

**LIVINGSTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTE of MEETING on 4th NOVEMBER 2021**

PRESENT:

MEMBERS; Diane Loughlin – Chair, Brian Johnstone – Deputy Chair, Dean Swift – Secretary, Catherine Brown, Jacqueline Conway

GUESTS: Margaret McQueen, Georgie Hume, Richard Lever, Stuart Baillie, Kirstin Shemilt, Nelu Balaj, Theo Georgion, Carole Robertson, Carol Drummond,

COUNCIL ATTENDEES: Councillor Moira Shemilt , Councillor Alison Adamson, Councillor Andrew Miller, Councillor Maria MacAulay,

APOLOGIES: Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Jodie Connor

ITEMS:

Action

1.0 MINUTE APPROVAL

1.1 Minutes of October's meeting, motion to approve by Brian Johnston, seconded by Jacqueline Conway.

2.0 MATTERS ARISING

2.1 There were no matters arising.

3.0 REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR:

3.1 Diane Loughlin, the new Chairman, thanked Brian Johnston for all his years of chairmanship, it was appreciated by all concerned.

3.2 D L welcomed everyone to the first meeting. No formal report was tabled as the chairman was just elected.

3.3 Memorial Hub Project: Following on from last month's report JC stated that the WLC allowed the £800.00 underspend to be used. Therefore, a leaf blower, power washer, cleaning machine, strimmer, brushes and stones for use around the hub were purchased.

4.0 PLANNING REPORT

4.1 No significant planning applications have been lodged last month.

5.0 POLICE REPORT

5.1 No police report. There has not been a representative from the police for several months, even before Lockdown.

6.0 NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ELECTED COUNCILLORS

6.1 Councillor Alison Adamson:

6.1.1 Following complaints from applicants, WLC has provided information on their web site regarding how the housing allocation list is compiled.

- 6.1.2 The school lets at Livingston Village Primary School are in disarray now due to several circumstances, one of which is Covid. It is intended to have a meeting between the school, the letting group (Livingston Village Community Education Centre Association), and the WLC mentor.
- 6.1.3 There is a possible new development (rumoured to be accommodation for West Lothian homeless young people) to be located by the stadium which the CC may wish to investigate. Although the site is in the Dedridge Community Council area it abuts Livingston Village.
- 6.2 Councillor Moira Shemilt:
- 6.2.1 MS wished to get feedback from the CC on what information they wish to hear from the Councillors. It would help them prepare for the meetings and perhaps not report on issues that are not of direct interest to the CC. **ALL**
- 6.3 Councillor Andrew Miller:
- 6.3.1 Almond Valley Heritage Centre will be involved with WLC over various issues such as footpath connections and use of the land which is currently the overflow car park.
- 6.4 Councillor Maria MacAulay:
- 6.4.1 WLC are still working to identifying land ownership in front of the church. The issue of lighting is also being progressed.
- 7.0 **TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 7.1 The existing balance is £213.00.
- 7.2 Although not stated at the meeting, apparently it is not clear at what date the annual account date must be prepared.
- 8.0 **WEB & IT MATTERS**
- 8.1 MM stated that there seemed to be trouble logging on to the CC email address. She will change the email address and report any costs to next month's meeting.
- 8.2 The Facebook page has 622 likes and 75 followers. MM asked the meeting if we want an Instagram account, and possibly Twitter. **ALL**
- 8.2 As suggested last meeting, CD tabled various graphics for our Facebook page. Similar graphics could be used on the Gala Day Committee and the web site for continuity. CD stated that if she could be the "administrator" on the site she would refresh the graphic as displayed regularly. MM mentioned that the logo could be used as a brand for the Facebook and Gala Day committee.
- 9.0 **SECRETARIAL MATTERS**
- 9.1 No report.

10.0 GALA DAY COMMITTEE

- 10.1 Christmas tree lights are going to be turned on at 6:30pm on Friday 3rd December, a banner will be erected at the school announcing it. The banner, along with a poster, will be used to promote the Christmas tree lights. New lighting on light poles to be in place tomorrow (6th November).
- 10.2 An application has been made to WLC for the cost of this year's Christmas hampers for pensioners. There has also been fund-raising activities to help with the expense. There are about 65 people eligible. Following discussion, it was agreed that Kaims was within the area eligible for the hampers.

11.0 AOCB

- 11.1 DL asked if the councillors had any issues with security. None were reported from the councillors present although it was noted there are times when they might be in a building alone in the evening, this is avoided now.
- 11.2 RL commented that the speed bumps in front of the school are in disrepair. DL to report using WLC web site. **DL**
- 11.3 RL also mentioned that the Council 20mph initiative does not seem to be in Livingston. Apparently, this is because of Livingston's pedestrian segregated footpath system. There was further discussion on the merits or otherwise of the initiative. It was suggested that we request someone, presumably from the police, to discuss it at one of our meetings. **All**
- 11.4 BJ expressed his appreciation for all the new Chairman's kind remarks at the start of the meeting and thanked the new members who joined.
- 11.5 The subject of WLC's bid to become a city was discussed. It was generally thought that there was not enough information and perhaps there should be an information campaign to point out the advantages. MS may email the CC any information that will be helpful. **MS**

12.0 NEXT MEETING

- 12.1 Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 2nd 2021 at 7:00pm** in the function room of the Livingston Inn.

Dean Swift

04 November 2021