

4. WINCHBURGH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST - PRESENTATION

The committee were provided with an overview of the Local Place Framework and Action Plan that had been recently co-ordinated and developed by Winchburgh Community Development Trust.

Mr Alan Russell and Ms Hazel McLeod explained how the Trust, following the securing of funds through developer contributions, had appointed a consultant who had carried out a survey of the village to capture the desires and aspirations of local residents.

The themes that emerged from the survey were as follows :-

- Bringing people together
- Employment
- Look and feel of public places (especially the Main Street)
- Community spaces
- Activities
- Heritage and culture

Following the consultation exercise a Local Place Framework and Action Plan was developed and this was split into three sections; these being Community Place Baseline; Physical Place baseline; and Projects. The committee were provided with an overview of the three sections.

The presentation concluded that the development of the framework would allow for the identification of future studies and local actions/projects, to deliver sustainable social, economic and physical improvement to the village

The Chair thanked Mr Russell and Ms McLeod for the very informative presentation.

There then followed a questions and answer session in which the Lead Officer also took the opportunity to advise committee that the council was keen to work with the development trust on delivering the aspirations contained within the framework. This would include the delivery of the motorway junction which would provide access to employment land and delivery of a new school which would provide community spaces..

Mr Keith McLeod (Broxburn Community Council) also advised committee that he had very impressed with the work being done by the development trust and would look to invite them to a future meeting of Broxburn Community Council so they could present their ideas.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the presentation; and
2. To thank Mr Alan Russell and Ms Hazel McLeod for all the efforts being made by the Winchburgh Community Development Trust in delivering for the local community.

