

Winchburgh Community Council

11th April 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 11th April 2016 2016..

Apologies, Claire McKechnie, Mandy Baird, Peter Anderson.

Minutes , Proposed by Jim Somerville, Seconded by Sheila Sutherland

Attendance, Police Sgt Paul Hart, **Councillor** Diane Calder,

Council Members, Chairperson, Irene Wallace, **Treasurer**, Alan Stirling,

Sheila Sutherland, William Honeyford, Jim Somerville,

Members of Public, Dianne Faulkner, Donna Mabon, Wendy Grant, Jenny Johnston, Margaret Russell, Alan Russell, Emma Maclean, Gillian Archibald, Angela Townsley, Nicola Gordon, Paul Milne, John Pryde, Alison Hamilton Pryde, Terry Doherty , **Golf Club Reps**, John Prichard, Alex Webster,

Sgt Hart, Reported on Winchburgh Statistics, 69 incidents across Winchburgh, which is an increase of 14 on last month covering Vandalism, Noise etc etc, with a slight fall in Crimes and House Breaking,

There were a number of complaints involving the motor bikes on the Bings, Sgt Hart explained the difficulty in Catching these people , but he would see what could be done,

Further complaints were made about the garage using lots of areas to park allegedly untaxed cars, this will also be looked into ASAP.

Further complaint about a quad bike using the Canal Tow path, some concerns that they would damage the newly laid tarmac.

Concerns were expressed about the number of cars which are being parked on the pavements, **Sgt Hart** spoke about the new legislation which is going through Parliament, to ban pavement parking completely. When this will be in place is not known at this time.

Reports from the public on cars travelling through the village in excess of the speed limit, again **Sgt Hart** said he would report this to the traffic division, who would deal with this.

GA: Raised the issue of cars parked on Niddry Road very close to the junction with Abercorn Place, again **Sgt Hart** will look into this issue as residents are finding it difficult to come out of Abercorn Place due to the difficulty in seeing what traffic is coming.

Following our report on the application for funding to the Climate Challenge fund, this was unsuccessful, mainly due to time factors.

Emma Maclean: spoke about the communication issues/ problems in the village, which could be improved if a Village Development Trust was in place.

A meeting of those interested in being part of the Steering Group will be held at the Golf Club on the Tues 10th May, **Time to be Confirmed asap,**

Several ongoing Complaints, Re the current Bus services out of Winchburgh and competing services , several issues raised re bus fares differentials on services! And state of School Transport Vehicles. Writer will seek info from Ian Forbes WLC Transport Dept.

Councillor Calder, Info given re the cleaning of the main roads , these will be attended to immediately when labour is available.

AOCB

Member of Public

NG a resident from the Miller Homes area complained about what appeared to be an issue which was decided by Planning some time ago, unfortunately the period for comments / complaints closed in November.

Golf Club

A Webster, reported some concerns about a “planning application” they thought was in place for the first 9 holes of the course, Writer will investigate this but was sure that this “planning was a part of the Local Development Plan which has been publish on the internet for all to see.

Answer Follows

Dear Mr Nisbet

Further to our telephone conversation on 14 April regarding the above I would advise as follows:

In preparing the West Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP) a “call for sites” to inform the LDP was undertaken by the council in 2011. This resulted in receipt of a number of submissions for the Winchburgh area including land around and on the Niddry Castle Golf Course.

A submission received on behalf of Niddry Castle Golf Club & Regent Partners/Regenco Winchburgh Ltd (EOI-0199) includes the following text:

“The development of the current golf course is proposed as part of the planned regeneration of the Auld Cathie landfill site. A long-term maintenance regime is required as part of the regeneration proposals. The golf course use will provide an ideal solution to the problem of funding and maintaining such a regime. The present golf club requires a new package of funding to provide the Club with a viable long-term future.”

Included in the submission was a draft feasibility study for Niddry Castle Golf Course dated February 2013 which looked at residential development on the site of the golf course.

A further submission (EOI-0200) on behalf of the Winchburgh Trust covers the Auld Cathie land fill site and includes reference to the site providing for a replacement Winchburgh Golf Course.

A submission (EOI-0201) on behalf of Winchburgh Trust/Aithrie Estates
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The submissions to the “call for sites” which relate to Winchburgh can be viewed in full at <http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/media/2441/EOI-Winchburgh/pdf/EOI-winchburgh.pdf>

All submissions received to the “call for sites” were highlighted on maps prepared as part of the West Lothian LDP Main Issues Report. The Main Issues Report was the subject of consultation which resulted in a number of submissions relating to development proposals in Winchburgh. The submissions received to the Main Issues Report can be viewed in full at: <http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/MIRresponses>

Having reviewed all submissions received to the LDP and having regard to the preferred strategy set out in the LDP Main Issues Report, the council acknowledged that Winchburgh is central to the development strategy for West Lothian. The submissions were considered by the Council Executive which subsequently approved the inclusion of part of the golf course (H-WB 17) for housing development in the next stage of the LDP – the Proposed Plan. The remainder of the golf course i.e. that part of the golf course to the south of Auld Cathie is designated as countryside belt. Policy ENV 22 of the LDP refers to any development in this area along with other policies set out in the LDP which relate to development in the countryside.

With regard to when development at the Niddry Castle Golf Course may take place, the LDP covers the period 2014-2024. Sites included in the LDP Proposed Plan are anticipated to come forward for development over this period. Policy ENV 22 of the Proposed Plan advises

that development of outdoor sports facilities would not be permitted unless it could be demonstrated that alternative facilities are provided.

The opportunity to lodge objections or representations to the LDP Proposed Plan closed on 22 November 2015. Submissions received to the LDP Proposed Plan are now being assessed with a view to reporting to elected members at a future date.

The planning consent for the Winchburgh Core Development Area makes reference to the restoration of the Auld Cathie land fill site and advises of the requirement for remediation and restoration of the site, linked to the rate of house building or the delivery of secondary school accommodation at Winchburgh. Planning application 1012/P/05 refers and can be viewed at: https://planning.westlothian.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=DCAPR_130089

I trust this assists.

Regards

Fiona.

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