

East Calder & District Community Council Minutes  
East Calder Partnership Centre, 139 Main Street, East Calder, EH53 0EP  
Tuesday 7 May 2019

Declaration of Conflict of Interest -  
None

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

Attending - Councillor Carl John, Alan Wright, Ray Kirk, Bill Mackie (Wilkieston Resident) Aaron Mackie (Wilkieston Resident), Michelle Herron (East Calder Resident)

Apologies - Councillor Dave King, Councillor Damian Timson, Rev Alistair Cowper, Dr Ian McLeod

Minutes of Last Meeting - April 2019

David Philip advised that the reference to a future Thrift Shop should be known as Social Enterprise/Charity Shop. Morag Lyall will update April Minutes accordingly.

Proposed - Chris Davidson

Seconded - David Ogg

Community Councillor Co-Opt Member - Bill Mackie

David Philip advised that only Elected Members would be required to vote and at this point those attending (Councillor Carl John, Alan Wright, Ray Kirk, Bill Mackie (Wilkieston Resident) Aaron Mackie (Wilkieston Resident), Michelle Herron (East Calder Resident)) left the room.

David Philip confirmed to the Elected Members that as detailed in the 2015 Community Council Guidance Notes and 2015 Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in West Lothian (link to website emailed with the May Agenda on 18 April 2019) that for Bill Mackie to be Co-Opted would require two thirds (i.e. 5 votes)

At this point David Philip asked the Elected Members and vote was -

For - 2

Against - 5

Chris Davidson advised those attending they could come back into the room.

David Philip confirmed that Bill Mackie had been unsuccessful on this occasion however was welcome to stay tonight and attend any future meetings but wouldn't have voting rights. The next Community Council elections are in two and a half years.

PLEASE NOTE - it has since been brought to the attention of the Community Council that Bill Mackie had left his mobile recording the Elected Members Co-Opting vote whilst out the room.

Matters Arising -

Joint Forum - David Philip provided an update from the meeting on Friday 3 May at the Civic Centre.

Graham Hope said the Council are considering our formal recognition of the Joint Forum to give us full voting rights on all valid topics.

Willie Clark from [the Neighbourhood](#) Watch gave a very helpful update. David asked him to come along to one of our meetings to give some hints and tips for our residents to minimise crime using local intelligence. Willie agreed to come along so we will be aiming for the August meeting collaboratively with Kirknewton, Mid Calder & Pumpherston.

June McClung from the Airport Noise Advisory Board gave an update. Herself and Louise McIntyre the Airport Engagement Officer are also going to come along to a meeting to give us another update and help us with regards to the flight path/noise etc. They are looking for people who are happy to have noise monitoring equipment in their gardens - David suggested many people in Calderwood would be happy. If there are any concerns regarding aircraft in the meantime contact [noise@edinburghairport.com](mailto:noise@edinburghairport.com)

We held 4 seminars (twice) so people could attend 2 of the following seminars and help to form the sub committees for:

- Health Sub-Group
- Planning Sub-Group
- Police Sub-Group
- Transport Sub-Group

This was a very successful process and all 4 Sub-Groups will be moving forward with positive control from the Community Councillors. Details of these discussions can be found in the Joint Forum Minutes.

Councillor's Reports -

Councillor Carl John Update -

LAC Meeting - The four Councillor's are happy for the Community Councillor's to attend the LAC meeting.

Helicopters over the last few weeks - missing person, missing car and an aerial survey over Calderwood / Raw Holdings.

Gliding School - has commenced and now covers the whole of Scotland and Ireland.

Applications received - Bellway 105/120 houses, 6 houses and 3 plots of land at Camps (employ 40 construction/build camper vans/nursery (plants) 20 education)

St. John's - Children's Ward currently 5 days a week possibly by end of September 7 days. New additional Services - knees/ankles.

Recycling Centre - new opening hours start 27 May 2019.

Oakbank & Whitburn Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8 am to 2 pm, Saturday & Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Closed Tuesday and Thursday.

