Dorothy Knox

Apologies: Cllr Boyle and Campbell. Graeme Morrice MP has sent his apologies for all meetings as he is in London on a Monday night.

Approval of Minutes for 28th October 2013:

Proposed: Jack McLaren

Second: Sylvia Milne

The Treasurers report was handed round but has to be authorised by a second signatory before being sent to Ms McGrorty.

Cheques which had expired were itemised and members reminded we had agreed we would give the Broxburn Buccaneers cash to the value of the cheque (£150) once we have got receipts.

No date for Chris Hoy as yet but will wait till the spring now.

It was agreed that money needs to be discussed about distribution. Have been told a boxing club will be told about us and may apply. A girl boxer had won some big competition in West Lothian we would like to hear more.

Up to £300:00p is set aside for the Christmas tree, lights and erection. Last year we gave money for the Diamond Jubilee.

The secretaries report was then read out giving a resume of the past year.

Food bins – we have mixed reports about how successful it is.

Old Town Centre Garden: We asked Oatridge College to be involved in this project from early in the year. The students have provided 4 sets of plans for the path in, and back garden, utilizing recycled materials and low maintenance planting. The Council also had a look at the area and has applied for money to regenerate/upgrade the area. We are encouraged that we can progress this together and we are also hoping to include the property owners who have access to it. It would help to improve the appearance and safety of the area and improve their property as well as making it a cleaner, healthier, environment. This is an on going project. We believe money has been applied for through The Executive Committee but has not been ratified by the Head of Finance. Write to GC and D F.

Union Canal:

We continue to press forward with this as it is an important avenue through Broxburn. Obstacles are still being put in the way of progressing this, but we will invite them to a meeting at the beginning of the year. KR is the manager of Community Payback for West Lothian. They indicate the problem to be who would supervise them and also health and safety. This is not the case as it is already covered. Cllr Calder will take this on meantime. We have heard that Scottish Canals are upgrading the paths. Weed killer is no longer permitted incase of seepage into canal. Path is supposed to be 5ft wide. The aim is a tarmac path from Ratho to Falkirk.

Houses in Old School. Someone was told it is not being built now. We were told that the work is going out to tender and we will be told when decisions have been made. **To be checked DK.**

Tesco. It is thought that investigation has started and the water board has moved pipes up there.

Training courses for Community Councillors on Tuesday 10th December in Conference room 3 at the Civic Centre. Welcome 6:55-7pm. There is a choice of 2 out of 3 subjects. The Role of the Community Councilors Office Bearers: Council Structures and Responsibilities: Community Council Scheme and Code of Conduct. HF may go from 7-8pm.

Planning training will commence back on Thursday 9th January 2014 in the Civic Centre at 7pm.

Shanks Waste Management has been sold to BIFA and we have not heard what is happening. Greendykes site has been totally stripped - illegally we believe.

William Tracey Group: have put in an application for change of use to Planning consent, condition 4 :to take in putrescible (food), asbestos, and engineering/electronic WEE is batteries etc. Food waste could bring more Gulls and vermin back to the area. Hillview Avenue is quite close and there is a danger of odour, noise and infestation. We have a meeting on Wednesday at 2pm to discuss this. They have also done a trial of working late under planning permission for six months, and they wanted to extend their hours to 24/7. New rules come out in January about some storage of waste. Storage needs to be looked at. There are 2 buildings on site in Drovers Road, and the other yard at the back where they did a land swap. It is understood that the food is going to be used for biomass which is dry material so liquid would need drained off.

Daltons: They have withdrawn their 2 applications meantime.

The War Memorial, it was suggested and agreed that the Community Council put in a wreath next year.

20ft **Christmas tree** bought from Hopetoun House at a reasonable price and we have managed to arrange to get Colin Browns (local Business) to pick this up and deliver it for us. Solar Lights were bought from Dobbies (who gave us a discount). Hope to have lights switched on 7th December about 4:30 to 6pm. One child from each school and the Gala Queen will be asked to switch lights on. WLC cost for erection and dismantling of the tree is being questioned.

The Christmas pageant is on 22nd Dec. There is carol singing with the children singing carols from trailers (paid for by 4 pubs) down the Main Street to Argyle Court where there will be some refreshments all for a £1 and for every hot chocolate sold they will donate it to the Gala day. Also hope to get some to go round the Old folks homes before they start the procession at 6pm at Strathbrock car park.

Flowers and good wishes to be sent to Cllr Campbell from the Community Council.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

NEXT MEETING;
Monday 27th January 2014.
The Old Town Hall, Broxburn
7PM.

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