

BROXBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2011

Present:

Community Council: T. Roy, E Bradley, J McLaren, R Morrison, D Knox, S Dowd, T Penman, R McLean.

West Lothian Council: Cllr E Glass, Cllr J Campbell, Cllr, A Davidson

Others: E Megaghin, R Holder, S Manners and W Ramage all Sainsbury Plc and nine members of the public

Apologies: M Kane, G Morrice

PC V Manning of Lothian's and Borders Police gave a report on crime statistics etc for the area for the period October/November 2011.

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed as being correct by S Dowd seconded by J McLaren.

Business was then suspended and four representatives from Sainsbury Plc were admitted at 7.30pm. Mr Holder gave a report on the current situation on the proposed development. On the issue of a park and ride he said that it was not part of the current application but could possibly be accommodated and also that the new store would have provision for fresh butcher, baker and fishmonger counters. The other two representatives who both work in the Linlithgow Branch Store gave a talk on the workings of the store after which all present were invited to ask any questions, concerns they had. Cllr A Davidson voiced his support for the application as it should hopefully create some local employment. The presentation etc lasted well over one hour whereupon the Chairman closed the debate and returned to general business.

Business arising:

1. Old Town Centre Lighting – this was still ongoing.
2. First Bus - despite many requests a full reply was still awaited to our request that buses do not wait at the bus stop near Kwik-Fit but use the Industrial Estate instead.
3. British Waterways/Network Rail - it was hoped to have British Waterways at our January meeting and Network Rail at the February meeting although we were waiting on confirmation from them
4. Police bikes – the Police thanked us for our donation of £125.00.

Other business:

There were four members of the public in attendance because they had seen in the press details of the proposed new BMX track at Stewartfield Park. Subject to permission and the track being suitable etc it would be their intention to operate a racing club within the confines of the proposed new track. They went into great detail of what this would entail and how it would work not only for the racing club but for the benefit of all who would use the track and they could use their expertise especially on the safety aspects. There could be benefits for local traders if this came to fruition as when races are held they attract a good many participants and their families. In the event of the formation of such a club this would not mean that they would be controlling the use of the track which is primarily for the free use of the local community. Anyone however who wished to join the club would be liable to pay a subscription fee. If and when any organised races were to be held then for obvious reasons entry would be controlled. All in attendance were impressed with their presentation and Cllr Glass would take this forward to the Council and arrange a meeting with the Council planning department, the four gentleman concerned and S Dowd and T Penman from the Community Council. The financial aspects would also have to be examined.

Mrs A Ryce a member of the public stated that on Remembrance Sunday two wreaths had been laid at the front of the new war memorial in the Strathbrock Partnership at 11am but when the official Broxburn and Uphall service took place at around 2pm the two wreaths were missing and were subsequently found at the rear of the war memorial. PC V Manning said he would look into this and see if the CCTV cameras within the Partnership picked anything up in this area.

There would be no meeting in December due to the Xmas holidays.

Next Meeting

7pm Old Town Centre

Monday 30th January 2012