

BROXBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 31 OCT 2011

Present:

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

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

Others: PC V Manning and 14 members of the public

Apologies: R. McLean, Sainsbury Plc, G Morrice

PC V Manning of Lothians and Borders Police gave a report on crime statistics etc for the area. When Broxburn Police Station refurbishment is completed the opening hours will be from 8am to 5pm. Out of hours if anyone is in the office they will answer phone calls, if not, calls will automatically be transferred to the regional call centre, alternatively calls can be made direct to Livingston Police Station.

General business was then suspended and three representatives of Tesco were admitted at 7.30pm and they then gave a presentation on the current situation regarding the proposed supermarket at the old Candleworks site in Greendykes Industrial Estate.

Regarding de-contamination of the site including the area for proposed housing development Tesco said that they were going to carry out decontamination of the whole site, they later subsequently indicated that they would only be clearing the area for the supermarket but would give the council an un-specified amount which would be put in a trust to be used to clear the remaining land.

Upon completion of the presentation the chairman invited questions from the members of the Community Council and the members of the public many of whom had turned up to speak in favour of the proposed new supermarket as they had been informed, somewhat erroneously, that the Community Council were opposed to the development.

The Secretary re-iterated on more than one occasion that we were not opposed to Tesco's but had serious concerns on two issues i.e. decontamination and the traffic assessment. Although these are the two main concerns there are issues on waterways, flooding and ecology to be re-reported upon.

The presentation and question and answer session lasted for just over one hour whereupon the Chairman declared the debate closed.

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed as being correct by E Bradley seconded by D Knox

Business Arising:

1. Old Town Centre – the provision of lighting was still ongoing and Cllr E Glass said she would look into the current position.
2. Shanks Waste Management – Lorries in top yard in Greendykes Industrial Estate have been moved to Bo'ness. There are reports of an oil leak over the path towards the canal which was reported to Cllr Davidson who is going to look into the matter. It seems that many years ago there were two underground tanks in the vicinity, one of which was removed and it is possible that the remaining tank is corroded and may be leaking.
3. Daltons planning application – the appeal to the Scottish Office had been rejected.. The yard will have to operate according to the original licence which was for 25,000 tonnes of waste.
4. First Bus – a full reply was still awaited.
5. We were advised that the Council would be re-planting the flower beds at least for another year.

Other business:

There was a planning application submitted by Vion to build an executive car park with access from the A89. There were some concerns on this as this is very 'fast' and busy road. Suggestions on this are that traffic exiting should turn left down to the roundabout and access restricted to cars only.

Sainsbury's application for a store at Newliston had been put on hold due to the fact that there may be a colony of great crested newts on the land.

A discussion took place regarding the public display of the minutes which were at present in the notice board outside the library and for all broadband users could be down loaded from the Community Council web-site at www.Broxburncc.org.uk.

There would be no meeting held in December 2011.

Next Meeting

7pm Broxburn Old Town Centre

Monday 28 November 2011