

Present: E Ditroia, E Hughes, A Hadden, (Cllr) Andy Forrest, Beryl Stevenson, Tam Hughes. Judith Dunn, James McAbraham

Apologies, Councillor John Caldwell, PC Jeff Lowe, Janet Bourhill & Councillor Stuart Currie

Minutes were approved and seconded

1. Wallyford Main Street - the old co-op has been demolished the stone has been preserved and is in the church grounds. A planning application will be submitted in the near future for private dwelling houses and 2 take - aways. The CC is opposed to further fast food outlets an amendment has been made to the plans and only one takeaway is now proposed. Dunalastair Estates have agreed to assist the CC with upgrading the main street and have offered a budget for this work.

(1a) Maybe WCC have put forward a proposal to endeavour to purchase this ground by grant funding where the Co-op was to have a new Library situated (Public Building) with bigger and better facilities for school children along with a small history and heritage centre also including a day centre with cafe, as it has remained vacant since 2007, WCC need to establish who the owners of the ground are and who to make contact with to begin proceedings The school are looking to approach the owner to undertake environmental improvements as this is one of the entrances to the school.

2. Mining memorial - A Hadden produced a book on the Wallyford Mining Memorial unveiling day 06/03/2010.

Due to further requests for the book by former Miners WCC has requested additional copies and if possible Cllr A Forrest would arrange to have an additional 10 copies of the book printed.Cllr Forrest has had the books printed and A Hadden has begun distributing them to people who requested copies (Appreciation to Cllr Forrest for his help)

The replica coal mining hutches and paving are now complete at each side of the Wallyford mining memorial stone (Thanks to ELC Civic Pride Fund) and the hutches filled with winter pansies which are flourishing. Janet Bourhill will advertise for volunteers to join a Brighten up Wallyford Group this group will be tasked with enhancing the village with floral displays and with watering and maintaining the plants in the newly installed replica coal mining hutches. Meantime Alister Hadden has been watering the plants and it has been agreed that a rota should be established. Elaine & Beryl will water the plants during May 2012.

3. Planning permission has been granted for the Goose bay Development. The Council is currently in discussion with the developer to see how this can be taken forward.

4. Greyhound stadium ELC Planning meeting did not give their approval for the Barbachlaw houses to go ahead. The CC are concerned that the planning meeting was not conducted fairly. The planning application is currently with the Scottish Government for a decision but a decision will not be made until the pending court action has taken place.

1. A Hadden has put forward a sketch showing the possibility of a sign board showing the Bing area for use as recreation, along with another replica coal mining hutch (to be used as a planter similar to those at the mining stone) with also a litter bin to be located on the semi circular paved area situated at the bottom of the Wallyford Industrial Estate Road (on the west side) (Sketch attached) An application has been forwarded to ELC Civic Pride Fund for funding to have this area enhanced without the sign board at this time as this needs advertising approval and planning permission is being sought by AH. Cllr S Currie advised that funding may be available from a group chaired by ELC Cllr John Williamson.

6. Goshen farm development - J Bourhill has sent in the CCs objections as part of the planning process. J Bourhill and E Di Troia are keeping in touch with the Hands Off Goshen Group that has been formed in opposition to this development. A pre determination meeting will be held by the council later in the year.

7..ELC dog warden (Wilson, James jwilson5@eastlothian.gov.uk) has patrolled areas along Salters Road and within the public park with the intention of becoming more visible to dog walkers and with the help of LB Police issue fixed penalties to irresponsible dog walkers who do not clean up after their dogs.

8. J Bourhill has contacted ELC regarding the state of the roads in Wallyford and has received a letter from

Stewart Baxter giving information on the programme for proposed resurfacing Stewart is also endeavouring to contact Dunalistair Estates to find out what their situation is and what part they will play in the upgrade of Salter's Road.

9. WCC are concerned that the resurfacing programme in Salters Road did not take into account the necessity for additional safe pedestrian crossings and additional traffic lights on Salters Road to endeavour to reduce congestion and through traffic into Wallyford, Cllr Currie would give WCC concerns further investigation. The area in front of the new David Wilson Homes has now been resurfaced the remainder of the Salters Road is in an unacceptable state of repair. AH commented at the WCC meeting on 25th April that if this resurfacing programme is to take some time that there should be designated Zebra crossings with proper give way signs painted on Salters Road at the school along with illuminating poles to give the Lollipop lady or man clear areas for the children and families crossing as at present there are people crossing at various points on Salters Road causing confusion.

