

MINUTES of

**Broxburn Community Council Meeting**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2012.

Broxburn Old Town Hall, Broxburn. 19.00hrs

Present: Tom Roy, Chair person. Dorothy Knox, Treasurer, Ellen Glass, Secretary

Members S Dowd, R Morrison, R McLean

Councillors T Boyle

Members of the public = 5

Apologies- T Penman, Cllr D Calder, Cllr J Campbell and PC V Manning

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed as correct.

Business arising

**1. First Bus:** Chair welcomed First Bus management to the meeting (5 in total) The reason for their attendance was the many problems raised by the public. The major problem is with Disability access on and off 1<sup>st</sup> Bus Foot Steps are locked down with screws so no access for Electric Wheel Chair users. Bus Drivers were unprofessional and unhelpful. Management was horrified to hear the stories regarding the Disability public and lack of replying to letters and e-mails sent

1<sup>ST</sup> Bus stated this will be rectified as of now. Also a Memo would be circulated to all drivers that any driver found to breach this requirement would be disciplined. They also stated that all drivers should undertake a 21 point check on their bus before the bus is 'Fit for Purpose' and before it leaves the depot. This would appear not to be done and they gave assurance that this will now be monitored daily and spot checks are to be carried out routinely. They stressed that 1<sup>st</sup> Bus has made radical management changes at Livingston and they gave us their reassurance that these issues tonight will not be tolerated as of now. Buses have to be 20% disability adapted.

They went on to inform us that W.L.C. 4 yearly procurement procedures has just been completed and 1<sup>st</sup> Bus was unsuccessful on routes Number 31 & 32. These are now delivered from 1<sup>st</sup> October by Horsburgh

They explained that the Town Centre Bus will now travel from Aitken Orr Drive to Strathbrock Partnership then leaves here turning RIGHT (Not Left), travelling down to cross road at Fire Station, up Blyth Road, along A89 turning into Loaninghill, up over into Loanfoot, down through to the Academy, down to Cardross Road. These changes will add 15 minutes on to their Journey. Attendees at the meeting were horrified that no public consultation took place with the people in Broxburn.

1<sup>st</sup> Bus has agreed to investigate and report back directly with a member of the public regarding their HORRIFYING experience with a few 1<sup>st</sup> Bus Drivers. 1<sup>ST</sup> bus management did listen to our complaints in a professional manner and stressed if anyone has a problem please contact 08708727271 Mon to Fri 8am to 6pm or write to Customer Services First, Carmuir House, 300 Stirling Road, Larbert, FK53 3NJ or e-mail [scotlandeast@firstgroup.com](mailto:scotlandeast@firstgroup.com) or Travelline 08712002233—24 hours a day

The Chair thanked the Group for attending the meeting as it was indeed a very fruitful meeting. Concerns from the group were raised with Councillor Boyle regarding the reason for such change in this service and Why? As there could be a Health and Safety risk to the public and children in Blyth Road and Loaninghill Road as there are no bus stops

**2 Olympic Torch** -The Community Council have received 2 copies of the DVD but they are not for sale. We believe WLC. gifted a DVD to each of the Care Homes and Sheltered Housing. If residents would like to view them please contact the Community Council if you do not have access to one. A wonderful party was had by all. Ellen Glass congratulated the Community Council on organising the day' programme of events.

**3. Broxburn Gala Day** Ellen Glass informed the Chair that a small letter of thanks was posted in this week's Courier and she congratulated the Chair, Mr Tom Roy, who is also the Chair of the New Gala Day Committee. Both he and his new Committee produced the best Gala Day for years. Excellent day and the public still speak fondly,

**4. BMX Track** Work on this new development at Stewartfield Park to commence on week 26<sup>th</sup> October, Ellen Glass to check with Council Officer Colin Bell

**5. Flood Prevention** - Newhouse's Road / Burnvale-Major work is now completed plus 2 new bridges and the area to be landscaped. Still some outstanding issues with one resident but, on the whole, residents are very grateful for the excellent Job and wish to thank the contractors and especially West Lothian Council Flood Prevention Officer, Mr Graeme Hedger, and contractors. Councillor Boyle stated that he was very impressed with the Early Flood Notification Scheme, an excellent service.

**6. Horsburgh Bus Company** - Due to the AGM being held next month, Chair will invite the managers to come along to one of the meetings at the beginning of the New Year.

**7. The Old Town Centre Garden** - We are still awaiting a report from Oatridge College. We have had word through Councillor Janet Campbell that we will get Community Service team in Broxburn and if Oatridge can't help us, maybe they can do something. Action - Cllr J Campbell.

**8. Lollipop person at Kirkhill Primary School.** Surveillance has been carried out by WLC and found that no lollipop person was required.

### Items from the floor

- a) **Dobbies application** re Car Wash - Dorothy and Tom will attend. Phone call received from their liaison person to be followed up.
  
- b) Complaint regarding the large **refuge bins** obstructing shop owners are placing these out on the main street pavement which is the dropped kerb area for wheelchair access and as a result electric wheel chair users are unable to access the Main Street in Broxburn. Chair will look into this. They should be picked up from the back and returned to their storage site by the contractor.
  
- b) **Broxburn Primary School P.T.A.** raised a serious problems regarding car parking at Broxburn Primary School, Greendykes Road. It was stated that there is not enough space when dropping the children off as they have to stand out from the car and as a result there were almost 2 accidents the other week because when drivers reverse back they can't see the children. After a discussion it would appear that there are 2 large areas of trees and if they could be cut back this could make the car park about 4 to 8 feet wider.  
  
Councillor Boyle is to visit the site and it was suggested that the P.T.A. write to Miss M Niven, Depute Chief Executive, at the Civic Centre regarding their concerns.
  
- c) **Kirkhill School** new Head Teacher, Mrs J Boyle has written to the group asking to visit the Community Council with some children. As we are unsure if this was something we as a group could undertake it was agreed that Ellen Glass will phone and arrange a visit to the school.
  
- d) **Lawsons the butcher.** It was reported by a member of public that they had been broken into at the back. It was also commented that there was a lot of rubbish including an old mattress. Action. Cllr T.Boyle.
  
- e) **The Notice board** outside the Library belongs to the Community Council and we should be asked if anyone else wants to use it. This would only be granted if room is available.
  
- f) **St Johns Hospital.** It was brought to our attention that the Burns Unit has to be moved and downsized despite the existing unit being purpose built.
  
- g) **Free Training for Community Councillors** has been arranged and courses start soon for those who have applied.
  
- h) Letter of thanks for Diamond Jubilee Donation from the Community Council was received from Mr Harvey, the Head teacher of Broxburn Primary School.

Meeting closed at 9-15 pm

Next Meeting and AGM,  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7pm