

Present: E Ditroia, E Hughes, A Hadden, (Cllr) Andy Forrest, Judith Dunn, James McAbraham, PC Jeff Lowe, Angela Leitch, Councillor Stuart Currie, Janet Bourhill Apologies, Councillor John Caldwell, Thomas Hughes, Beryl Stevenson, Minutes were approved and seconded

PC Lowe presented the crime report.

Angela Leitch Chief Executive of East Lothian Council introduced herself to the CC. She is keen to work in partnership with CCs and is visiting all of the CCs in East Lothian. Ms Leitch is looking for ideas on how communication can be improved between ELC and Community Councils. A web site was suggested where all consultation documents could be accessed. It would also be useful to access up to date financial accounts as Lilian Pryde is not always available due to her other work commitments. Ms Leitch thanked the CC for their work.

1. Wallyford Main Street - the old co-op has been demolished the stone has been preserved and is in the church grounds. This site is now unsightly and has been unused since 2007. The wall between the church and the site is in a state of disrepair. The Council has added a wooden fence to the eastern boundary which screens the area from the entrance to the school.

2. The CC will contact the owner to ask if he would consider selling this site. The CC could then consider applying for grant funding to purchase this ground for a community building for example a new library with bigger and better facilities for school children along with a small history and heritage centre. This could also include a day centre with café.

3. The hutches at St Clements Crescent have been replenished with new plants. A rota has been agreed for watering the plants,

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. A Hadden has submitted a planning application for an additional replica coal mining hut and a litter bin which will be situated at the bottom of the brickwork road. Funding has now been approved for this project.

7. 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.

8. WCC have been given assurances that Salters Road will be fully resurfaced in 2012. The CC will be fully consulted on the proposed traffic calming measures,

9. 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.

10. 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

11. A letter was received from Lord Lt Sir Gareth Morrison with regard to having a jubilee dinner being organised and held, Janet Bourhill has arranged a lunch within St Clements Church Hall on Sunday 3rd of June following a special service for the Miners. J Bourhill will purchase wreath and food, L Hughes will contact piper. J McNeil has agreed to lay the wreath on behalf of the village. The CC will meet at the church hall at 8.00am to prepare the lunch.

12. A Community family day took place on 28 April 2012. Families walked round the village following a history trail telling

them about famous people, battles, land marks and their heritage. The walk ended at the miners club where lunch was served.

13. 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.

14. 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.

WCC has indicated that if the sale of the Fa'Side Inn Pub was to go ahead and planning applied for change of use of premises that councillors should endeavour to encourage the adjacent properties Post Office, Betting Shop, Village Shop & Chip Shop to commit to having this whole area revamped and upgraded. This may be the only opportunity that will arise to upgrade this area.

15. 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.

16. Mr Keir Hamilton from Hamilton Waste attended the meeting to discuss the problems from the waste disposal plant including dust and litter. He informed the committee that he is aware of the situation and will be relocating to Whitecraig in the next 18 months, Meantime he has agreed that the litter will be collected more often and he will review the situation with the fences surrounding the plant.

The CC also informed Mr Hamilton about his vehicles speeding in the village and again he agreed to look into this.

17. 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

18. 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.

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A planning application has been received for affordable houses and flats in Salters Road. The CC has no objection to affordable housing but has concerns about the lack of crossings and the volume of traffic at the eastern edge of the village. J Bourhill will send a response.

A post box is required for elderly and disabled people at Miners Terrace. J Bourhill will look in to this.

Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th of June 2012 at 7.00pm