

MINUTE of MEETING of the FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE , on 10 DECEMBER 2019.

Present – Councillors Cathy Muldoon (Chair), David Dodds, Pauline Clark

In Attendance –

Alan McLaughlan, West Calder and Harburn Community Council

Alice Mitchell, Lead Officer, WLC

Douglas Benson, Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration, WLC

Tony Fleming, Operational Services, WLC

Sandy Ross, Housing, Customer and Building Services, WLC

Julie Calder, West Calder High School, WLC

Matt Pearce, West Calder and Harburn Community Development Trust, WLC

Lee Clark, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

PC Wilkins, Police Scotland

PC Hendry, Police Scotland

Elaine Nisbet, Finance and Property Services, WLC

Ronnie Fisher, Operational Services, WLC

Apologies – Anne Walsh, Addiewell and Loganlea Community Council

## 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 5 – West Calder High School Presentation – Councillor Pauline Clark declared an interest in this item of business in that her two children attended West Calder High School

Agenda Item 9 – Anti-Poverty Service Update – Councillor Cathy Muldoon declared an interest in that a family member worked for the Advice Shop at St John's Hospital.

Agenda Item 14 – Town Centre Fund 2019/20 – Councillor David Dodds declared an interest in this item of business in that he had been a member of Fauldhouse Community Trust but would still take part in consideration of this report.

## 2. MINUTE

The Committee confirmed the minute as a correct record subject to noting that there was an error in the figures contained in Police Scotland's report.

## 3. PRESENTATION - WEST CALDER HIGH SCHOOL

The Committee considered a presentation by Julie Calder in relation to West Calder High School. The presentation provided details on the school's improvement journey, HMle Inspection, Attainment, Senior Phase Pathways and Achievements.

Decision

To note the presentation.

4. PRESENTATION - WEST CALDER AND HARBURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST UPDATE

The Committee considered a presentation by Matt Pierce, which provided an update on the work of West Calder and Harburn Community Development Trust, including the vision for the trust and how that would be delivered. Information on a number of topics the trust had been involved with were detailed in the presentation including Winter Fest, Five Sisters Skatepark, Fireworks West Calder and the Brunch Club.

Decision

To note the presentation.

5. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an update on the activity within Fauldhouse and Breich Valley ward for the period up to 30 September 2019.

The report recommended that the Committee note and provide comment on the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley ward performance.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

6. POLICE SCOTLAND REPORT

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been tabled) by Police Scotland providing an update on the West Lothian Local Policing within the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley ward for the period August 2019 to October 2019

The report advised that full details of official West Lothian statistics could be found on Police Scotland's internet site.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

7. ANTI-POVERTY SERVICE UPDATE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated)

by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing an update on the work undertaken by the Anti-Poverty Service from April 2018 to March 2019.

The report recommended that the committee note:

1. The Anti-Poverty Service provision in the ward; and
2. The impact provision was having in terms of supporting the outcomes of the Community Planning Partnership's Anti-Poverty Strategy 2018 to 2023.

#### Decision

To note the contents of the report.

### 8. STONEYBURN PATHS

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the progress made on the provision of paths to and from Stoneyburn, in particular the application for Places for Everyone funding from Sustrans.

The report recommended that the Committee note the report.

#### Decision

To note the contents of the report.

### 9. SERVICE UPDATE - NETS LAND & COUNTRYSIDE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services providing an update on the activity of the NETs, Land & Countryside Services teams for the period 1 August 2019 – 31 October 2019.

The report recommended that the Committee:

1. Note the work carried out to date and future planned work.
2. Advise of any areas that require further investigation or inclusion in future work plans.

#### Decision

To note the contents of the report.

### 10. HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES UPDATE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an overview of the services activities within the ward.

The report recommended that the Committee note the Housing, Customer and Building Services activity as detailed in the ward report for the period 1 July 2019 – 30 September 2019.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

11. PENSIONERS' CHRISTMAS FUND ALLOCATIONS 2019/20

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration providing details of the allocations made from the Pensioners' Christmas Fund 2019/20 to groups in the ward and West Lothian wide groups.

The report recommended that the committee notes that sixteen groups within the ward applied to the fund and had been supported.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

12. TOWN CENTRE FUND 2019/20

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration providing an update on progress in delivering the Town Centre Capital Projects agreed by the committee on 1 October 2019.

The report recommended that the Committee:

1. Notes that 15 projects had been agreed within the ward;
2. Notes that officers were working with applicants to agree the final details to support the delivery of the projects; and
3. That further progress updates would be brought to the Committee.

13. COMMUNITY REGENERATION UPDATE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration providing an update on regeneration activity within the ward.

The report recommended that the committee:

1. Notes the activity scheduled for the festive season.
2. Notes that plans had been updated for Addiewell, Fauldhouse, Polbeth and Stoneyburn and continue to be refined.

3. Notes that Town Centre Fund underspent for the ward would be allocated to projects within Fauldhouse and Breich Valley.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

14. WORKPLAN

To note the workplan and agreed that the following items would be included on the workplan for further updates to be provided;

1. Stoneyburn Paths
2. Town Centre Fund 2019/20