**LIVINGSTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTE of MEETING No 3-03 4th JANUARY 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Brian Johnstone - Chair, Dean Swift- Minute & Planning Secretary, Shona Mackenzie.

**GUESTS:** Richard Lever, Georgie Hume, Alan Murray (Police Scotland)

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies received from Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Councillor Alison Adamson, Councillor Peter Heggie, Angela Moohan, Nelu Balaj, Margaret McQueen, Catherine Brown, Gordon Pennykid, Jodi Conner, Carol Robertson, Annette Logan

**ITEMS: Action**

1.0 **MINUTE APPROVAL**

1.1Approval of last meetings minutes was proposed by David lever and seconded

by Shona Mackenzie.

2.0 **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:**

2.1BJ apologised for missing some consultations (fire

and rescue, low emissions smart ticketing and local buses) due to personal reasons

but did submit a statement to support continuation of free bus pass.

2.2 The Councils earlier submission on climate change was acknowledged. It is

currently going through analysis.

2.3 Alderstone Road from Kirkton Campus roundabout to Morrison’s roundabout will be closed from this Monday for 3 weeks. Also, a portion of Simpson parkway will be

closed from 29 January to 4 February.

2.4 St John’s Hospital continues to have problems. There are major issues with

paediatric service, delays in A&E, medical practices overloaded and too busy to

give appointments. LCCC has registered complaints but there seems to be no

easy answer and therefore things will probably not improve.

2.5 An ENT department has been located at St John’s Hospital.

2.6 An article in the Scotsman stated that the possibility of a multi-story car park at

St. John’s Hospital has been discussed again but financing it would obviously be

a problem. Private funding could be used by this would result in charges.

2.7 The next joint Community Council and NHS meeting is on Monday 12th February.

This is after our AGM.

2.8 Community Council: our election saw an increase from 5 to 8 members which is

positive. Eliburn grew from 4 to 7 plus 2 co-opted.

2.9 BJ explained that the circulation list for meeting minutes has grown to a substantial

length as they generally get distributed to everyone who has attended in the past. It

was decided from now on to distribute them to the mandatory list (Councillors,

members, etc.) and those present at the meeting. The minutes will be posted on the

shop notice board as well as the CC noticeboard by Kaims bus stop. They will also

be available on the council’s web site. BJ will notify all previous recipients of this

change. BJ

2.10 It was agreed at the last meeting that we should provide a notice board in the

square. DS to investigate and bring proposals to next meeting. DS

2.11 It was also agreed that the minutes should continue to be slightly more than

just the minimum facts to give readers, who were not at the meeting, enough

background in understanding the issues.

2.12 Trees at Kaims: Another visit to John Roberts was attempted without success.

BJ will do letter next month. BJ

2.13 Village square: see item 2.10. Signs have been attached to the planters as agreed previously indicating who plants and maintains the planters.

2.14 BJ did not attend the Livingston South Local Area Committee in December.

2.15 Guest speakers: BJ asked the meeting to think about guest speaker for the next

year ALL

3.0 **PLANNING REPORT**

3.1 DS described 5 planning applications that may be of interest: extension to houses

at 11 Millfield and 21 Thirlfield Wynd, Illuminated sign at Almondvale West Retail

Park, two freestanding signs at Fleming Road, 2 storage tanks at SHE (adjacent to

the existing) and the formation of a training area directly north of the telephone

exchange which will consist of 53 telephone poles, chain-link fencing floodlights and

car parking.

3.2 Hunter Road: No developments since early November, BJ could not reach anyone

this week for an update

3.3 Nursing Home: Revised proposals were submitted to WLDC, which consisted of

minor changes to roof angle. We did not object.

4.0 **POLICE REPORT**

4.1 Allan Murray presented crime figures from 3 December to 3 January: 13 call outs of

which included 2 for alarms, 2 anti social (which did not include youth), 2 road and traffic,

1 crime (vandalism at Quarrywood Court).

4.2 There was therefore nothing of great concern during this period.

5.0 **NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ELECTED COUNCILLORS**

5.1 No Councillors were present as it is still officially their Christmas holiday.

6.0 **TREASURERS REPORT**

6.1Although CR was not present it was noted that no financial activity took place since

the last meeting therefore the balance is £452.13. The fee for having the Christmas

tree lights turned on by WLDC has yet to be paid.

7.0 **WEB & IT MATTERS**

7.1 No report as MM was not at meeting. As stated at the last meeting, the web site

could do with an update.

7.2 Ref item 2.9: the meeting minutes will now go on the web site, BJ to liaise

with MM BJ, MM

8.0 **SECRETARIAL MATTERS**

8.1 The LVCC email inbox received 17 messages since we last met. Messages

of note were:

West Lothian Licensing Board wanted comments by 5th January, this was not

acted on due to short time frame.

Linlithgow Community Council wants us to join their campaign against stopping

the no. 31 bus. After discussion it was agreed that generally a rural bus connection

is important for people in outlying areas but felt that there was little actual action we

could take although we support the issue.  BJ will contact person at Linlithgow CC to ascertain what if anything we can do. BJ

We are invited to Howden Park on the 11th of January to learn about GDPR

data & social media.

A person from Eliburn asked to join the council but he lives north of the Old Cousland Road, therefore outwith our council’s catchment area.

9.0 **AOCB**

9.1 None

10.0 **NEXT MEETING**

10.1 Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 1 February 2018 at 7:00pm** in the function room of the Livingston Inn. This will be the AGM. As agreed at the meeting of 2 November we will not elect office bearers but receive a brief report from each. A normal meeting will follow.

Dean Swift

06 January 2018