Blackburn, Broxburn & Linlithgow - Tuesday & Thursday 8 am to 2 pm, Saturday & Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Closed Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

There have been a couple of occasions where Oakbank Recycling Centre has had to close as traffic was backing up onto roundabout and the bins full.

There are now two Enforcement Officer's in the whole off the county for dog poo.

A report with the figures showing 6 months after the new recycling is in place will be produced.

Development Trust Kirknewton - looking at a triangular bus service a local bus company are donating a 32 seater would remove 3-4 seats from the back to accommodate bikes if required, driver training, MOT'd run 3 times serving Kirknewton, Wilkieston and East Calder for an honesty fee.

Few Road Closures over the next month for a day or so.

Pharmacy Mid Calder - Health Board have had one complaint against. With the Post Office closing Counter would be within the Pharmacy like Kirknewton.

Treasurer's Report -

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

East Calder & District Website / E-mail -

Alan Wright mentioned that need to review who is Admin for Facebook. Morag Lyall advised about also updating website. David Philip will take forward to next meeting.

Police Report -

David Philip updated by advising that the LAC Report is produced every 3 months and this will be sent once received from Councillor Damian Timson.

David advised that from the Forum Meeting Willie Clark (Neighbourhood Watch) and June McClung & Louise McIntyre (Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board) are happy to come along, with this in mind will look at a date when we can hold meeting in bigger hall for community to attend. Morag Lyall suggested July/August when possibly the Dance Group are on holiday from the Partnership Centre.

Planning -

Calderwood Primary School - Pre Consultation Meetings Wednesday 22 May 16:00 to 18:30 @ East Calder Partnership Centre, 139 Main Street, East Calder, EH53 0EP and Wednesday 29 May 16:00 to 19:00 @ The Larder Calderwood, 1 Calderwood Square, East Calder, EH54 0GH.

East Calder Hub - The local plan has the High School on the Stirling site with funding to the Council. David Philip asked if we could do a Data Request for an Education Review and will check with Craig McCorrison, Head of Planning at the Planning Meeting on Thursday 9 May.

Kirknewton Park & Ride - Neil Lovett confirmed that he is attending Kirknewton Community Council Meeting on Tuesday 14 May at 19:30 agreed in principal that both East Calder & District and Kirknewton Community Council's talk with Stirling Developments. Stirling Developments have until the end of this month (May 2019) to appeal. Ray Kirk advised that Stirling Developments are currently looking at options -re the Park & Ride.

Any Other Business -

Scottish Government Participatory Budgeting - David Philip advised £11.5 million for 2019/2020, applications for £250,000 have to be submitted by 14 June 2019 and training can be provided. David Philip will check what's involved and training.

3G Pitch - Mathew Watson (West Lothian Council) views required by 28 May 2019. David Philip will email link to Community Council, post on Facebook and East Calder & District website.

Scotland's Fire & Rescue Service (David Lockhart covers Falkirk & West Lothian) - The Public Consultation Plan starts Thursday 9 May 2019.

Litter Pick East Calder - Michelle Herron (East Calder Resident) advised she has arranged a Litter Pick for Saturday 1 June 2019 starting 10:30 at East Calder Sports Centre, 20 Raw Holdings or The Grapes, 130 Main Street. Bags and grabbers will be provided, currently 21 interested and 3 definite to take part. At 13:00 The Grapes will provide soup & sandwiches and teas & coffees to those taking part in

the litter pick, the cost is £5:00 per head with a £50:00 deposit and Michelle asked if the Community Council would donate along with putting poster on Community Noticeboard, Facebook and East Calder & District website. Unfortunately, the Community Council are unable to donate due to the grant from West Lothian Council being specifically for Admin. Kenny Ireland donated £50 from Hermiston Motor Company towards the deposit.

ECCRA (East Calder Community Residents Association) - David Philip confirmed that the AGM for ECCRA is Tuesday 28 May @ 19:00 in East Calder Partnership Centre, 139 Main Street, East Calder, EH53 0EP

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 4 June 2019

Time - 19:00