

East Calder & District Community Council Minutes
East Calder Partnership Centre, 139 Main Street, East Calder, EH53 0EP
Tuesday 2 April 2019

Declaration of Conflict of Interest -

David Philip provided overview of East Calder & District area and clarified that any individual's wishing to become a member of the Community Council there can be no political agenda this is detailed in the 2015 Community Council Guidance Notes and 2015 Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in West Lothian (copies are provided to Community Councillor's or individuals looking to join the Community Council).

David Philip asked if there are any Declarations of Conflict of Interest that individual's raise at each meeting.

None

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

Attending - Councillor Dave King, Councillor Carl John, Alan Wright, Wilkieston Residents (Jackie McConnachie, Connie Crawford, Tricia Leggett, Bill Mackie), Bill Bennett (for Alistair Cowper), John Sives (Kirknewton Community Council), Eleanor Blair (Mid Calder Community Council)

Apologies - Dr Ian McLeod, Councillor Damian Timson, Ray Kirk

Minutes of Last Meeting - March 2019

Proposed - Neil Lovett

Seconded - Chris Davidson

Matters Arising -

Neil Lovett raised under Village Improvement Fund / Special Grant Funding - Noticeboard and benches being suggested by Community Council and ECCRA have submitted the application for Village Improvement - David Philip/Chris Davidson and Morag Lyall advised this was discussed at community council meeting last year and at the ECCRA Meeting. David Philip advised the Community Council will have a key for the Noticeboards and will confirm to Eddy Goodfellow and ECCRA about no advertising (Noticeboards, Facebook, Website as we can't be seen to be political / commercial) only charity related.

Alan Wright raised under Any Other Business - reads that the Church have a Thrift Shop should be previously had a Thrift Shop and hoping to reform a Social Enterprise / Charity Shop should there be a requirement for one in East Calder. Bill Bennett updated on behalf of Alistair Cowper - Alistair is happy to start up and take a lead however this would need support from the community. David Philip suggested a Facebook/website survey to see if people in East Calder & District are interested in helping run a Social Enterprise/Charity Shop and possibly look at Development Trust as we as a Community Council are limited. Alan Wright advised the shop would be similar to a Charity

Shop. Bill Bennett will ask Alistair Cowper to contact David Philip regarding a Charity / Trust and Alistair to send over text which we can put on Facebook / Website, Konect magazine. David Philip mentioned Martin Thomson (West Lothian Council) and possibly approach Business Gateway.

Matters Arising -

Wilkieston after the response from the community at the Community Council Meeting in February we will be attending Residents / Neighbourhood Meeting on Thursday 4 April. The following was raised -

Village Improvement Fund - Chris Davidson gave an update Noticeboard - £3,000 looked at the land with Dave King and West Lothian Council plan, best place is close to the bus stop on Linburn side in front of the wall. Money has been ring fenced.

Benches Lest we Forget idea £600-£700 per bench Chris Davidson gave update to benefit Wilkieston and Linburn possible suggestion was Military Museum however Land Ownership could be an issue (needs to be checked).

Connie Crawford (Wilkieston resident) suggested asking residents what they would like to see and check the priority.

Neighbourhood Watch Committee / Facebook Page

Dog litter bins / normal bins - Dave King advised to write to David Lees at West Lothian Council.

Through traffic / noise - David Philip advised that if there is anything suspicious then residents should phone the police on 101 to report this is the same for all areas. By reporting this will mean the incidents show in the police intelligence. This is common and been raised by all Community Council's at the West Lothian Joint Forum. John Sives (Kirknewton Community Council) and Eleanor Blair (Mid Calder Community Council) both confirmed that their areas experience the same issues.

Bypass Road - will this reduce the car parking? Carl John advised that the bypass was only to be a partial bypass.

Pre consultation 100 houses - David Philip explained the process and advised that residents can raise concerns at pre application, when the application goes into West Lothian Council.

CCTV - Council wouldn't have on certain land under GDPR. Carl John advised for the Council CCTV issue would be the maintenance and monitoring.

Bill Mackie (Wilkieston resident) advised that he twice asked Scottish War Blinded to put in cameras where the 4 new houses and centre are in Linburn and it was rejected as there were no reported incidents.

David Philip asked Dave King and Carl John if CCTV is for personal use can the Council give clarification if this is acceptable? Will also check GDPR with local police at Wilkieston Meeting on Thursday.

