

East Calder & District Community Council Minutes  
East Calder Partnership Centre, 143 Main Street, East Calder, EH53 0EP  
Tuesday 6 August 2019

Declaration of Conflict of Interest -  
None

Present - David Philip (Chair), Kenny Ireland, David Ogg, Neil Lovett, Morag Lyall  
(Minutes)

Attending - Councillor Carl John, Rev Alistair Cowper, Sarah Finegan, Eleanor Blair & Nigel  
Crichton (Mid Calder Community Council), 1 Resident.

Apologies - Janet Davidson, Chris Davidson, Councillor Dave King, Councillor Damian  
Timson, Rev Alistair Cowper, Dr Ian McLeod, Ray Kirk, Alan Wright

Minutes from Last Meeting - June 2019

Proposed - Morag Lyall

Seconded - David Ogg

Matters Arising -  
None

Councillor's Reports -

Councillor Carl John -

There were no Committee Meetings in July.

Park & Ride Kirknewton - Meeting on 31 July 2019 with the Reporter. The Park & Ride had  
been rejected by West Lothian Council due to concerns regarding the access. The day of the  
meeting the barrier at Kirknewton station was down for 3 hours. The Reporter asked  
everyone attending for their thoughts this is something that doesn't usually happen. Reporter  
advised it could be 4-5 weeks for a decision to be reached. The representatives from Network  
Rail needed to get back to Glasgow but as they were on the wrong side of the track now  
realise there should be a footbridge.

Grass verges - around 200+ complaints from residents about the blocked view due to the  
grass verges not being cut regularly. Carl John has suggested to the Council cutting 10 metres  
or planting wild flowers.

Fly tipping - awaiting the six month statistics however it's costing more to go and uplift as  
when the Recycling Centres are closed public are leaving at the gate.

Lamp posts near the Sports Centre have been cut down to a shortened height and left rusted  
which is a danger to the public - Carl John is investigating.

David Philip asked if there is any Compulsory land owned by the Council in East  
Calder/Camps. Carl John gave Brian Crystal, Land Terrior at West Lothian Council as a  
contact.

David Philip had been contacted by a member of the public who had heard East Calder Xcite  
may close? Carl John advised that he hadn't been made aware that there was any imminent  
danger to East Calder. The Head of Xcite has retired.

Police Report -

David Philip advised we are awaiting figures from the last LAC meeting (Local Area  
Committee). Carl John advised that the next meeting is Thursday 12 September and

unfortunately the Councillor's haven't yet received the Police data analysis figures yet. David Philip will circulate when received.

#### Treasurer's Report -

Current balance - £2,110.23 credit no credits / debits due. Carl John advised that the annual cheque for West Lothian Council fund will be due to increase in line with the population of East Calder and District.

#### Wilkieston Village Improvement Fund -

East Calder funds have been fully allocated.

Wilkieston - David Philip advised that Chris Davidson is working on the application for Noticeboard, Kevin Paxton did the previous Noticeboard for East Calder has been approached and look to have in place by end of the year location outer wall at the Bus Stop on Linburn side to be agreed with West Lothian Planning and Linburn. 2 x 5 ft. benches £850 each, 1 x 4 ft. bench £700. The benches would have Lest We Forget on them currently no timescale.

#### East Calder & District Website, Facebook & E-Mail Address, Admin -

David Philip and Morag Lyall met with Alan Wright on Monday. Alan Wright has forwarded an email with details of charges which will cover July 2019 to June 2020. Cost in 2018/19 was £336 and for 2019/20 will be £436. David Philip advised that Alan Wright owns the domain and East Calder & District own the website. David Philip asked if we want to accept the quotation? Kenny Ireland suggested carrying forward to a full meeting of Community Council elected members on Tuesday 3 September 2019. Morag Lyall will arrange to forward the email to elected members and as she won't be in attendance at the next meeting will vote by proxy.

#### Planning -

Kirknewton Park & Ride - Objection from Stirling Developments to the Appeal. Chris Davidson / Councillor Carl John attended the meeting on 31 July 2019 with the Reporter. The Park & Ride had been rejected by West Lothian Council due to concerns regarding the access. The day of the meeting the barrier at Kirknewton station was down for 3 hours. The Reporter asked everyone attending for their thoughts this is something that doesn't usually happen. Reporter advised it could be 4-5 weeks for a decision to be reached. The representatives from Network Rail needed to get back to Glasgow but as they were on the wrong side of the track now realise there should be a footbridge.

Broompark - Awaiting Planning Application from Malcolm Jones (agent for Mr Dalton) possibly September 2019 initially for 50 units.

Raw Holdings - No updates for Euan Robertson (agent for Billy Clifford).

Humbie Farm - Application changed from Traveller to Retirement Homes.

