# Minutes of West Calder & Harburn Community Council 12/11/2024

## Present: Joan O’Donnell JOD (Chair), David Burgess DB (Treasurer), Bart Smit BS, Councillor Craig Meek CM, Councillor Pauline ClarkPC, Lorna McCallum LMc, Debra Jamieson DJ. Apologies: Allan McLaughlin AMcL (Vice-Chair), Linda Hughes LH, Matt Pearce MP (CDT), Cllr Cathy Muldoon CMu, Lesley Duncan LD (Police Scotland).

## JOD welcomed new members LMc and DJ to the committee who were both co-opted at our AGM Meeting. DJ will take on the role of Planning Officer.

## Items of AOCB: Items for discussion intimated by JOD.

## Minutes of September meeting: The minutes were proposed by BS and seconded by DB.

## Reports from External Bodies:

## Police Report: No report has been received but information can be found at COINS link on the WLC website.

## CDT Update: No update has been received.

## Matters arising:

* Website design. JOD confirmed that work is done being done to create the website. It will show the names of committee members, notice of upcoming meetings and previous meeting papers. **Ongoing.**
* Minute Secretary. JOD will continue to take the meeting minutes until the post of Secretary is filled. **Ongoing.**
* Resident Query raised on 14th May - boundary at the southwest side of Latham Park. A report was previously received from West Lothian Council (WLC) Planning but further questions were raised at the last meeting. JOD will visit the site and write again to WLC Planning to obtain some form of resolution. JOD will also contact Persimmon.

**ACTION: JOD to contact WLC and Persimmon.**

* WLC Review of Community Centres. JOD and AMcL attended a meeting, on 01 October 2024, with the Community Hub office bearers. Matt Pearce and Gavin Henderson from CDT also attended. The CC and our CDT  partners were able to offer comprehensive advice on the options available, business forecasting and sources of funding. This was a successful meeting and the Community Hub seemed keen to work with the local partnership groups. **Item closed.**
* Update on AGM:JOD advised that the 2022/2023 AGM had to be cancelled on 08 October. The meeting took place on 12th November prior to our regular monthly meeting. **Item closed.**
* JOD submitted information on the Community Council to CDT on 23 September for inclusion in the CDT Autumn Newsletter. **Item closed.**

**Harburn Bridge:**

Following the report from AMcL, at the previous meeting, JOD advised that a meeting was scheduled for 25th November in Harburn Hall. WLC have confirmed their attendance and JOD stated that Police Scotland, Network Rail should also attend. The findings of the Accident Investigation Prevention (AIP) Report will be discussed and the Community Council will chair this meeting. **Ongoing.**

**Traffic Management:**

1. Road works at Kirkgate.
2. Westwood road closed 4 weeks from 18/11
3. Road closure at Monarch’s Way for new service connections (2 months Feb- Apr 2025)

**Local Place Plan (LPP):** JOD confirmed that the final version was sent to WLC on 21st August for registration. **No further update. Ongoing.**

## Correspondence: All forwarded.

## Treasurer’s Report: £2,441.24.

## Planning Secretary Report: All Weekly Planning Reports from WLC have been issued.

* JOD previously advised that objections in respect of 0452/FUL/24 had been added to the WLC Planning Portal had been removed. These had later been reinstated.
* Gavieside Village Phase 1 (Persimmon). There has been no further update on the response received from Persimmon, on 5th August 2024. **Ongoing.**
* Alteration to storeroom at Bakery Building – no objections.
* 5 Union Square – betting shop to Dessert Shop/Café – no objections
* 2 houses at land west of West Harwood – **JOD to check if approved land.**
* Walker Group substitution of house type – no objections.
* Extension to house at 11 Mossend View – no objections.
* 4 houses at Burngrange Park now approved – meeting with WLC in November 2023
* Erection of stable block at Rusha Farm – no objections.
* 1 house at 53 Main Street – no objections.

**Reports from Sub-groups and Other Meetings:-**

**Joint Forum of Community Councils Planning Forum – JOD.** No update.

**Joint Forum of Community Councils Police Forum – LH.** No Update.

**Local Area Committee – AMcL.** No update.

**LAC**  link:  [West Lothian Council Committee Information - Meetings](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcoins.westlothian.gov.uk%2FAgenda.asp%3Fmeetingid%3D9620&data=05%7C02%7C%7Cb5f2fc6bb03a4ab8e2e308dc42c289b1%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638458650503244543%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rlYvO5sNEPSBTnZrMn4Fvs5RK1Nh8oxP3Evh6sNx9I8%3D&reserved=0)

**Joint Forum of Community Councils Transport Forum – JOD**. No update.

**CDT/CC Windfarm Sub- group** **– LH**. No update.

**Any Other Competent Business**

* 1. JOD advised that the survey on community resilience in emergencies has been completed.
  2. Hermand Birchwood ROW – AMcL has requested an update from WLC.

**Date of next meeting – 12th December 2024**