

East Calder and District Community Council

MINUTES OF 04th APRIL 2017

Agenda Item		Activity/Comment
1.	Present: David, David, Neil, Kenny, Ian, Chris, Morag, Elizabeth	
2.	In attendance: Cllr's John & King, Alan Wright, Ray Kirk, PC McLean, Sharon Hepburn (local resident) and Jo Kilcoyn (WL Women's Aid)	
3.	Apologies: Caroline, Michelle, Willie Dunn	
4.	Minutes of Previous Meeting: Proposed by David Ogg. Seconded by David Phillip	
5.	Declarations of any Conflict of Interest – Kenny Ireland declared an interest under Item 12 as has a friendship with the landowner.	
6.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>CC Winter Night Out. Due to unavailability of members will be postponed to possibly later in the year.</p> <p>Community Noticeboard. Finally fixed although paint pulled off by temporary gaffer tape repair so have asked for it to be painted. Michelle and Chris to have a set of new keys and will start getting more stuff in it over the Easter holidays.</p> <p>Telephone Box. Being refurbished and will be moved to new Partnership Centre in due course.</p> <p>Meeting on Thurs 9th March went very well. Well attended by all stakeholder and all views were heard. Generally happier now about the 3G pitch plans as those who are advocating for it really see it as a resource for the community and plan to do more sports development that will not just be about football and available for all genders. There is money available now to pay for half of the 3G pitch and WLC will pay for the other half from some developer contributions. This money will not be available after this year so if it's not applied for now then it won't happen. All views of what we want the park to look like and contain were collated by Becky Plunkett who is going to commission a master plan of the park as a starting point for real discussion about the detail both with the stakeholders who took part in this Placemaking exercise and with the wider community as a whole. The hope is this draft master plan will be available to share 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>Carried forward</p> <p><i>Closed</i></p> <p>Carried forward</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Dave King ongoing</p>
7.	Treasurer's Report: Balance of £2878.81. Cheque issued to West Calder High School as donation to support an initiative they are introducing to provide a "safe area" for pupils. Change of Name to Bank Account documents have been received.	Michelle & Ian to progress.
8.	West Lothian Women's Aid – Presentation by Jo Kilcoyne Charity founded in 1980 to support women, children & young people experiencing domestic abuse. They are situated in Dedridge and provides counselling and refuge facilities for around 12 families.	Liz, Chris & Ian took posters for displaying in public areas
9.	Councillors Report: Broompark- Application for 50 residential homes was submitted in August 2016, this was not accompanied by the necessary payment required to proceed with the applications process and therefore has now lapsed and will require to be reapplied for. Mansfield (Lovell Houses) – People have now been matched to the homes and will take up residence in June 2017. The nursery path is still to be reinstated.	Dave King will inform of any developments