East Calder Medical Centre - Possibly start February 2020

#### Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board Update -

Neil Lovett gave update from last meeting and will be attending next meeting on Wednesday 7 August. Suggested inviting Lindsey Coll who is the Chair to the AGM in October. Neil Lovett will provide information on the Annual Review for our website. The link to the website covers Fife, Midlothian, West Lothian Council and has all minutes, reports and feedback on what they're doing.

#### Neighbourhood Watch / Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board Community Meeting -

David Philip proposed we facilitate in the Main Room of the Partnership Centre at our AGM in October. Will invite June McClung and Louise McIntyre from Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory and Willie Clark from Neighbourhood Watch to give presentations at our AGM and invite Kirknewton, Mid Calder and Pumpherston Community Council's. Neil Lovett suggested Lindsey Coll also joined the meeting in respect of Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory.

#### East Calder High School Proposed Meeting -

David Philip advised that we had a meeting with Community Council, Calderwood Residents Representatives at the Wasteswitch Offices discussed looking at a survey to see what is important to residents for High School, we would then give the questions in advance of a closed meeting with Council Stakeholders and feedback to residents at Community Council Meeting. However, due to Council Officials being on holiday July/August this has been carried forward. Suggested that it would be good to have a closed meeting with the key decision makers from West Lothian Council, Councillor's, Community Council and Other Community Council's (Kirknewton, Mid Calder, Pumpherston), Calderwood Residents Representatives.

#### Town Centre Funding -

David Philip gave an overview of the Town Centre Funding which for East Calder is £69,609 with the deadline for applications 31 August 2019.

The suggestion for the capital funding put forward by Morag Lyall an email to all elected members on 5 July 2019 was to set up premises for an East Calder Community Council Hub / Drop in for Health and Wellbeing we would register as a charity to obtain further funding and have group sessions for different health conditions by asking professionals in each subject to volunteer. Offer tea/coffee and space for an hour with a small charge, produce a booklet where local businesses could advertise for a set fee.

David Philip updated that work had been ongoing on the application/business plan, attending meetings with various individuals who have volunteered their services / knowledge on services like the hub we are looking to set up. All volunteers have PVG certificates. Would set up as a Development Trust/SCIO met with Isla McCulloch at Development Trust. Met with Alistair Cowper and Sarah Finegan who are currently doing survey on Listening Groups. Hugh Cairns - (Lanarkshire Association of Mental Health) and Brian Pringle (WLDAS Drugs & Alcohol) both involved in the St. John's and Boghall Hub, Martin Thomson - Business Gateway (Specialises in Charity), Lesley Keirnan - West Lothian Council Regeneration Team (covers East Calder ward), Helen-Jane Gisbourne Shearer and Alan Stewart - Konect Magazine, Dr Iain MacLeod, Lindsey & Gilmour Chemist.

Looking to do a survey to gauge from the public what are the most important services to start with in phase one and grow as we get funding.

The premises on Main Street would give us a presence in a great location.

The sustainability/liabilities are safe in an SCIO as charity would be protected.

The deadline for the application is 31 August 2019 and would need to submit the following -

Application

Business Plan

Financial Forecast

Survey Monkey Results

5/6 Main Services

From the Community Council we would look for £591 to cover advert and questionnaires to be distributed to all houses in East Calder edition of Konect September 2019, will include 5000 printed which some copies would be left in various locations (Doctor's surgery, Partnership Centre, Chemist etc). Letter from Morton Fraser to Estate Agent for the Commercial Property/legal work. Once the Trust is set up and funding received could transfer/invoice funds back to Community Council.

The initial survey would be use Social Media, Facebook Groups, East Calder & District Community Council website.

Kenny Ireland and Neil Lovett have requested an additional meeting with the elected Community Council Members to have time to discuss and see if there are any other ideas for the funding.

Morag Lyall mentioned that at the Joint Forum Meeting in July it was stressed that if there are no capital projects for the Town Centre Funding then the funds would go back to the Scottish Government, as there was limited time West Lothian Council and the Joint Forum had asked for an extension however this wasn't an option. The project needs to be delivered by 31 March 2020 or a date confirmed.

David Philip will arrange for the survey to be emailed to Elected Community Council Members to review and confirm if it can be uploaded, failing this agreement for the survey will not put on East Calder & District Community Council website / Facebook.

Morag Lyall will email to check suitable dates for all Elected Community Council Members to meet week commencing 12 August by the end of this week.

Any Other Business -

Listening Service - Sarah Finegan gave an overview of the survey's currently being undertaken in conjunction with the church. The listening service would be by a trained listener, the Listener Service is with Go For It, surveys are currently on Internet, Facebook and paper for those not on social media. The survey has been out for approximately 3 weeks and has around 75 replies, look to close the survey in September and will feedback the results to the Church of Scotland.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

Next Meeting -

Venue - East Calder Partnership Centre, 143 Main Street, East Calder, EH53 0EP

Date - Tuesday 3 September 2019

Time - 19:00