

Broxburn community council meeting 28th September 2015

Present: Jack Mc, Murray K, Robert M, Janet C, Diane C, Ellen G, Tom R, Sylvia R, Tom S, Tony B, PC Hannay, Karen Cawte (wlc).
Apologies, Harry F.

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

Library presentation.

The re location of the library to Strathbrock community centre, information boards are to go up at Strathbrock, library, business gateway, and the doctors surgery, all comments are to be in by the end of October.

Wlc hope that moving the library will encourage people to use the community centre, and café more and it will work the same way as it has in Bathgate.

The housing and CIS shall be moved upstairs in strathbrock as the area upstairs is not in use as it should be so by moving these services upstairs it would utilise this space.

JC, asked what kind of consultations had taken place?

Karen C, said there had been no consultation.

JC, said that there had been complaints from the East end of Broxburn and from the Elderly.

Karen C, advised that there is a home bound service that could access book from the library for people who struggle to leave the house.

JC asked for it to be minuted that there had been NO PUBLIC CONSULTATION, regarding the removal of our library from the heart of the community before the council passed it at the council's Executive meeting.

TR, Asked how much it is costing to re locate the library services.

Karen C, said that it was in the region of £333 thousand.

TR, asked if they found that the space was too small would they then have spend more money to expand?

Karen answered if it needed to be expanded then the answer would be yes, at more cost.

TR, why are is the council spending £333 thousand to fix something that is not broken?

When that money could be put to other uses in our community.

Karen simply said to locate all services together, and St Nicholas ps used the library services a lot compared to Broxburn primary school who did not use it at all.

RMc, said that he found that it was very hard to believe that Broxburn primary did not use the services.

DC, asked how many users were there?

Karen said there were 5000, in the period from April 14 to March 15, on average there were 3800 per month. And it was only people actively using there cards that were counted.

DC, also asked how strathbrock will cope with parking as it was already full to capacity.

Karen, It is hoped that those people that are using strathbrock for the doctors or the activities in the community centre would then use the library and there should not be any more traffic to cause problems with parking.

Ellen, asked where the children were going to be accommodated.

Karen, said that they were going to work with the community centre to try and accommodate.

Ellen, we are taking traffic away from the high street and it is getting harder and harder for businesses as it is without taken customers away from them. Is there going to be enough room to accommodate the computers and how much privacy will they have.

Karen, said that was still going to be computers and that there was already an area set aside for them. And there are already classes running for the use of computers.

TR asked what will happen to the building that houses the library at present.

Karen said that it would be surplus to the council's requirements and that they already had 3 notes of interest in the building, but could not say who was interested.

TR said that it should be retained for community use.

It was asked if we could find out what will happen to the town clock and also what would happen to the art work outside the library at present. And also the Xmas tree.

There was a comment made about the parents of pupils from st Nicholas PS, are parking anywhere they can and they are causing a lot of problems at Strathbrock partnership.

TB, said that the problems should elevate once the schools extension is complete. And he also said that people can park in the car park at the side of strathbrock where the doctor's park all they have to do is drive up to the gate and it will open.

Police Report.

Pc Hannay.

There has been very little issues in regards to fires at the skate park.

There has been reports of youths on quads at Badgers.

There has been a few break in to houses, and sheds in the Queens Road area, security issues have been pointed out to the residents.

High visibility police check points are to be set up in and around the area to check for bogus work men, these will be in high traffic areas.

There has also been a number of break ins to cars, people should not leave valuables in their cars or on show.

There was a call to the Amenities site on greendykes road where 2 people were apprehended on site and one more was caught in the field behind the site by police dog.

A farm at Drumshoreland was broken into, CCTV evidence has been obtained and now being reviewed by police.

Matters arising from previous minutes.

TR, received an email re the Lovell site at Kirkhill, regarding noise and reports of rats. He arranged a site visit with a member of staff from Lovell, and then went to the person's door to report his finding but there was no answer. Lovell are going to do a letter drop.

There was a report put in to environmental health re rats behind the shops on East Main Street, this matter has been felt with and advice handed out.

Scotmid have put in for planning permission for the old UGO store, it is hoped that they should move in by the end of February 16.

RM, asked if we knew what will happen to the scotmid store once closed, TR said that there was word of Business gateway moving into the store along with micro businesses, but was not 100% sure.

The old tattoo shop is to open as candy land, they are advertising on Facebook for staff.

Bcc are still looking for a secretary.

Railings.

TR, has asked if the council could look at putting up stronger railing as they always seem to be damaged. DC, was told that the railings are there for pedestrian safety to stop them from walking out onto the road, and has asked if the materials used could be looked at.

Flight path trial is to end on the 28th October instead of the end of December. Noise monitors are to be put in place by the council as of the 29th September.

DC, said that if the airport decide to go ahead with the new flight path it will affect a lot more people. And that it was very arrogant of them to say that they will compensate those affected. TB, said that the flight corridor is 1.5 miles and that they were flying right on the edge of that corridor.

TR, said that there has been no minutes for their meetings at the airport on the site since February and could TB find out why. And could BCc get an invite to their next meeting, as there is a representative from Kirkliston.

Xmas event.

Broxburn and Uphall are to hold their Xmas event on the 5th December. TR also asked if there could be a show of hands to get the council to erect the Xmas tree lights at the cost of £325 + vat to the community council, as there were not enough hands to help last year. There was a vote, 6 members voted for the motion and it was carried forward.

The tree will be supplied by Hopeton house as usual.

The bank has to be sorted out again, as Dorothy has been in contact with them to ask for her name to be removed.

Remembrance Day parade is to take place on the 8th of November this year it is leaving from Uphall at 1.15pm.

Next meeting is 26th oct 2015