Broxburn Community Council Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 28th March

Present:

West Lothian Council : Cllr's J Campbell, E Glass

Broxburn Community Council: D Knox, T Roy, M Kane, S Dowd, R McLean,

J McLaren, T Penman,

Broxb'n Acad. CC members : L Harrison, C Johnson.

Community Police Officer : Pc V Manning Guest speaker : R Turnbull, wlc.

Others : L Fogill,

Apologies : E Bradley, G Allan

Matters arising from previous minutes.

- 1. **Disabled parking** at Argyle Court, the 90 minutes is to keep continues flow of traffic in the Disabled parking bay. Blue badge holders can park in the other spaces without time restriction. PC Manning checking re yellow line parking.
- 2. **Police Report.** Vandalism is down this year, February crime figures are, 49 crimes committed and 29 solved.

3. Road Signage.

- Flashing speed warnings will not be erected as it is not an accident black spot.
- HVG sign in place at Dechmont roundabout to direct traffic to East Mains Ind. Estate via A89 avoiding Broxburn Main Street.
- The traffic lights at the junction at Greendykes Rd are at present being monitored, but the button for crossings can't be moved.
- Station Road. Nothing can be done at present to prevent HGVs using this road but it may be considered as part of the AQM management scheme.
- No change to the HGV traffic on Newhouse's Rd can be made at this time but the situation will be kept under review.
- 4. **A BMX track** at the back of the Albion Park is to be built, and should be ready by December.
- 5. **Fly Tipping.** The site was cleared but is a mess again. Security of amenity site being assessed and perhaps relocating specific scrap. Visit to be arranged with David Lees and BCC. Community police involved.
- 6. **Guest Speaker:** Mr Roy Turnbull has a dual role. He is a council employee (working with the housing officer) and Police neighbourhood Team Officer; he gave an interesting presentation on the safer neighbourhood team and ASBO's. They work day and night shifts dealing mainly with antisocial behaviour including noise, music, harassment, and vandalism. They are linked with Social Services. There are currently 28 local cases open.
- 7. **Air pollution** consultations for reducing pollutants will start in April and last approx two Years.

Other Competent business:

- **Shale Heritage project** is to be launched at the Strathbrock Partnership on the 16th April at 1pm.
- Link Road. It is to be seen if the road link between East Mains Ind Estate & Greendykes Rd could be opened early. TR & DK meeting planning next week.
- **Broxburn flood prevention.** Work to start on the 3rd April and will last several months. Web: WWW.Floodalertscotland.org.uk. You can apply for a free phone alert. GH to be contacted by Councillor Campbell re leaflets and addresses.
- Easter events will begin on the 16th April with a Farmers Market, Face Painting, and Easter Egg hunt among the attractions. It is to be investigated if a market/car boot sale once a month in summer would be feasible for the purpose of raising funds for the community.
- The **treasurer** is to ask Lorraine McGrorty about funding for a PC and apply for Special Funding eg for Newsletter to be discussed. Steve Dowd will look after technical side of site of web.
- Application (ref. no. 0115/P/11) for housing has been lodged by WLC. to build one hundred houses at Candleworks site and build road linking Clarkston Rd with Greendykes. Tesco has not yet applied for planning for their supermarket. After a lively discussion guarantees that all toxic materials would be properly dealt with are required. Air pollution from increased traffic requires consideration as this is already in the AQM zone. Some fear it as a 'rat run' on school access area. Post your opinion about this on our website.
- **? Sewage leak.** In the woodland between Clarkson and Greendykes during/after rainfall there is a blue liquid seepage which is very pungent. Councillor Glass to have investigated.
- **Art Exhibition** by the pupils of Broxburn Academy to be held on Thursday 7th April 2011 at 7pm. Tickets £2:00 in aid of children from the Academy going to Romania to work in a charity. It will be a Catwalk show of the SQA exam work of pupils.
- **Grit on Pavements.** The deep clean has started in the main street and should remove the problem.
- The youth members are going to try to arrange with the Captain and headmaster to invite older residents in the community to their concerts to try to get the young and old to interact more.
- **Dobbies Garden Centre.** The grass verge is a mess and a request for traffic lights at the roundabout has to be submitted. A letter of withdrawal of application 0830/FUL/11 for a valet bay was received dated 7/03/11 at planning.

Next meeting Monday 25th April at 7pm.

The Web address for the Broxburn CC www.broxburncc.org.uk