

East Calder & District Community Council Minutes
East Calder Partnership Centre, 139 Main Street, East Calder, EH53 0EP
Tuesday 5 March 2019

Declaration of Conflict of Interest - None

Present - David Philip, Chris Davidson, Kenny Ireland, Neil Lovatt, David Ogg, Morag Lyall (Minutes)

Attending - Councillor Dave King, Councillor Carl John, Alan Wright, Ray Kirk, Bill Mackie (Wilkieston Resident), Aaron Mackie (Wilkieston Resident), Rev Alistair Cowper, Paul Ketterick (West Lothian Council), Becky Plunkett (West Lothian Council)

Apologies - Janet Davidson, Dr Ian McLeod, Councillor Damian Timson

Minutes of Last Meeting - February 2019

Proposed - Neil Lovatt Seconded - Kenny Ireland

David Philip introduced Paul Ketterick from West Lothian Council Corporate Estates for an update on a number of projects.

Development of Calderwood Primary School - hopefully finalise the financial close by end of 2019, start site March 2020, completion June / July 2021 and operational August 2021 however this could be subject to change.

St Paul's Primary School - West Lothian Council discussions re the new access over the last 18 months to 2 years with Persimmon and Cala - this challenge is currently with the Developers.

East Calder Health Centre - Provision has been approved by the Scottish Government. Will engage with Health Centre / Community Council possibly Autumn - December 2019 the outline of the full business case December 2020, construction possibly middle 2021 and open February 2022 however this could be subject to change. The two key priorities are East Calder and Armadale followed by Winchburgh under the Capital Project. The location for East Calder Health Centre will be a Joint Campus with the Partnership Centre.

High School - As there is still capacity at West Calder High School. The Secondary Statutory Reviews due 26 March with Winchburgh Public Meeting July 2019.

David Philip - advised the Local Development Plan is every 5 years and due Spring 2020. David Philip will email to Alan Wright.

East Calder Primary School - West Lothian Council have approved and £3.5 million aside and are 2nd highest priority awaiting Scottish Government possibly end of Summer 2019, a business case would take this to mid 2020, 6 primary schools are put forward on the capital project schools for the future. West Lothian Council will engage once a project is in place could either be a pitch & ditch or new site. Potentially looking at on site end 2021/early 2022.

Friends of East Calder Park / West Lothian Council - 3G Pitch -

Becky Plunkett (West Lothian Council) provided an update that Paul Stark has left the council and a Consultant has been appointed. There has been a site appraisal and the cost for 3G pitch is over budget however may be able to get the same Contractor who is doing another project. There would

also be redirecting cabling to the south of the park (currently 11 aside). Concerns have been raised regarding the parking at Mansefield Becky advised that this would have to go through Planning.

Dave King thanked Paul Ketterick for attending the meeting and providing updates as it was important that the various projects going on in East Calder & District were clarified.

Broompark - David Philip advised that he has received an email from Malcolm Jones (Peter Dalton's Representative) who confirmed that currently the application they are submitting is for 50 houses next to the BT building between East Calder and Mid Calder.

Councillor's Reports -

Dave King Update -

Wilkieston Bus Shelter East side (going to Edinburgh) and Community Council Noticeboard - Dave King and Chris Davidson meeting on 6 March with Keith Smith.

Village Improvement Fund - applications need to be received by Council before end of March.

East Calder Health Centre - thanks to Paul Ketterick for the update.

Kirknewton Park & Ride - rejected on design and safety aspect. Appeal process is within 3 months.

Ray Kirk advised that Stirling Developments are reviewing the Park & Ride. David Philip asked if Carl John and Ray Kirk can keep the Community Council updated. Chris Davidson asked if there had been an assessment on footpath/traffic for safety. Ray Kirk advised that a planning condition for Calderwood was to deliver a Park & Ride the options now are to either appeal, review or new site.

Treasurer's Report -

Current balance - £1,713.23 credit, ICO annual fee £35.00 to debit and £482.00 annual cheque from West Lothian Council Finance for 2018/19 to be banked. Morag Lyall received email from ICO confirming change to Organisation Name from East Calder & Wilkieston to East Calder & District Community Council and contact from Michelle Heron to Morag Lyall.

Police Report -

David Philip advised there is a new format which details each Ward and will forward the link by email to Community Council Members.

Village Improvement Fund / Special Grant Funding -

Special Grant Funding - £750 per application and we match fund. Chris Davidson meeting with Dave King on 6 March at Wilkieston and will submit a provisional application for Improvements in respect of the Wilkieston Village Improvement Fund.

ECCRA (East Calder Community Residents Association) have put forward applications for an additional Community Council Noticeboard (front of East Calder Partnership Centre where the previous Noticeboard was located), benches and bins for the Village Improvement Fund in East Calder. The Noticeboard and benches were suggested by the Community Council and ECCRA are progressing. They are also holding the funds received for the Noticeboard to be located at East Calder Sports Centre and artwork for the Partnership Centre.

The School Bank West Lothian -

Morag Lyall gave an overview of the aims and how to donate to the school bank. Dave King has

referred to Norma Conner East Calder Partnership Centre to see if there is capacity to become an additional drop off point as well as Mabitt Cafe on Main Street. Morag Lyall will update at next meeting and feels this is an initiative that as a Community Council we should encourage as it is for the benefit of school children who are referred from Organisations (Schools, Social Workers, West Lothian Council, Citizen's Advice Bureau, Homestart and The Advice Shop in Bathgate). A post will be put on our website, Facebook page and Poster's/leaflets from the School Bank displayed in our Community Council notice boards and Partnership Centre. Rev Alistair Cowper advised that East Calder Church are also involved in donations for the school bank.

Transport Forum -

David Philip advised that this is being run by West Lothian Council and Bus Companies.

Planning -

Alan Wright mentioned that there is an application for Gavieside. David Philip advised that the planning email is forwarded to Kenny Ireland and Alan Wright. If there are any other Community Councillors who would like to be included in the distribution email please let David Philip know. Section 75 - Stirling Development contributions Ray Kirk provided update on payments made in 2018 Education £6.1 million. For 2019 in line with the approved planning agreement Education £3.7 million, there might be an additional £4 million (totalling £7.7 million) for the second stream of the Calderwood Primary School however this is dependent on the current Section 75A application being approved. Other non-education items £1.4 million.

Any Other Business -

Rev Alistair Cowper as well as being involved with The School Bank West Lothian the church previously had a Thrift Shop and wonder if there are any vacant premises which could be used if setting up in the future? David Philip suggested speaking to Paul Ketterick at West Lothian Council to see if there are any old buildings / Community Asset Transfer.

Recycling at Oakbank - due to Council cutbacks Oakbank will be open 3 days per week and weekends from May 2019.

Oakbank Premises Use -

Neil Lovatt advised planning application appears to be in retrospect with Planning Department. Chris Davidson asked if a traffic assessment had been undertaken?

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

Next Meeting -

Venue - East Calder Partnership Centre, 139 Main Street, East Calder, EH53 0EP

Date - Tuesday 2 April 2019

Time - 19:00