**LIVINGSTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTE of MEETING No 3-12 on 07 February 2019**

**PRESENT**:

MEMBERS; Brian Johnstone - Chair, Carole Robertson – Treasurer, Dean Swift, Planning Secretary/Minute Secretary, Shona Mackenzie, Catherine Brown

GUESTS: Councillor Alison Adamson, Alan Strachan, Garry Carder, Morag Carder, Violet McGregor

APOLOGIES:Apologies received from Councillor Moira Shemilt, Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Jodi Conner, Margaret McQueen

**ITEMS: Action**

1.0 **MINUTE APPROVAL**

1.1 Corrections to January minutes – para 2.4 was duplicated and therefore should be removed. Para 12.2 should read next woodland sub group meeting 14th, February, not 24th.

1.2 With above corrections Catherine Brown proposed approval, Alan Strachan seconded. The minutes were therefore approved.

2.0 **MATTERS ARISING**

2.1 (item 2.1 previous minutes): Margaret McQueen has enrolled LVCC in the Knowledge Hub Network, which allows us to share information with other Community Councils.

2.2 (item 2.2 previous minutes): BJ and DS have agreed a new circulation list.

2.3 (item 3.1 previous minutes): BJ was tasked with contacting WLC transport manager. Coincidently the manager has invited the LVCC to attend the first “Community Public Transport Forum” in the Civic Centre on 28th February. BJ will attend.  **BJ**

2.4 (item 5.2 previous minutes) BJ has contacted Persimmon Homes regarding traffic

 control at their site, especially during school drop off and collection times. There was an immediate positive response, copies of which were circulated to those who raised the initial concern.

3.0 **REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR:**

3.1 BJ attended the Livingston North LAC on 21 January. There was nothing relevant to

 the LVCC area. Next Livingston South LAC is on 15th February and Livingston North LAC on 14th March

3.2 NHS/Community Council Meeting:

 The February meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is the 20th of May.

 Two out of four meetings have now been cancelled.

 WLC is now supporting others in trying to get more car parking at St. Johns Hospital.

 There are recent press releases concerning reinstatement of 24/7 service at St John’s children ward from Monday to Thursday and until 8pm on Friday to Sunday.

3.3 Gala Day – There is a new Gala Day Committee now, we will invite the chairman

 to speak at a later date. LVCC pay for the charge related to WLC turning on the Christmas tree lights.

3.4 Kaims Woodland Sub-Group: The group is due to have its 5th meeting on

 21st February. Some progress has been made and new avenues under investigation.

4.0 **PLANNING REPORT**

4.1 Weekly Planning Lists: since last meeting there have been 104 applications.

4.2 Persimmon Homes : Persimmon now have planning permission and construction is proceeding with the aim of delivering the first completions late this year.

4.3 Gregory Road Housing: No change.

4.4 Charlesfield Road : No change

4.5 Hunter Road: Awaiting planning application, we have lodged our concerns at the pre-planning consultation.

4.6 Livingston West (Gavieside): Application now in with WLC Planning. As there are several documents to be studied discussion will take place at the next meeting.

4.7 Savills, Charlesfield Road: General comments have been submitted.

4.8 Randolf Hill Nursing Home: About to be granted its final amended approval and will start construction in July for completion September 2020.

5.0 **POLICE REPORT**

5.1 No report

6.0 **NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ELECTED COUNCILLORS**

6.1 Councillor Moira Shemilt was unable to attend and sent her apologies.

6.3 Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick was unable to attend and sent his apologies.

6.4 Councillor Alison Adamson:

6.4.1 It was noted that a lot of the fly tipping in West Lothian actually originates in Lanarkshire. This relates to the current issue of trees in Woodland Trust areas having to be felled due to a virus imported by fly tipping. The woodlands Trust has spent the bulk of its litter removal expenditure in West Lothian. BJ added that this is because the vast majority of their woodlands are in Livingston.

6.4.2 A date has been confirmed for setting the Council budget. The public may attend the meeting or listen to it live via the Council’s web site.

6.4.3 Greenspace’s bi-annual report has been issued. They discuss natural maintenance approach to road verges, the need for allotments and possible garden sharing for people who wish an allotment. There are also grants available for community-based projects related to health and wellbeing. AA thought this grant may be used for planting the containers in the village square. BJ stated that he was going to request a contribution from Persimmon Homes towards the plants.

6.4.4 The Woodlands Trust are offering trees to schools and other interested groups in November 2019.

6.4.5 Shop Mobility has lost funding.

6.4.6 Street names in the Persimmon site are going to be Tulloch Lane and Tulloch Court. Apparently this name has a historical link to the Kirk associated with the Free Church which was located in the village at one time.

7.0 **TREASURER’S REPORT**

7.1 As reported at the AGM prior to this meeting –The accounts have been completed, audited and signed. The balance at the end of March was £414.60. They will now be submitted to WLC after March.

7.2The balance in the bank account as of 16th January is £167.17

8.0 **WEB & IT MATTERS**

8.1 It was agreed that for the time being the CC would wait until MMQ has time to deal

 with this matter. **MMQ**

9.0 **SECRETARIAL MATTERS**

9.1 The LVCC email inbox received 20 messages since we last met. The most relevant were:

* + “Sunshine Gym” is offering adult outdoor gym equipment. DS to investigate. **DS**
	+ There is now a local plan survey on line. It is intended that local communities become active in formulation of local plans. With no expertise or resources it is unclear as to how this would actually be carried out. BJ to clarify with WLC Planning. **BJ**
	+ The Royal Horticultural Society, through a programme called “Greening Britain”, is offering grants for creating gardens. Anyone interested in this to contact BJ. **ALL**
	+ There is a workshop on “Habitats for Pollinators in Stirling on Wednesday 20th March. Anyone interested in this to contact BJ. **ALL**
	+ Glasgow University has invited the Council to do a survey on community resilience, however the return date is too close to provide a response.

10.0 **AOCB**

10.1 CR commented on the position of the LVCC notice board on Kirkton South Road, saying that no one sees it in that location. Due to planning issues and land ownership it is not sure what the alternatives are. BJ suggested taking it off the posts and fixing it to the bus shelter.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING**

11.1 Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 7 March 2019 at 7:00pm** in the function room of the Livingston Inn.

11.2 The next Kaims woodlands meeting will be held on Thursday 21 February 2019 at 7:00pm in the function room of the Livingston Inn.

Dean Swift

09 February 2019