5. <u>PETITION - PATH FROM BENTS/STONEYBURN TO LONGRIDGE</u>

Councillors Cathy Muldoon and David Dodds having declared an interest in the following item of business took no part in its consideration or decision.

The Council Executive considered the contents of a petition that had been received and which concerned the joint request from Stoneyburn Community Council and Stoneyburn & Bents Future Vision Group for the council to provide a footpath connecting Stoneyburn and Bents to the villages of Fauldhouse, Longridge and beyond.

Deputation

The Council Executive then heard from Mr John Stirling, Chair of Stoneyburn Community Council speak in support of the petition. Mr Stirling explained that the desire for the path was of uppermost importance to members of the community and would enable local residents to access facilities including health facilities and would also be used for leisure activities.

Mr Stirling then responded to question from members.

The Chair thanked Mr Stirling for his presentation.

Decision

- To agree to refer the petition to a future meeting of the Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel for further consideration; and
- 2. To agree that the Head of Operational Services advise Mr Stirling of the date of that meeting.