

Winchburgh Community Council

8th February 2016 Minutes

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Minutes of the Winchburgh Community Council meeting held in the Community Education Centre Craigton Place Winchburgh at 7pm on Monday the 8th Feb 2016.

Apologies, Claire McKechnie,

Minutes, Proposed by Jim Sommerville, Seconded by William Honeyford.

Attendance,

Community Councillors: A Stirling, P Nisbet (Secretary) I Wallace (chair), M Baird,

W Honeyford, J Summerville, Sheila Sutherland, P Anderson.

Members of the Public : D Faulkner, John Finnigan, E Small, M Russell, A Russell, W Grant, D Jurgenson, C McWilliams, I Miller, A H Pryde, D Mabon, **Councillors:** D Calder, Janet Campbell.

Visitors from Edinburgh University, D Nichol: S Moodley: H Shi,

Following last month's request from concerned new resident about lack of play facilities, Planning Officer Wendy McCorrison produced updates showing just where the development was meeting requirements, these lists showed all of the requirements and Conditions in place for the whole of the development.

Robin Mathews Town Planner from Winchburgh Development Company, gave an update on Play areas and will ask the company to look at providing a temporary play or upgrading the current small area to the rear of the Maisonettes opposite the school, there was a suggestion from the public that a play area could be placed in Millgate Park but this was rejected as being too far from the new Housing. He also said he would speak to J Hamilton (developers) about an area beside block J which could provide a temporary play area.

When asked why there was a delay in starting the Town Centre, he explained the delay was due to a Major Technical issue with the Electricity supply required for the Town Centre, this is now in the hands of SSE and a complete replacement of the cable from Broxburn to the village is in their hands. This is the reason for the delay in the Town Centre development. W McCorrison then reminded everyone about the "3450 houses in the development.

Question from Councillor J Campbell to Wendy McCorrison,

How many units were occupied? Figure of 240 given.

Robin Mathews then stated that they, The Developers were ahead of "The Game" and speaking with Council to speed things up and reach certain Triggers to get things started, ie New Local Park, no definite position for this, and no detail as to where it will be at this time.

Town Centre, 96 affordable houses will go ahead, 2014 Developers started discussions with Sainsburys but delay due to Electrical issue as stated earlier. Sainburys will not commit until Electricity issue is resolved, details awaited from SSE as to how and when the new supply will be in place as this is going to cost millions of pounds!

MB asked if renewables could be used but answer was No.

Councillor D Calder raised concerns about Public Transport and informed meeting Monies from Developer have been paid to First Bus for 38 service upgrade, this was also confirmed by Wendy McCorrison,

Writer to make contact with Ian Forbes, to get some info, re lack of Transport from Winchburgh to Broxburn and beyond.

Jim Sommerville ask if anything could be done to get Horseburgh to come to a WCC meeting , unfortunately nothing can be done if they do not wish to attend.

Wendy stating that anybody can run a bus service,

MB again stating a play area was a necessity ASAP,

Robin Mathews , update on house builders, Miller homes planned for 76 units and have sold 75, Blocks J1&J2 expansion, these blocks will be expanded but no work yet started as these has not been sold,

Barretts are behind with their planned build, Stewart Milne have received consent to take small vehicles (Transit types) through the Barrett & Millar estates for some time, concerns were raised about the safety of children, Residents to contact Winchburgh Developments (John Hamilton) or (Robin Mathews) if concerned about this.

PA asking about mine working in field at start of F/dean road, No building planned for areas subject to these workings.

Janet Campbell, asked RM about the Proposed Marina, this still very much wanted by Scottish Canals, and will hopefully come to fruition.

PA asking why a roundabout was put at west side of village?

Robin explained that as the new road will go round the back of the Bellway Site to a new junction on Beatly Road, this was not seen as a requirement.

PA asked about the bit of land which has Trees on it, will remain as building land with trees retained.

Question about Hedges which appear to be dying! Scottish Woodlands will visit and advise. Also stating new lighting will be continued from Bellways site to West End House.

Councillor Calder gave out info re Water Hydrants being used by only Two Contractors now and they have been asked to select alternatives to the currently used Hydrants.

Police Report:

Police officers Robertson and Drummond from Linlithgow attended and reported that a Restructuring is taking place and he Peter Robertson will be our designated Community Police Officer.

Some break-ins and attempted break-ins took place over Christmas period.

Both officers advising that householders should use timers on some lighting as they have seen a lot of houses with no lights, no cars in drive way, which they say is a giveaway that no one is at home.

Police have stepped up patrols in our area.

Also stating that vehicles have been targeted, and tools stolen from a van outside the Surgery.

PA again reporting the garage on the main street using various streets to park untaxed vehicles. Police will investigate this and other vehicles owned by Garage.

PA seeking info on no 21 Abercorn which appears empty and still a homeless unit. Councillor Campbell will attempt to get some info on this issue.

Complaint about bridge removed and not replaced, which was part of our right of way to golf course,

Writer has been in constant contact with Network rail and this is in hand.

Proposed wording for the Plaque on the memorial seat given to Isabella Miller to Show her father George Miller and advise Community Council.

Update on Right of way bridge, The following day letters were delivered to all in village stating that a replacement will be forth coming when design etc. is in place.

This might be in the late autumn depending on workloads of Network Rail.

Date of next meeting 14th March.