David Philip has copies of the Wilkieston map which Dave King provided from West Lothian Council. The meeting at Wilkieston is 6 pm on Thursday 4 April in The Centenary Hall.

Oakbank Premises - Retrospective permission through delegated powers. Claire Johnstone from West Lothian Council has advised traffic is a police matter and should be reported to 101. The road is narrow and there are two developers looking at Oakbank.

Councillor's Report -

Councillor Carl John update -

The Bulletin newspaper gives details of the revised recycling centres from 5 days during the week to

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8 am - 2 pm and Saturday and Sunday's 10 am - 4 pm with effect from 27 May 2019. Damian Timson is appealing.

Tricia Leggett (Wilkieston resident) asked if recycling should not be a service which is being promoted rather than reduced since it is the future. Carl John advised that there will be a report to the Council after 6 months to give information on fly tipping.

Sports Scotland donated two full size table tennis tables which will be used by the Youth Group and 55+ Group. The Youth Group meet at East Calder Partnership Centre on Friday evenings 7 - 9 pm.

Councillor Dave King Update -

Calderwood Primary School - July / September the statutory consultation for catchment area is due.

Deceased Individual's a grant of £700 per person for those who require help. This has still to be approved by West Lothian Council. West Lothian is currently cheaper than other areas for layers in cemeteries.

Treasurer's Report -

Current Balance - £2,110.23 Credit with no credits / debits due.

Village Improvement Fund / Special Grant Funding -

David Philip advised the process and Chris Davidson gave update for Wilkieston Village Improvement Fund under Matters Arising.

Planning -

Alan Wright advised awaiting application for Broompark. David Philip updated that he had a call from Malcolm Jones (Peter Dalton's Representative) who advised they will be applying an adapted planning application for 50 houses on the land next to BT Building as you leave East Calder heading towards Mid Calder. We will keep Mid Calder Community Council updated.

The School Bank West Lothian -

Morag Lyall confirmed that East Calder Partnership Centre is now a collection point in addition to Mabitt Cafe on Main Street. David Philip thanked Morag for her involvement in liaising with Dave King, West Lothian Council, Partnership Centre and The School Bank West Lothian. Morag Lyall will pass details to Alan Wright to upload on East Calder & District Community Council Website and Facebook.

Connie Crawford (Wilkieston resident) asked if there was a drop off point to donate to a Food Bank? Bill Bennett (resident) advised that the church is a drop off point. Morag Lyall will check out and arrange a Facebook post / update on website.

David Philip mentioned that it's good that we can promote success stories.

Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board -

Neil Lovett confirmed that the meeting is later this month.

Police Report -

The LAC report hasn't been received however David Philip will circulate to all community council and Eleanor Blair (Mid Calder Community Council) once received from Damian Timson.

Any Other Business -

Park & Ride - Neil Lovett asked John Sives (Kirknewton Community Council) who had attended the meeting as an observer. John Sives updated that the objection was on the access which is unsafe. A motion was put forward however permission withheld. The chair put to a vote and Councillor's rejected, originally the Council had put the park & ride into the Section 75 for Stirling Developments but the Owners and Community Council were not properly consulted. Stirling Developments have gone away to review and have 2-3 months to give another proposal. A cycle way / bridge over railway for pedestrians has been included as one of the conditions. Neil Lovett asked if it would be beneficial to have a sub group to take forward. David Philip advised can add to next agenda and sub committee group to include representation from Kirknewton, Mid Calder, Wilkieston, East Calder and Calderwood. Alan Wright advised that the process is normally 90 days to appeal then pass to Scottish Government.

Community Council Co-Opted Member -

David Philip updated that Lorraine McGroarty (West Lothian Council) has confirmed that Bill Mackie can now be put forward for being co-opted at the next East Calder & District Community Council Meeting on Tuesday 7 May 2019 this will be added to the Agenda and forwarded to current members 14 days in advance of the meeting as detailed in the Community Council Guidance Notes and 2015 Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in West Lothian provided the individual being co-opted has no political agenda. If any Community Councillor's or individuals require a copy or link to website please contact David Philip, Chris Davidson or Morag Lyall.

Litter Pick -

Alan Wright updated that Michelle Herron has arranged Litter Pick on 1 June 2019.

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 7 May 2019

Time - 19:00