10. There are concerns over the lack of progress and the poor state of the pavements surrounding the new build house at the back of the Post Office Andy Forrest will investigate this further. This area where the pavement has been dug up should be properly repaired for public use to avoid pedestrians having to come onto the road to get past this poorly repaired area of pavement.

11. People continue to park in a dangerous manner when dropping children off at the school. - The police have been in attendance (Jeff Low) (LBP). Wcc will have to come up with further deterrents to stop this thoughtlessness by car owners as there have been some near misses to children. Meeting will be required with wcc, school, police, traffic wardens & ELC ward councillors to resolve this dangerous practice.

12. Bill Laird of ELC Transport had been in touch with wcc to enquire if they wish to consider purchasing reactive sign for Wallyford for a cost of £2.400 Whitecraig cannot commit to this. It has been agreed that this should be a priority and we should go ahead with this. AH has sent an E-mail to Bill Laird and to date has had no response

13. A letter was received from Lord Lt Sir Gareth Morrison with regard to having a jubilee dinner being organised and held, Janet Bourhill will arrange a lunch within St Clements Church Hall on Sunday 3rd of June following the special service for the Miners

14. The Headmistress Debbie Bevrige is meeting with community groups and a family day is planned for 28 April 2012. Families will be invited to walk round the village following a history trail telling them about famous people, battles, land marks and their heritage. It is proposed that people will be dressed in period costumes along the way. The walk will end at the miners club where lunch will be served.

15. Alister received a quote of £1100 to put the names of the miners that died in Wallyford Pits onto the newly installed replica coal mining hutches placed beside the mining memorial stone. It was agreed that we should proceed with this. .

16. (The Fa'Side Inn) Paul Kane (owner) indicated at a meeting with WCC that he was closing and selling the Fa'Side Inn Pub soon to possibly the Co-op for turning into a general store and also that he was applying for permission to ELC to have erected a telephone receiver mast to be installed beside the gable end of the garage of the adjacent property. The CC discussed the planning application for the mast and agreed that objections should be made as this will make the area even more of an eyesore as well as the concerns about the health risk to neighbouring residents.

17. WCC has indicated that if this sale of the Fa'Side Inn Pub was to go ahead and planning applied for to ELC for change of use of premises, was for planning dept and councillors to endeavour to encourage the adjacent properties Post Office, Betting Shop, Village Shop & Chip Shop to commit to having this whole area revamped and upgraded to take it out of the 1940s eyesore run-down dilapidated appearance that it gives our village as this may be the only opportunity that will arise to have any upgrading done to this area.

18. The dedication service will be held in St Clements on the Saturday after the Gala Day at 10.00am. A wreath would be laid following the service and it was agreed that the CC would supply a lunch back at the hall. J Bourhill will coordinate.

AOB

A letter was received from the Chairperson of the Drumohhr Participation Group explaining that vandals had removed the garden furniture from the nursing home and destroyed it and residents were no longer able to sit out. The chairperson asked if we would consider making a donation toward the cost of new furniture. The CC were sympathetic to residents of Drumohr and fully understand their anger at furniture being destroyed by vandals however, this is a private nursing home and the CC doesn't have a lot of funding. Beryl (WCC Treasurer) told us that she has spoken to the tea dance organisers who told her that as they have already contributed to this in the past they are not able to buy more furniture at the moment.

A flyer was received from Newbattle Abbey College regarding a Celtic festival which will take place on Saturday 19 May 2012 11-18.00.

Residents at Inchview are concerned about the amount of fly tipping taking place down the old road that went to St Clements Wells and lots of litter lying around.

James McAbraham also pointed out that there appeared to be a lot of dust coming from Hamilton's waste disposal yard as if they were not using their dust suppressor.

A H would Invite Mr Haig Hamilton to come to a WCC meeting to discuss the dust problem coming from his waste disposal yard.

AH also pointed out that we should be endeavouring to have a cash machine in Wallyford that has free withdrawals and not having to pay charges to the one at the post office

Arthur Higgings has agreed to try and contact as many former golfers from the Wallyford Welfare Golf Club so that WCC can arrange a reunion for the former players of the club.

Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 30th of May 2012 at 7.00pm
