

East Calder & District Community Council Meeting
East Calder Partnership Centre
Tuesday 7 August 2018

Declarations of Conflict of Interest -

None

Present -

David Philip, Chris Davidson, Janet Davidson, Morag Lyall, David Ogg, Kenny Ireland

Attending -

Councillor Carl John, Alan Wright, Peter Robertson (Local Community Police Officer), Eleanor Blair and Nigel Crichton (Mid Calder Community Council), 15 Residents (East and Mid Calder)

Apologies -

Caroline Wright, Neil Lovett, Ray Kirk, Councillor's Dave King and Damien Timson

Minutes of Last Meeting June 2018 -

Proposed - Chris Davidson

Seconded - Kenny Ireland

Matters Arising -

Councillor's Dave King and Damien Timson have been working to get some of the pot holes which are being temporarily fixed.

Bus services - Residents should hopefully see the new services which are due to start on 19 August which will be covered by First Bus and Lothian Country. If there are any issues that arise please let the Community Council know and we will work together to take forward.

Councillor's Report (Councillor Carl John gave update)

Transport -

Bus Consultation the Director of Lothian Country announced they will be starting to serve West Lothian.

First bus are stopping the Sunday service which covered East Calder Main Street and Wilkieson, however Lothian Country will take on the route.

There will be a consultation at Craigshill Community Hub in respect of the assisted taxi scheme, taxi drivers were willing to help with possibly a 20% discount.

Integration between bus / train services.

Roads complaints regarding times Developers on site - Under Section 75 the Developers signed nothing before 8 am or after 5 pm weekends.

Application for 46 houses at Wilkieson has been withdrawn.

Treasurer's Report -

The current balance on the account is £2,088.00 credit.

Police Report - (Peter Robertson, Local Community Police Officer)

There are 4 Local Community Police Officer's covering the area from Kirknewton to Linlithgow (2 in Broxburn and 2 in Linlithgow). Any local issues please inform either by phoning 101 or complete the online email form to Police Scotland.

1 crime in June and 14 crimes in July which were house break-in, theft of car which has been recovered, cars stolen items. There are a lot of house walk-ins please ensure doors are locked / windows closed and don't leave keys in the back of doors.

Peter has previous knowledge of the area.

Broompark Feedback from Residents -

Mid Calder Community Council 100 objections handed to Librarian at Partnership Centre which we have been unable to locate. This has been raised with the Partnership Centre as we have a duty to follow GDPR guidelines, there is now a tray in place for any correspondence East Calder Community Council.

David Philip gave the following update on the feedback and explained that it isn't the Community Council's job to take forms / feedback however did say we would help after the public meeting by Mr Jones on behalf of Peter Dalton, we are all volunteers.

Broompark Development Comment Sheet Feedback – 10/07/17

Present at Meeting - David Philip, Chris Davidson, Morag Lyall, Janet Davidson, Eleanor Blair

Total Responses = 42 on paper, 226 online = 268 Responses

Of these 42 responses we categorised each individual comment sheet (most had more than one objection/concern) in to the section it relates to instead of having many similar responses going off in tangents.

Transport/Links/Traffic/Pollution

23 + 70 = **93**

Medical/Doctors/Surgery

24 + 69 = **93**

Education/Schools

18 + 61 = **79**

Infrastructure/Roads/Cycle Paths

26 + 122 = **148**

Wildlife/Sewage/Green Space

25 + 83 = **108**

Village Amalgamation

15 + 47 = **62**

In summary we had 131 objections/concerns on paper, 452 objections/concerns online which is a total of 583 objections/concerns over the 6 main categories plus the 'other' category out of 268 people responding.

Others

Bribery, A71, Safety, Local Development Plan, BT Broadband, Pollution, More pressure on Waste and Sewage Facilities like Oakbank Recycling, Parking, Hospital, Chemist. Looks Too Urban, Option 2 better for Roads, No Retail Spaces, Allotments wanted, Bin Uplifts struggling already.

