8. <u>NOTICE OF MOTION - CONGRATULATIONS SPARK - SUBMITTED BY</u> <u>COUNCILLOR FRANK ANDERSON</u>

The Council considered a motion (copies of which had been circulated) submitted by Councillor Frank Anderson in the following terms :-

"West Lothian Council SNP Group notes the tremendous work done by SPARK (formerly Craigshill Good Neighbour Network) since its inception but particularly during the pandemic. They were a lifeline, and continue to be, for many in our communities in particular the Craigshill community. They adapted to providing a telephone befriending service, delivering meals, digital connectivity provision and training, 'goody' bags and activity bags, as well as online group activity like quizzes, sing a long, mental health wellbeing and virtual cookery lessons to name just some of the myriad of events that were there to support the community

The SNP Group also commends them on their achievement of becoming the first organisation in Scotland to receive the Diversity Scotland Gold Charter Award.

Council agrees :-

The Provost and Chief Executive write to the organisation to congratulate them on gaining the Diversity Scotland Award and their sterling work with the community for the community.

Hold a Civic reception for the organisation".

- Moved by Councillor Frank Anderson and seconded by Councillor Carl John

Decision

To unanimously approve the terms of the motion.