

MINUTE of MEETING of the FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 12 MARCH 2020.

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

In attendance –

Alan McLaughlan, West Calder and Harburn Community Council
Douglas Benson, Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration, WLC
Tony Fleming, Operational Services, WLC
Sandy Ross, Housing, Customer and Building Services, WLC
Claire Kane, CLD Youth Services, WLC
Louise Ellis, CLD Youth Services, WLC
PC Caroline Wilson, Police Scotland

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTE

The Committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 10 December 2019 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. PRESENTATION - COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT YOUTH SERVICES

There was a presentation by Louise Ellis and Claire Kane providing an update on the work of Community Learning and Development, Youth Services in the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley ward.

It was noted that the Nature and Purpose of Youth Work recognised that outcomes for individual young people came as a result of a negotiated process between the young person and youth workers as partners in a learning process. Therefore, the seven national youth work outcomes could be adapted by young people and their youth worker and could be supplemented with learner-identified outcomes.

The Committee was advised that there were a number of Youth Services available within which included the following: West Calder Senior Drop in, West Calder Junior Youth Club, West Calder Transition Club, Girls Group, community based mental health and wellbeing group, Stoneyburn Children's Club, Stoneyburn Youth Club, Stoneyburn Senior Club, Fauldhouse Girls Group and Fauldhouse Junior Youth Club.

The Committee was also advised the Community Learning and Development supported the following: Youth work in schools, Duke of Edinburgh Award/CPD, Accredited Learning, Targeted Employability,

Health Respect, Holiday Lunch Clubs, Partnership Working and International youth work opportunities.

Decision

To note the presentation.

4. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

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 the ward for the period up to 31 December 2019.

The report recommended that the committee note the report and provide comment on the ward performance.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

5. POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which were tabled) by PC Philip Wilkin providing an update on the West Lothian Local Policing within the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley ward for the period November 2019 to January 2020.

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

The committee expressed its disappointment at the late submission and contents of the report.

Decision

To note the contents of the report and agree that the Lead Officer writes to Police Scotland to express the committee's concern and disappointment with regard to the late submission and contents of the report.

6. SERVICE UPDATE – NETS, LAND AND COUNTRYSIDE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services providing an update on the NETs, Land and Countryside Services teams for the period 1 November 2019 to 31 January 2020.

The report recommended that the Committee:

1. Note the work carried out to date and future planned work; and

2. Advise of any areas that required further investigation or inclusion in future work plans.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

7. 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 service activities within the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley ward.

The report recommended that the Committee note Housing, Customer and Building Service activity as detailed in the ward report for the period 1 October 2019 – 31 December 2019.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

8. 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 agree by the committee on 1 October 2019.

The report recommended that the Committee:

1. Note that 15 projects within the ward were being funded;
2. Note that officers were working with applicants to agree the final details to support the delivery of the projects;
3. Note that the Scottish Government had advised local authorities that they were extending the expenditure deadline for all projects to 31 March 2021 and the completion deadline for all project to 30 September 2021; and
4. Note that further progress updates would be brought to the Committee.

Decision

To note the contents of the report and that this item of business was to remain on the workplan for further updates to be provided.

9. 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. Note the updates on activity across the ward; and
2. Note that plans had been updated for Addiewell, Fauldhouse, Polbeth and Stoneyburn and continued to be refined.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

10. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

The Committee considered a timetable of proposed meetings (copies of which had been circulated) for the period 2020/21.

The Committee was asked to approve the timetable of meetings for 2020/21.

Decision

To approve the timetable of meetings for 2020/21

11. WORKPLAN

To agree the workplan and agreed that the following item of business remain on the workplan:

Town Centre Fund 2019/20