Alan Wright (East Calder Community Council Planning Secretary) discussed the planning process and criteria.

The current stage is Pre application where the applicant asks the Community for suggestions (i.e. Things that could make it more amenable to the community)

Applicant would then take to the Council.

A key part is that the Council Planning will look at the local development plan which a new one is about to be adopted.

Applicant can still make an application to the Council.

Feedback to the Developer would possibly be strong feeling against the houses.

The application for 50 houses has lapsed.

Until the Applicant comes back and either submits an application then there will be nothing to object to at the moment.

David Philip advised we require decorum whilst raising concerns with Malcolm Jones.

Malcolm Pretsell (East Calder Resident) asked what could be done to stop the construction traffic in the Raw Holdings area? What about the new High School?

Peter Robertson / Councillor Carl John advised that this would be West Lothian Council Planning who would enforce with the Developers / Contractors.

David Philip and Councillor Carl John advised that the new West Calder High School currently has capacity to accommodate children from East Calder area.

Extension to St Paul's

Calderwood Primary School - Councillor Carl John advised this is due to start shortly

Stirling Developments (Ray Kirk) – e-mailed David Philip and Councillor Carl John acknowledging mud on road and this will be investigated.

George King (East Calder Resident) - property overlooks Woodlands Trust and was assured 17 years ago by a Councillor that there would be no development. Geology survey, Scottish landscaping never envisaged the trees would flourish.

Malcolm Jones expressed that both him and his client were very appreciative of the process which beyond the community council remit. This was robust and Malcolm Jones had been keen that there was no involvement by the Applicant. The feedback will be taken back to Peter Dalton. The main thrust is for a second street (not a bypass) with some retail units. There will be a formal traffic assessment.

Jean Herring (East Calder Resident) - where would the second street start from?
Malcolm Jones advised potentially a roundabout from the BT building to the former bridge.

Stephanie MacDonald (Mid Calder Resident) - will there be a point when it will be decided if application will go ahead or not?
Malcolm Jones - Looking to undertake a road survey and model before and after plan of East and Mid Calder within the next 3 months.

Nigel Crichton (Mid Calder Community Council) - Second street may cause congestion at Calderwood.

Nick (Mid Calder Resident) - Broompark Development Previous Objections

Valerie McKay (East Calder Resident) - What would plan 2 be used for?
Malcolm Jones - A second street with small units for retail.

Malcolm Jones - would the council consider two applications - 1 for woodland, park, cycle path and the other for houses.
Alan Wright - wouldn't see Council Planning accepting two applications, resident objections.

Eddy Goodfellow (East Calder Resident) - which side are the 50 houses for?
Malcolm Jones - trees are on the South side and the 50 Steading style houses in the north side.

Alan Wright - advised that on a previous study the traffic lights were over capacity at peak times.

Pam Bruce (Resident)

Dr Macleod and Dr Mackie provided the Community Council with the lowdown on services which could be lost depending on the space to rebuild the health centre which is now a top priority with Health Board and this is being looked at in line with Friends of the Park. (As a community it is paramount that we don't lose any of the Health services and we need to get the best outcome for everyone.

Any Other Business -

Litter pick - will arrange a Facebook post for residents to register their interest. Checked and Insurance Policy has no extra clauses for litter picks. David Philip will liaise with Councillor Dave King and West Lothian Council will provide equipment.

A71 - Ongoing

Laura Hunter (East Calder Resident) - complaint regarding the mud in Clifton Road.
David Philip and Councillor Carl John have received email from Ray Kirk being investigated.

Scottish Water - David Philip has completed survey which Scottish Water are undertaking with all Community Council's have given feedback in terms of breakdown communications, road dug up on Main Street and then done for a second time no notification.

David Philip closed the meeting by encouraging residents to attend our meetings and to help make a difference in our community. Information on the community council can be found on our website and Facebook page. The Joint Forum for Community Council's will give us a voice to take concerns and issues to the next level.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

Next meeting -

Date - Tuesday 4 September 2018

Time - 7 pm

Venue - East Calder Partnership Centre