

Broxburn community council meeting 26th October 2015

Present; Tom R, Harry F, Ellen G, Murray K, Robert M, Diane C, Janet C, Jack Mc, Tom S, Sylvia R.

Previous minutes approved by Robert M, and seconded by Murray K.

Tom R thanked everyone for coming along and apologised for the advertisement in the local press about it being our AGM, no one seems to know who or even why it was advertised.

Flight path trial is due to finish on Wednesday 28th October. The council have at present 1 noise monitor in place at the moment which is being moved around. There is repair work being carried out on one of the runways at present, therefore there shall be planes flying through the night and at weekends for the next few weeks. We were asked if we had an up to date reading from the pollution monitor, as at one point the readings were quite high, but at present the readings are low.

Library

The presentation and consultation for the new library lasted for 13 days. No one has been in contact with Shirley-Anne re art work.

If the library gets sold we are concerned that the Xmas tree etc, will have to be re located.

Shirley-Anne has got a proposal for the building and thinks it should be kept in the community's hand as a community hall, or we should make the area outside our civic square. HF said that the silver band would be very interested in using the library for rehearsals as the building they are using at present is in a state of dis repair. JC, suggested that maybe one of the band members should go to the town centre management meeting to put their proposal forward. JC also suggested to ask for an asset transfer of the building.

Ellen suggested that this could be the start up of a community trust.

JC said that the council are obliged to hear us out re an asset transfer and that Douglas Westwater and Douglas Geirson are maybe the best people to approach.

All present agreed that we should submit a note of interest in the building. If we can get enough community groups interested we could then put together a plan, to generate money to cover running costs. Play groups would probably hire the use of the building 5 mornings a week.

Secretary

The secretary post is still available, TR got in touch with voluntary gateway re this and has forms to fill in and send back so we can advertise the position.

TR is going to see if we can get a filing cabinet to store paperwork at the old town centre.

Shops

Candyland is now opened and seem to be thriving, they should be commended by hiring school leavers to run the shop.

Railings

The railings have not been replaced as yet, TR asked Hazel Hay if the council could look at costs for replacements and if we should maybe look at using a different type of material to be used to save money.

DC, said that when asked the council said that the railings should be car friendly.

Police have said that hitting these railings is not a reportable offence, but we disagree as it needs to be replaced at a cost so the drivers should really be paying for the damage.

Planning

Bangour site buildings that are listed are to be demolished as the contractors say that they are in a state of disrepair TR questioned this as he feels that if an ordinary member of the public bought a property that was a listed building they would have to repair it. DC suggested putting in a note of concern, asking if they have looked at every funding source available to repair these buildings.

Vi on Site

Wendy McCorrison has been on holiday so we have not at present got a full report, only that the plans contravene the application as is for full housing and the site is for mixed use.

A formal application was made in July.

There has been over 100 complaints for the site, everything from, increase in traffic, access, and shrubbery

The new mugga pitch is being looked at for security reasons.

Hill view

There was a letter sent out to the residence of Hillview re housing development in their area this caused quite a stir, and they called a meeting to discuss their concerns, housing has been on the local development plan for some years and the area was always earmarked for housing. The wording of the letter sent out by the council needs to be looked at and reworded, this letter goes out to residents once every 5 years.

Signs

It has been brought to our attention that the signs at the side of the Buccan Arms are in a conservation area and that may require planning permission HF to investigate.

Strathbrock Brae

JC said that there had been a proposal for the one way system on Strathbrock Brae to be reversed, but this was rejected and the proposal has gone back to traffic.

A O B

EG, asked if there was an update on what was happening at the old school and when residents would start moving in. TR said that it was now going to be early spring before the first residents would be moving in.

EG said that she had heard that the age limit had changed.

JC said that the properties were for the over 60's and the disabled.

EG said that it was only ever meant to be for the over 60's and can we get it clarified as the site seems to be dragging.

Bingo hall

The bingo hall on Greendykes road is to shut down on the 27th of December.

St Johns hospital are to get knee and hip operations, 200 million pounds extra money is to be spent on the NHS in Scotland.

Jack was asked if he would lay the wreath at the memorial service on the 8th November he said yes.

West end garage has a planning application in to be turned into a retail unit with ATM and 16 parking spaces.

Next meeting to be held on the 30th November.