

Winchburgh Community Council

12th September 2016 Minutes

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Minutes of the Winchburgh Community Council Annual General Meeting held in the Community Education Centre Craighton Place Winchburgh at 7pm on Monday the 12 Sept 2016.

Apologies: Councillor Tony Boyle, P Anderson

August Minutes, proposed by Sheila Sutherland, Jim Somerville.

Attendance, Community Councillors, Alan Stirling, Jim Somerville, Sheila Sutherland, William Honeyford, Irene Wallace (Chair) Mandy Baird ,Minute Sec

Councillors: Diane Calder, Janet Campbell.

WLC Planning, Wendy McCorrison,

Developers, John Hamilton, **PPCA** , Robin Mathews

Police Scotland, PC, Paul Hart,

DTAS, C Dougan

Public, Dianne Faulkner. E Small, J P Finnigan, Paul Hunter, Carole Sutherland, Paul Milne, Anne-Margaret Anderson, Sarah Ross, Rebecca Mcilwaine, Nick Knox, Raymond McCabe, Jenny Johnston, M Arbuckle, Terry Doherty, Shawn Doherty, Paul Harrington, Hazel McLeod, Stuart Patterson, John Pritchard,

Graham Campbell, Keith Johnstone, Marcus Hall, Lindsey Hall, Anton Watson, Malcolm Gillies, Wendy Grant, Donna Mabon,
Steering Group Advisors Emma Mclean, Alan Russell and Acting Chair Gillian Webb

Accounts as per last Months explanations were ratified and signed by Chairperson.

Accounts: Alan gave an update on the accounts which were prepared and Checked by an Accountant from the Village, Sarah Mcinnes free of charge.

Police Report, 55 calls from the village, Nothing Really to report, 11 minor Crimes, Vehicle Fire Niddry Road, Overall reduction in serious crimes,

Public should be aware and watch for suspicious activity, Police Drop in Tomorrow at Community Centre.

Speeding Issues, IW asking if cars could be used instead of Guns, Pc Hart stated it would make no difference.

PN, asking about the signs when entering the village from the west, WM stating that she had checked them on entering the village from the west no apparent problem, Will speak to Kevin ? about Rumble Strips to highlight change to speed limit, Email sent to roads Dept asking for check to be made.

JP, asking about cars using back lanes, no legal reason for not being used,

John Hamilton MD for Developers , Works have now started on preliminary town centre works commencing with removal of Traffic Island , Trees , and the footpath will become a 3 meter wide pavement and Cycle path, from Bellway housing to West End House.

Preliminary works to allow the 96 Affordable houses to be built.

Developers stating they will have contracts in place for the retail units, hopefully by the December CC meeting, and by Autumn2017 some of the retail units should be open for business.

One Contactor will be building all of the affordable Housing.

PN, What is the position with the Electricity Supply ? The Developers have a contract with Scottish Power.

JH, developers have been in contact with Electricity Board to confirm there is enough Power to complete the 550 Houses,

Also stating the Developers will pay for the new supply Cable coming from Broxburn.

RM, are these affordable houses included in the 550 number, Yes.

JF asking is it flats or housing in the Town Centre ?

JH, 36 flats. 19 two storey houses, 4 in a block, and 32, 1 bed Units.

MP, asking about Telecoms issue, BT to roll out new services.

NP , What about Media reports saying there is lack of investment ?

JH , looking at Schools, getting enough Funding is the need.

JC, what is the Total build ? At the end of August occupations were at 300 with builds at 400.

Will the Housing allocations be Tennant Led ?

W Mc .they will be let through WLC Housing Dept.

Secondary School, could be two years, pre signed section 75 with Council,

Council have built new Classroom at the Primary and will build new Nursery with Funding from Developers

Linlithgow Secondary will not be able to cope then.

Council will not lift the 550 Barrier, Now looking at options.

RM, Asked about landfill site it as is still looking a mess, stating we had been told the upgrading and capping would be done.

W Mc, Council looking into this, R Mc, Council agreed to do this.

W Mc , stating this hasn't been achieved.

JH, Trigger at 551 to put all this into place. It will be 2018 before 551 houses are in place.

WH, Will a Temp bus shelter be put in place when this work creating the New Footpath /Cycleway is ongoing ?

Contra Flow , are setting up the Traffic system to allow work to proceed.

JH , Permit in place for this work.

WMc, Transport issue these permit to allow this work to proceed.

Train Station , this will be delayed due to the Edin / Glasgow line Electrification.

Question asked about slip road to Motorway , JH this will happen when 1000 houses are in place,

Money is in place for Schools / play areas etc

RMc asked about land where the Glendevon flats were demolished ?

WMc stating that this land is not in the current plans.

Catherine Dougan from D T A S, spoke about the setting up of a development Trust, This is underway, with the Steering Group about to commence the Scoping exercise across all the age groups in the village.

AS, asked what happened to the penalty Monies gathered by the police as fines?

Councillor JC was sure this was passed to Central Government in London but could not confirm this, Alan suggesting the village should receive these Monies!

Following the resignation of the Temp Chairperson, Treasurer and Writer (Secretary)

New Members Appointed at this meeting as Follows,

Chair, Anton Watson, Vice Chair /Joint Secretary, Nicolas Knox,

Graham Campbell, Joint Secretary, Mandy Baird Treasurer, The above Elections info has been declared Void by the Legal Department of West Lothian Council.

Please see the poster

New Interim Elections for Winchburgh Community Council

AOCB

AMA asking if we could have a 24/7 Public access Defibrillators, placed in Village and available 24/7 by way of Security Coded Access ?

AW, to look at where this could be placed and be available 24/7,

PN, are first responders an option for the village ?

AMA, this needs the Community Councils involvement !

Correspondence,

Current Web Site , Costs running at £36 pound per month which is unsustainable amount , giving the current Council Grant of just £316 pounds which includes £35 pounds to be paid to the Information Commissioners Office.

We need someone who has the skills to run this Website for the CC, please get in touch if you think you can assist.

AS Suggesting that the Beatty School could hopefully be obtained from the Council by way of an Asset Transfer, but this needs the **Winchburgh Community Development Trust** to be up and running, ASAP.

IW Again reported the positioning of a Rogue Textile collecting Bin at the Community saying Centre, this has been labelled and should have been removed in Feb but the Council do not have a vehicle for this removal job?

Minutes prepared by P Nisbet