

**BROXBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26 SEPT. 2011**

**Present:**

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

West Lothian Council: Cllr A Davidson, Cllr E Glass

Others: PC A Kidd. C Simpson

**Apologies:** R. McLean, T Penman, PC V Manning, Cllr J Campbell

PC A Kidd of Lothians and Borders Police gave a report on crime statistics etc for the period July 2011 to date. PC Kidd said that they were interested in purchasing bicycles which would be used for patrolling round the area. The cost of two for Broxburn and district area would be £600.00 and they were approaching local Community Councils to see if there was any financial support available which would work out at £125.00 per Community Council. We would discuss this later in general business.

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed as being correct by S Dowd 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. Papa Chans – The application for major variation of licence was granted. There was however still questions regarding licensing policy left unanswered from ourselves and other Community Councils which were put to the Senior Clerk to the Board. A meeting was held on 15 September with the Chief Executive to discuss this and we were assured the issues raised will be acted upon.
3. Shanks Waste Management – odour and increased tonnage were still a concern and we were advised that there would be only six lorries in/out of the yard on a Sunday. We have requested that the lorries park at East Mains on a Saturday through to Monday.
4. Tesco Supermarket - we were advised that the application had been submitted. The reports on contamination, archaeology, traffic assessment, water and drainage were inconclusive and required to be done more in depth. Requests by WL contamination specialist appear to have been ignored. Cllr Davidson asked if the Community Council were opposing the application but was advised that we were not but we had submitted a number of observations and require to be assured that all tests etc. be completed and that the area is safe for usage before planning permission is granted.
5. Broxburn TaeKwon-Do-School – planning permission has been granted for a change of use to a unit in Thistle Industrial Estate until 2016 provided outside lighting is installed.

6... Daltons planning application – an appeal had been submitted to the Scottish Office and a response was awaited from them regarding our many concerns on this application and when received we will have only 14 days to submit our response. It has been noted that trailers are still being parked on the street and traffic police are in contact with VOSA.

7. Greendykes Industrial Estate – there had been a big improvement to the general state of this area after a visit from Enforcement. A local resident had reservations on the state of the yard of J M Kennie and licences for the type of waste being stored and working hours to be checked.

8. Complaints had been made to SEPA about the seagull problem from Shanks Waste Management in Greendykes Industrial Estate to the Vion plant on East Main Street.

9. Stewartfield Park re-generation/BMX track – revised proposals for the BMX track had been very favourably received and if approved this work would hopefully be completed by March 2012.

10. Strathbrock Partnership – approval had been given for the construction of new car parks at the east and south for use by staff. Work is scheduled to commence on 17 October and should be completed by 16 December with minimal disruption to the public.

11. Diageo - Approval had been granted for increased allowance for the storage of ethanol.

### **Other business:**

It was agreed to write to First Bus to see if they would use East Mains Industrial Estate as a 'bus terminus' instead of the bus stop on the main road near Kwik Fit which is in close proximity to a traffic island and can sometimes cause traffic congestion.

There was a possibility that the Council would not be replanting the flowers beds within the town and a suggestion was put forward of seeking local volunteers to plant and look after the flowers beds as they do at present in Linlithgow. Posters could be put around the town to see if this would generate any interest.

Cllr Glass indicated that there would be a Tenants Information Day in the Civic Centre, Livingston on 8 October 2011 from 10.30am to 2.30pm, also there would be monthly fair-trade coffee morning in St Nicholas School and that it was hoped to develop the old High School with 28 one and two bedroom houses for the elderly.

Regarding the purchase of two bicycles for the local police it was agreed to support this and donate the sum of £125.00 towards the cost as it was felt that this would give a more visible police presence within the town

The Policy Development Scrutiny Panels (PDSPs) West Lothian Local Infrastructure Fund – selection of short list of projects. In the report by head of Planning and Economic Development at the partnership and resources meeting it was announced that eight projects had been chosen, regrettably the Broxburn application for £100,000.00 for decontamination at the Candleworks site did not make the short list.

The Council Executive – owner/occupiers in mixed tenure estates. Under the private sector scheme of assistance for owner occupiers in mixed tenure estates, loans can be made for essential work. In case where owners are unable to fund the cost of such work then 50% can be paid interest free and the balance will incur interest payable annually. The whole loan will be repayable upon the sale of the property or earlier if the owner can do so and the loan will incur an administration fee of £200.00 .

Reform Scotland Questionnaire was distributed by e-mail and two responded saying Community Councils should not be taking on statutory duties including council expenditure. All at the meeting agreed with this.

There have been three planning training seminars for Community Councillors which were attended.

Vehicles using a cul-de-sac in East Main Street for turning reversing etc have in the process damaged a wall and also cars and a new “no through road” sign to be erected.

At our next meeting representatives from Tesco, Sainsbury and Dobbies Garden Centre would be attending and visits from British Waterways and Netrail to be scheduled in.

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting of the Community Council would be held in the Old Town Centre on Monday 24 October 2011 at 7pm.

### **Next Meeting**

**7pm in Broxburn Old Town Centre**

**Monday 31 October 2011**

