



## MEETING MINUTES

Time: 18:45

Date: 11/09/18

Place: The Green Room, Kirknewton

Attendees: I Watt, J Cunningham, S Markx, Cllr C John, Cllr D Timson, V Garrad, A Lynch, F Lynch, S Taylor, J Sives, J Thomas, R Graham, S Campbell, M Hall, R Graham, R Burton, N Gwynne, B Harding

J Sives in Chair

**1. Apologies** – Hugh Hunter-Gordon, Cllr D King, A Pinkerton, S McKenna, K McKeown, T Wood

**2. Declarations of interest**

None

**3. Approval of minutes of August meeting**

Approved by JT, IW. Noted that Martyn Blainey has resigned

**5. Councillor's reports**

CJ - involved as a witness in a stabbing, court case was being restarted many times. 20mph zone at school to be made permanent.

CJ met with Scot rail, pointed out there were footbridges elsewhere and the Scot rail spokesperson appeared to accept it should not be a problem. CJ also raised integration of bus services with rail.

Long waiting times at pharmacy in East Calder. Mid Calder application for pharmacy to be re-heard after objections from Lindsay & Gilmour.

Kirknewton Sports Pavilion work to start in two weeks. **IW to make plans of pavilion available.**

Calderwood etc. school places adequate until 2024, so plans for additional school places needed from 2022. Will not affect Kirknewton Primary. Military museum at Linburn open to the public except for Monday and Thursday.

Kirknewton Flying Club may be evicted from hangar at airfield due to non-payment of bills. Possible site for relocated museum? Ingliston is another alternative.

Local Area Committee to meet Thursday, CJ asked for any issues to bring up.

DT - Stirling Homes application for 300 place park and ride to go forward.

**Bus stop next to pub needs to be chased.** Anti-social behaviour - spoke to police & Safer Neighbourhoods Team. Residents were reminded to report incidents to 101.

JS reported police statistics for area were not available. DT pointed out WLC is funding a 90% of a police analyst so they should be able to collate these figures. Hoping for better under new Chief Constable.

### **Report from Ross Burton, WLC Head of Planning**

Local Development Plan was recently approved. There are eight professional planners working for RB. RB complimented KCC on having a better approach to planning than most community councils and being the only one to organised a poll on a planning issue. Humbie Phase 2 contaminated land and report from SEPA required. To go to committee 24th November at the earliest.

IW queried the Roads Department response and DT felt the road without footpath was not within guidelines. CJ mentioned the applicant had proposed a bus service to Danderhall.

NG stated there was a lot of growth in the area and asked about plans for transport including Central Belt plan. RB's response was that transport needs are analysed. He made it clear duelling of the A71 had been considered for decades but the Section 75 money raised had not reached sufficient levels to fund such a project. Also that an earlier plan had been abandoned after Edinburgh pulled out.

VG raised the parking at the railway station as a safety issue. **RB promised to look into it.**

Humbie changed designation from "special agriculture land" to "countryside belt".

NG asked about arrangements for schools and roads.

RB responded that a Section 75 agreement was sought at a cost of £6-10k per unit. New schools cost from £7-10 million, high schools a lot more. 15% of any development must be affordable housing, 25% from major developments like Calderwood.

RB stated that new build in West Lothian was to a good environmental standard.

JS asked what protection there was for areas like Kirknewton.

RB stated there were policies in place to prevent settlements merging and strip development.

SC had a question about maintenance of common areas.

RB stated that Planning Dept. does get involved in this but the main day-to-day responsibility may be with NETS Land Services under Jim Jack.

RB Operational Services are responsible for trunk roads.

**Jim Stewart, Head of Transport Planning to be invited to next meeting.**

RB - conservation areas to be indicated on LDP.

## **6. Actions from previous meeting**

## **7. Treasurer's report**

JT again reported the money in the bank was losing value over time and should be spent on community projects the KCC consider appropriate.

## **9. Report by other groups**

### **Gala - Sam**

2018 was a wash-out leading to a loss of £1000. £6500 in bank so Gala Cttee raising funds to guard against a total loss in future and cope with loss of £1000 grant from WLC from 2019 onwards. Monthly pub quiz to help towards this.

Gala 2019 to be held on the 3rd Saturday in June - 15th of the month. Torchlight procession to be held 2nd December.

9 members on the current Cttee so more to be recruited. It was reported KCDT has a full-time fundraiser.

JS raised the matter of fund raising and asked that each consider joining forces to raise funds jointly on a substantial event and then distribute funds to all groups.

### **Muddy Boots - SC**

There had been a meeting about winter plan. An event at the primary school involved the kids harvesting their own peas, apples and beans.

IW reported the first Community Lottery was to be drawn 1st October.

## **8. Planning report - VG and NG**

Fish and chip shop to put up new signage. David Harling/Caroline Timmings application for an equestrian building and formation of a riding arena was reported. RG suggested there was a problem with road safety due to flood lighting. KCC did not object to this application. VG to raise objection to current plan for parking at station on grounds of safety, traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

NG - railway electrification may not change timetable.

Lothian Buses was reported to be a "bolt from the blue". Meeting with NR on level crossing to be sought.

## **10. Communication**

### **11. Transport**

### **12. Any other business**

B Harding raised the subject of MOD land legacy. He informed meeting that Hugh Hunter Gordon had been involved previously and it was agreed that the matter should be held over until the next meeting when HHG would be in attendance to update the council.

There being no further general business the meeting was closed and the elected members then held a meeting in camera to discuss aims and objectives for the year ahead.

**Date of next meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**NEW ACTIONS**

No	Action item	Assigned to	Due
1	JS will ask community for updates via Facebook and report back under communication section of agenda	JS	OPEN
2	Land at Meadowbank is up for sale again, JS & IW will try to find out more info on this.	JS & IW	Sep 2018
3	There is a transport meeting early September, CJ will update on this at next meeting	CJ	ASAP
4	TW will distribute the WL bus community conversation	TW	Sep 2018
5	Police said hail and ride was an offence, this should be clarified. TW to clarify with police	TW	Sep 2018
6	Twinning - CJ has contacted James Cameron, Head of Education but has had no response as yet. MB will call French counterparts. Follow up progress at next meeting	CJ & MB	Sep 2018
7	Land owner at rail station/tracks - TF will get D Douglas to get a map, TW will ask for copy.	TF & TW	Sep 2018
8	update from Network Rail	NG	Sep 2018
9	Update on meet with traffic planning officer	VG	Sep 2018
10	Invite planning officer to CC meeting	VG	Sep 2018
11	CC meeting to be held on Tue/Thur – TW will review the original poll, TW will get this from TF and inform HHG	TW	Sep 2018
12	Update on Humbie Retirement Village	VG	Sep 2018
13	SC will provide a map of the area that Muddy Boots are maintaining	SC	Sep 2018
14	Put new bus timetables on fb	TW	Sep 2018
15	Update on the possibility of getting a light above the village hall door	TF	Sep 2018
16	Objectives for the CC for the year ahead	ALL	Sep 2018
17	Add to agenda - Discuss group email, should it only have current members?	TW	Sep 2018

**Date and time of next meeting: TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup>October at 18:45**