

East Calder and District Community Council

MINUTES OF 02nd MAY 2017

Agenda Item		Activity/Comment
1.	Present: Michelle, David, Neil, Kenny, Ian, Caroline, Elizabeth	
2.	In attendance: Alan Wright, PC Murray, Lorna Bryson (Cyrenians), Dr MacLeod (East Calder Medical Centre)	
3.	Apologies: Chris, David Ogg, Morag & Willie Dunn	
4.	Minutes of Previous Meeting: Proposed by Kenny Ireland. Seconded by David Phillip	
5.	Declarations of any Conflict of Interest – None	
6.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Community Noticeboard. Thanks to Eddie Goodfellow for painting and making the noticeboard more presentable.</p> <p>Telephone Box. Being refurbished and moved to new Partnership Centre in due course.</p> <p>Will be able to progress once the draft master plan is available and hopefully shared with the community on Gala day to gather views and the CC can review it after the summer break.</p> <p>Public Car Park at Cemetery – Sign is still to be installed.</p> <p>A71 Traffic, Road Maintenance and Capacity Management. Michelle sent an email to Dave King and Jim Stewart (WLC) raising concerns on the lack of engagement from Edinburgh Council and asked how this is being taken escalated.</p> <p>Community Council Members Attendance. Michelle will contact separately to determine reasons for absentness.</p> <p>Broompark Development. No update on tree clearance complaint. It appears that the outline application has been applied for, however, the detailed application is now void.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CLOSED</i></p> <p>Carried forward</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Dave King ongoing</p> <p>Michelle is still awaiting a reply.</p> <p>Michelle taking forward.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
7.	Treasurer's Report: Balance of £2878.81. £33.85 cheque issued for purchasing rose bushes not yet cashed. Change of Name to Bank Account needs attendance at the Bank to formalise the process.	Michelle, Chris & Ian to arrange beg. June 17.
8.	<p>East Calder Medical Centre</p> <p>The Community council understand that WLC and Lothian Health board have met to discuss the updated plan which includes acquiring from WLC the land behind the existing Medical Centre and construction of a larger building. As we understand, the current building would remain in use during the works so that existing services provided do not suffer, this would then be demolished to provide car parking facilities. The plan for the extension would allow for an increase in patients capacity as the existing building was created to accommodate a much lesser volume of residents.</p> <p>However, in the Community Council's view this was discussed over two years ago and is now long overdue. With the increasing pressure of the rapidly rising population in East Calder and the surrounding areas the capability to provide an acceptable GP service to the local population will become unachievable. The proposal still needs to be sanctioned by NHS Lothian for funding and agreed by the Scottish Government. If agreed it could still potentially take 2-2½ years to complete. The Community Council propose to discuss this with the Kirknewton and Mid Calder Community Councils, who are both in the GP practice catchment area, with a view to applying combined community pressure to ensure that it does happen.</p>	
9.	Councillors Report: No Councillors in attendance.	

10.	<p>Police Report Statistics report a decrease in reported crime for the period April 2017 (6) against 2016 (18). During April 2017 there were 114 calls received. 16 antisocial behaviour (Inc. 3 Youth), 8 Alarm. 6 crimes reported, Vehicle Damage, an assault, a forged note and a number of doors being tried during the night this is also reflected in the amount of facebook posts that there seems to be an increase in opportunists attempting to enter homes in the evenings.</p> <p>PC Murray will provide more details so that they can be publicly available on the Notice Board.</p>	PC Murray to provide.
11.	<p>Cyrenians OPAL (Older People Active Lives – Lorna Bryson Volunteers provide a support service to over 60's, through one to one's and phone calls with the aim to help build confidence and give company. Recently launched a group in Mid Calder which is receiving good feedback and attendance. Currently looking to recruit a range of volunteers.</p>	Michelle to put details on Noticeboard and include details of Group on website and Facebook.
12.	<p>ECDC Website Subcommittee meeting Tuesday 16th May 7pm Alan's office to finalise and launch.</p>	Ongoing
13.	<p>Airport Consultation Update There has been a consultation by Edinburgh Airport Ltd which included a proposed flight route A6 overflying just east of East Calder and directly over the Calderwood development; the consultation period finished on 7th May. East Calder Community Council had some significant concerns, including that Edinburgh Airport documents had not included East Calder within a key table of who is affected, and the true population numbers that we think are being and will be impacted. Edinburgh Airport's response to this particular concern was that they had decided not to include all communities in their documents, which to us was not an acceptable excuse when a preferred route includes East Calder and the surrounding area.</p> <p>East Calder Community Council have formally objected to the proposal, along with many local politicians and West Lothian Council, but we will now have to wait for the next stage which goes to the Civil Aviation Authority.</p>	Neil to continue being engaged and provide updates when available.
14.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Oakbank Road A field is being occupied by farm machinery and soil has now been dumped. Residents have raised complaints, Dave King and Carl John are involved.</p> <p>Clifton Road Caroline has been made aware that Calderwood Phase 3 will come close to that area and she has heard that this will result in the closure of this road.</p> <p>Sterling Developments Another Variation under Section 75 has been made, Ray Kirk has been chased for a response.</p> <p>East Calder Community Council Liability Insurance Liz advised she has a copy of the certificate which covers period to 8th May 2018.</p> <p>Community Council Social Event Michelle is planning to hold a BBQ at her home on Sunday 2nd July she will contact everyone for availability.</p> <p>Next meeting 2nd August 2017. [Editor's note – correct date for next meeting is 6th June 2017]</p>	<p>Kenny will look into who owns the land.</p> <p>Michelle will contact Ray Kirk to clarify</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Michelle to send e-mail and agree detail at June meeting.</p>