	<p>Network Rail – Kirknewton recent crossing failures was due to a faulty power pack. The decision not to install a footbridge has been challenged by providing evidence of where bridges have recently been erected and Councillor King has written to Mark Karney Network Rail with the conflicting letters he has received from their Derby and Glenrothes Offices so that there can be clarity of the Network Rail position..</p> <p>A71 Traffic, Road Maintenance and Capacity Management. WLC Transport Planning Manager (Jim Stewart) confirmed that Edinburgh Council have no active proposals for the A71 within their budget and plans. They do have a scheme to extend the Hermiston Park & Ride but do not have the funding at the moment though it is on the list of potential future schemes. On this basis they will not attend a meeting of C.C's. although there may be opportunities available in the future.</p> <p>Calderwood- Survey was conducted by Councillor King collating complaints from Charles Church and Persimmon Homes residence. This has resulted in Councillor King and Neil Findlay issuing a letter to the CEO's of these companies asking for their response to the dissatisfaction of the house owners in the quality of workmanship and the lack of action in remediating snagging issues.</p>	<p>Dave King and Carl John.</p> <p>Dave King Ongoing</p> <p>Dave King ongoing</p>
10.	<p>Police Report Statistics report a decrease in reported crime for the period March 2017 (16) against 2016 (26). During March to 1st April 2017 there were 104 calls received. 11 antisocial behaviour (Inc. 1 Youth), 7 Alarm, 21 Road Traffics and numerous dropped calls. 16 crimes reported, 3 road, 1 attempted robbery (Redcraig Road), 1 House raid PC McLean will provide more details so that they can be publicly available on the Notice Board.</p>	<p>PC McLean to provide more detailed information.</p>
11.	<p>ECCC Website Reviewed proposal with some feedback given which will result in a "Notice Board" section being incorporates that will give key dates/information (i.e. Surgery closed dates), and a map detailing the geographic area covered by the EC&DC Community Council. Still to meet Sheena for history literature</p>	<p>Possibly live end April – Alan to confirm.</p>
12.	<p>Broompark Tree Clearance Update After lots of investigation and hard work by a local resident and support by Dave King the following is a summary of where we are at with this. With a chronology of correspondence. The tree felling that was carried out by the contractor (Scottish Woodland) on behalf of Peter Dalton was contrary to Section 9 of the Forestry Act 1967 in that no licence authorising the felling was in force at the time. The Forestry Commission confirmed this to Peter Dalton in a letter dated 20th March 2017 in which they stated 'Felling of this nature is not covered by any exemption under the Forestry Act and in this situation and is therefore considered unlicensed' In the same letter from the Forestry Commission Peter has been asked to reinstate the woodland and if not action will be taken to prosecute him with a fine of £2,500. The above was confirmed by WLC Woodland officer who stated on return to the site after it was cleared that his advice had not been followed. In recent correspondence Malcom Jones, has confirmed that work has stopped until a Woodland Management report is produced – somewhat late in the day! Recent communication with Peter Dalton and Malcom Jones and asked them the following questions to which await a reply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would appear what Malcolm outlined to the CC at our meeting in relation to the removal of shrub trees and what actually happened 48/72hr later bore little resemblance to one another. Why is this? • The guild lines provided to you by WLC Woodland officer were not followed by the contractor and neither was the advice of the Woodland officer. Why is this? • When the contractor was told by the Forestry Commission to stop work, he refused, why is this? • You commissioned Scottish Woodland to undertake a Woodland Management report after removal of a significant number trees that should have had a felling licence. I would suggest the order of event here is incorrect. Please advise. 	<p>Michelle awaiting response.</p>
13.	<p>AOCB Airport Consultation Edinburgh Airport Limited (EAL) have responded to the concerns raised by East Calder & Kirknewton Community Councils on the proposed changes to the air flight paths, which includes the proposed preferred A6 route, located immediately to the east of East Calder and directly over Calderwood. It is considered that the responses from EAL have not addressed</p>	<p>Neil Lovett to take forward objection.</p>

	<p>the fundamental concerns of East Calder Community Council, this including the exclusion of East Calder as a named place within the option assessment table within the Consultation Document and the noise impact upon those living within the communities. It was proposed that East Calder Community Council formally objects to the revised route A6, overflying both East Calder and Calderwood. The majority of members supported the objection with Kenny Ireland abstaining as he had not yet fully read the report and was not comfortable making an opinion at this stage.</p> <p>NHS Surgery Extension Paul Ketrwick advised that discussions are occurring with NHS Scotland about acquiring land behind the current surgery to build a new practice. Iain McCleod will attend the May meeting to give more detail on this and what needs done to advocate on behalf of the CC. We may have an officer bearers meeting with Iain before then if practical to get some more info</p> <p>West Lothian Association of Community Councils Agreement made supporting the re-establishing of this forum to determine whether it receives the necessary engagement and delivers results in the proposed new format.</p> <p>Minutes should be “watermarked” as draft until agreed by Community Council members at the following meeting.</p> <p>Reminder to all Community Council members that 3 consecutively missed meetings may result in membership being revoked.</p> <p>Next meeting 2nd May 2017.</p>	<p>Carried forward to May meeting</p> <p>Liz advised Michelle so she can respond to Lorrain McGrorty (WLC)</p> <p>Liz to take forward.</p>
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