**LIVINGSTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTE of MEETING No 3-15 on 02 MAY 2019**

**PRESENT**:

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

GUESTS: Councillor Alison Adamson, Alan Strachan, Jimmy Burns, Christopher Bradley (West Lothian Courier), Violet McGregor, George Morier, Richard Lever, Nelu Balaj, Georgie Hume, Vera Turnbull, Pauline Moffat - Cyrenians

APOLOGIES:Apologies received from: Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Councillor Moira Shemilt

**ITEMS: Action**

1.0 **MINUTE APPROVAL**

1.1 Councillor Moira Shemilt (via email) pointed out that the last item under her report (item 7.2) at the last meeting was inaccurate and should of read “The celebration of one hundred years of women's suffrage was held at Howden Park Centre and St Kentigern's pupils provided a play on the topic of women getting the vote.”

1.2 Alan Strachan proposed approval of March minutes; Catherine Brown seconded it

2.0 **MATTERS ARISING**

2.1 (item 2.4 previous minutes): Integrated Joint Board Strategic Plan – Comments have been submitted.

2.2 (item 4.5 previous minutes): Kaims woodlands – see woodland group section, item 4.5

2.3 (item 5.6): Livingston West (Gavieside): comments have been submitted.

2.4 (item 10.1 previous minutes); road networks – this refers to a study carried out by an independent agency to study the value of local roads. There were no comments submitted by LVCC.

2.5 (item 9.1 previous minutes): IT – Margaret McQueen to report in due course.

2.6 (item 10.2 previous minutes): Flooding of footpath just north or Buchannan Gardens – this was referred to WLC Roads Department, no response as yet.

**3.0 PRESENTATION FROM CYRENIANS – OPAL (Older People Active Lives) REPRESENTATIVE**

3.1 Pauline Moffat gave a brief summary of OPAL’s remit which is mainly to support older people who, for what ever reason, may be isolated and benefit from support in the form of personal contact. This may take the form of attending social groups and sometimes more active pursuits such as trips to garden centres, quiz nights, etc. Under special circumstances, such as bereavements, individual support may be provided.

3.2 In co-operation with the Livingston Village Community Education Community Association a group is being started at Livingston Village Primary School commencing next Tuesday morning 10:00am – 12:00. Initially it will be a social group but it is hoped that feedback will be received as to what activities will take place in the future.

4.0 **REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR:**

4.1 NHS/Community Council Meetings – These have been cancelled until 2020; this has now been taken up by the WLC Community Forum. LVCC has been invited to

 comment on Adult Health and Social Care at various events. These are two hour sessions, the nearest one being at Howden Park Centre on Tuesday 21 May at

 either 2:30 – 4:40pm or 5:30 – 7:30. Attendance must be booked, details can be

 obtained from JB. **ALL**

4.2 Buses – BJ missed the last Transportation forum but did receive a reply to earlier questions raised. The response is in an email that BJ will forward to all. The next Transportation Forum will be held on May 29 at the Civic Centre **BJ**

Just before the meetingCouncillor Alison Adams received a list of various

 First Scotland timetable changes. The main one affecting the Village is the

 number 22 that states minor timetable changes.

4.3 Forthcoming LACs (Local Area Committees): Livingston North – Friday 17 May, Livingston South \_ Friday 24 May

4.4 Kaims Woodland Sub-Group: the group is still meeting every month with update on

 all 7 areas. Two of these areas receiving significant attention – plots 3 & 4 (between Kaims Grove and Brae and between Brae and Gardens.

 No success as yet in obtaining financial grants or donations but the group is still

 actively pursuing support.

 Next meeting Thursday 23 May. If anyone wishes copies of minutes contact BJ. **ALL**

5.0 **PLANNING REPORT**

5.1 Weekly Planning Lists: Since the last meeting there have been no new local applications

 of significance, but existing active ones are listed below:

5.2 Hunter Road: Awaiting Robertson’s application in June.

5.3 Livingston West (Gavieside): Comments have been submitted in an updated form

 to take into account the new layout.

5.4 DS mentioned that there were 3 applications just outwith the LVCC boundary: Extension of Bannatynes off Charlesfield Road, addition of housing site to Gavieside application

 and notice of Environmental Impact Assessment for Housing at Appleton Parkway (north west Eliburn).

6.0 **POLICE REPORT**

6.1 No report

7.0 **NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ELECTED COUNCILLORS**

7.1 Councillor Alison Adamson:

* There is an exhibition of Naval Photos by the Royal British Legion on May 7 at 7:00. A local British Legion member who was a Naval photographer took the photographs.
* On the 24th of September at 6:30pm there will be a short service before personal stories from the battle of Arnhem and WW2 memories, also by a local British Legion member at 7:00pm
* The local taxi trade annual children’s outing will include Simpson parkway this year, finishing up at the Livingston Rugby Club.
* Killandean Allotments will have their annual open day 25th May at 1:00pm. There will be vegetables and plants for sale.
* WLC now assist in Funeral costs for people who qualify on low incomes. It will be monitored for two years.
* It was noted that the Eliburn Park football ground was vandalized just prior to the Easter Holiday football training.
* The Livingston Players are performing “Made in Dagenham” at Howden Park Centre from 21-25 May.
* AA took part in discussions concerning animal welfare an in particular the possibility of harsher penalties and banning people from ownership.
* AA suggested that the LVCC might think about street naming for the new housing developments in the area.

8.0 **TREASURER’S REPORT**

8.1 There was no formal report but expenditure last month was £40.00.

9.0 **WEB & IT MATTERS**

9.1 Knowledge Hub - It was agreed that for the time being the CC would wait until

 MMQ has time to deal with this matter. **MMQ**

10.0 **SECRETARIAL MATTERS**

10.1 The LVCC email inbox received 17 messages since we last met. The most relevant were:

* + Planning consultation relating to developer contributions – comments to be submitted by 15 May, BL to forward. **BJ**
	+ A company called ‘Plantscape” in Derbyshire have sent several adverts**.**
	+ Bike Revival Scotland – provide funding opportunities for Community Councils. If anyone wishes to persue contact BJ **ALL**
	+ Edinburgh Airport has sent updated notes on the need to change airspace traffic.
	+ Addendum consultation on unconventional oil and gas (fracking) requesting comments. LVCC will repeat its objection.
	+ Road closures – Howden Link (currently active). MacIntosh Road (Kirkton Campus) late July and various in and around A889 (duel carriageway) related to junctions.
	+ Armed Forces day event at Civic centre on 30th June
	+ Killandean Allotment event 25th May.

10.0 **AOCB**

10.1 Possible multi-story car park at St. John’s Hospital – it was queried whether or not any decision has been made regarding the provision of the car park. As the liaison meetings have not taken place recently (ref. item 4.1) it is not known what progress, if any, there is on this subject. However it is known that there is pressure from all sides to proceed.

10.2 It was reported that there was oil-like substance in Killandean Burn recently. SM reported it to SEPA and a boom was placed to contain the substance.

10.3 Nelu Balaj reported that the British Legion has once again entered the cenotaph in the village for the best-kept cenotaph competition.

10.4 There is a website called “Next Door” for people in a neighbourhood to organize and keep in touch. An app can be downloaded. One example of its use could be to warn of break-ins in the area.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING**

11.1 Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 6 June 2019 at 7:00pm** in the function room of the Livingston Inn.

11.2 The next Kaims woodlands meeting will be held on Thursday 23 May 2019 at 7:00pm in the function room of the Livingston Inn.

Dean Swift

05 May 2019